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#### About

Rwanda's Ministry of Information Communication Technology and Innovation has a mission of addressing national priorities for economic growth and poverty reduction through development and coordination of national information technology, communication & Innovation policies and programs as well as citizen's empowerment.

#### **Objectives of the Ministry of ICT & Innovation in Rwanda:**

- **Promote economic growth and poverty reduction:** by using ICT as a tool for development, fostering innovation, and creating job opportunities.
- Develop and coordinate national policies and programs related to information, technology, communication, and innovation: This includes establishing regulations, strategies, and initiatives for the ICT sector, such as:
  - **E-governance initiatives like Irembo:** an online platform for citizen engagement, allowing easy access to government services, public consultations, and grievance redressal.
  - **National Strategy for Transformation (NST-1):** a framework to leverage ICT for national development in various sectors.
  - **Data protection law:** ensuring responsible use of personal data and protecting citizens' privacy.
- Increase access to and usage of ICT by all citizens: This involves promoting digital literacy and ensuring widespread internet connectivity across Rwanda.
- **Empower citizens:** by equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to participate effectively in the digital economy.
- Foster innovation and support the development of a vibrant technology ecosystem: This includes encouraging research and development, supporting startups, and attracting investment in the ICT sector.
- Integrate Rwanda into the global digital economy: by promoting e-commerce, supporting trade competitiveness, and fostering international collaboration in the ICT domain.



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#### MINISTER

Paula INGABIRE

Ministry of ICT & Innovation Republic of Rwanda

# Welcome Address

#### Adeyinka Adeyemi

Convener Africa eGovenance Conference

On behalf of the organizing committee and advisory council, I am honored and delighted to welcome you to the 2024 Africa eGovernance Conference.

This conference is organized with the theme: Digital Governance for Social Inclusion and Sustainable Development.

The Africa eGovernance Conference (#Afregov24) is the continent's digital governance transformation platform charged with the mission and mandate to act as a catalyst connecting public and private sector leaders in Africa to the possibilities that exist for the realization of civic engagement and social inclusion on the continent.

The conference is designed to provide thought leadership that will bring decision makers, policy implementers, donors as well as development partners, together to create the pathways into the future of digital governance in line with Agenda 2063 of the Africa Union (AU) titled 'The Africa we want'.

The 2024 Conference is the maiden edition of an annual platform for African leaders in government and the global technology industry to connect with the objective of leveraging information and communications technologies to facilitate the advancement of digital economy for



sustainable growth across Africa. In this edition of #AfreGov, we invite Africa to reflect on how digital governance through public sector ICT-related service delivery can bring social inclusion and sustainable development to the continent as well as to connect, learn, share, and collaborate.

We thank the government of the Republic of Rwanda and specifically, the Minister of ICT and Innovation for supporting this initiative. The Africa eGovernance conference and exhibition is a commitment to bring together diverse stakeholders across the public and private sectors to experience Rwanda as the destination where government meets technology to produce continuous acceleration to power the digital economy of the future and to deliver on the mandates of "The Africa We Want' from the point of view of technology.

On that note, I hereby welcome all our partners and delegates from all over Africa and the world, to this epoch making event. I am certain that you will enjoy the experience and other opportunities presented by the #AfreGov platform.

Please sit back, relax and enjoy the next few days at this conference.

Thank you.

# Africa eGovernance Conference

The Africa eGovernance Conference (#Afregov24) is the premier digital transformation conference connecting public and private sector leaders in Africa. The hybrid conference is designed to provide thought leadership that will bring together decision makers, strategists, policy implementers, donors as well as development partners, coming together to create the pathways into the future of digital governance on the continent to determine the course of the future in line with Agenda 2063 of the Africa Union (AU) which carefully articulates the roadmap to the realization of the vision of African leaders on 'The Africa We Want'.

The 2024 Conference and Exhibition is the maiden edition of an annual platform for African leaders in government and the global technology industry to connect with the objective of leveraging information and communications technologies to facilitate the advancement of digital economy for sustainable growth across Africa. For this first edition, we invite Africa to reflect on how digital governance through public sector ICT-related service delivery can bring social inclusion and sustainable development to the continent. The Conference is therefore a multi-layered platform that brings the Government and ICT industry together to connect, learn, share, and collaborate.

Endorsed and fully supported by the government of Rwanda as the host, through the office of the President of Rwanda, Ministry of ICT and Innovation as well the Rwanda Development Board, the Africa eGovernance conference and Exhibition is committed to showcasing new trends, technologies, and solutions, as well as bring together diverse stakeholders across the public and private sectors to experience Rwanda as the destination where government meets technology to produce continuous acceleration to power the digital economy of the future and deliver on the mandates of "The Africa We Want'.

The conference delegates will have an opportunity for decision makers in government across Africa and global technology industry to deliberate on how innovation and digital transformation can impact the quality of services delivered to citizens.

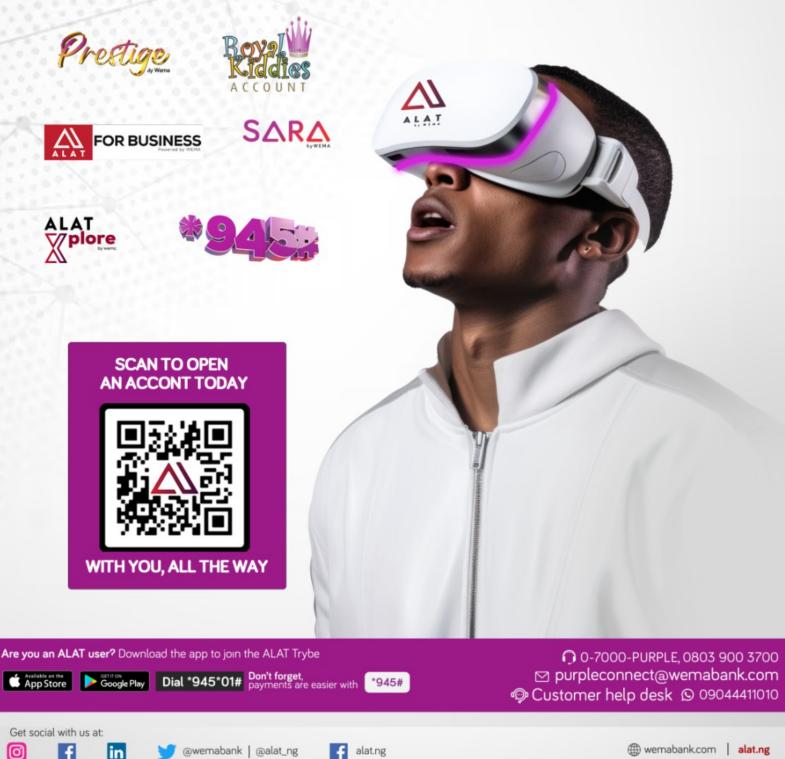
African Heads of Government, Ministers of ICT, Innovation and Digital Technology as well as other relevant cabinet ministers will deliver keynote addresses. Our line-up of speakers also includes a line-up of industry experts, International Non-Government Organizations, development partners, heads of global financial Institutions, heads of global technology companies and the academia who will point the continent to technologies that can better enable good governance, ease of doing business, access to public service and the corresponding impact on achieving innovation that will translate to a digital economy and the transformation of the civil service and critical public services like Education, Healthcare, Agriculture, Transportation and other social services that will enhance the quality of life of citizens.







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#### **Tuesday** 12 March 2024

#### **Moving Africa Forward**

9:00	Registration
Guest Arrivals, Networking and Refreshments	
9:10	
Official Photo Session	
9:20	
Master of Ceremony	
9:35	
Video: eGovernance in Africa	
9:45	Remarks
Adeyinka Adeyemi - Convener	
9:50	
Video: eGovernance at Work in Rwanda	
10:00	Remarks
Hon. Paula	a Ingabire - Minister of ICT and Innovation, Rwanda
10:10	
Documentary on Africa Union Agenda 2063 - The Africa we Want	
10:20	Remarks
African Innovation Outlook and Agenda 2063 H.E Madam Nardos Bekele Thomas Chief Executive Officer, AU-NEPAD, South Africa	
10:30	Keynote
Caroline Makasa - Director-General, SDG Centre for Africa, Rwanda	

#### **Tuesday** 12 March 2024

#### **Moving Africa Forward**

#### 10:45 Ministerial Panel

#### Social Inclusion and Sustainable Development in Africa

- Hon. Paula Ingabire Minister of ICT and Innovation, Rwanda
- Dr. Barnaba Bak Chol Minister of Finance, South Sudan
- Dr. Rekgotsofetse Chikane Research Associate, WiSER, South Africa
- Louise Kanyonga Deputy CEO, Rwanda Social Security Board, Rwanda
- Mr. Mulomba Hameja Director of Digital Government Services
  - Smart Zambia Institute
- Patrick Karanja Digital Transformation Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, Kenya

Moderator: Arnold Kwizera - Director, Norrsken Foundation, East Africa

#### 11:45 Keynote

Prof. Jeffrey Sachs - President, Sustainable Development Solutions Network, USA

12:00 Deep Dive: Civic Tech

#### **Unlocking Prosperity through Social Inclusion**

#### Keynote Speaker

Israel Bimpe - Chief Executive Officer, Irembo, Rwanda

#### Panelists:

- Ms. Deborah Asmah Digital Governance Expert, Npontu Technologies, Ghana
- Kevin Rudahinduka Chief Executive Officer, Eden Care, Rwanda
- Dr Chitundu Kasase PhD Director & CEO, National Technology Business Centre (NTBC), Zambia
- Fui Meng Liew Chief of Digital Centre of Excellence, UNICEF, Nairobi, Kenya
- Gary Bennett- Country Manager, Tekexperts, Rwanda

#### Moderator:

Matshepo Sehloho - Associate Editor, Connecting Africa News, South Africa

#### 13:00 Mastercard Foundation Panel Session

#### Keynote Speaker

David Rurangirwa - Country Director, Rwanda Mastercard Foundation, Rwanda

#### **Panelists**

- Esther Kunda Director General of Emerging Technologies and Innovation MINICT, Rwanda
- Martine K. Nezerwa Chief Digital Officer, MINAGRI, Rwanda
- Arlette Rwakazina Partnerships manager and Rwanda country lead, Cenfri Rwanda
- Deogratius Stephen Massawe Acting Managing Director, BK Tech House Rwanda

14:00 Wrap Up



#### Wednesday 13 March 2024

#### **Optimising Access to Government**

9:00 Registration

Guest Arrivals, Networking and Refreshments

9:45

Master of Ceremony

9:50

Remarks

Solape Hammond - Founder, Impact Hub, Lagos

#### 10:00

Enhancing Inclusivity, Participation and Accountability in Governance

Prof. Eghosa Osaghae - Director-General Nigerian Institute of International Affairs

#### 10:15 Deepening Financial Inclusion in Africa

**The Journey of Mgurush from Vision to Market** Mr Akol Ayii - Chairman Trinity Energy Limited, South Sudan

10:30 Digital Public Infrastructure

Dr. Rekgotsofetse Chikane - Research Associate, WiSER, South Africa

10:45 Deep Dive: Finance

#### eGovernance and Digital Finance in Africa

#### **Keynote Speaker**

Sarah Corley - CEO, Alliance of Digital Finance and Fintech Associations, UK

#### Panelists

- Diana Akullu Wanyama Intervention Manager, Financial Sector Deepening, Uganda
- Jacqueline Jumah Director, Advocacy & Capacity Development, AfricaNenda, Kenya
- Jimmy Rutabingwa Chief Executive Officer, Urwego Bank, Rwanda
- Moruf Oseni Managing Director, Wema Bank Plc, Nigeria
- Munyi Nthigah Secretary General, Association of Fintechs in Kenya

#### Moderator

Patrick Conteh - Chief Executive Officer, Africa Fintech Network, Nigeria

#### Wednesday 13 March 2024

#### **Optimising Access to Government**

#### 11:45 Themathic Talking Session 1

#### **Digital Access: The future of Financial Inclusion in Africa**

Sarah Corley - CEO, Alliance of Digital Finance and Fintech Associations, UK

#### 12:45 Themathic Talking Session 2

Leaving no one Behind - eGovernance as a Driver for SDGs Dr Ambrose Aheisibwe - Director of Programmes SDG Centre for Africa, Rwanda

13:45 Conference Wrap Up





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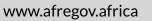
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# THEME DIGITAL GOVERNANCE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



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#### WHO WE ARE

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#### WHY CHOOSE US



#### INFORM

We gather and distribute key business information to our members, gathered by interviewing sector-specific experts and top government officials, and promptly distribute market studies, business intelligence, and policy updates.



#### CONNECT

EBCR features the biggest network of European-linked businesses in Rwanda. Our Members benefit from our exclusive members' communication channel, as well as connections to key government officials and government agencies.



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We leverage our network to voice our members' concerns on key issues such as tax regime or civic relief funds and offer our Members the possibility to meet top government officials. EBCR also speaks in one voice for the European investors community.

#### HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

You can sign up on our website. We have three memberships types such as:

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# CIVIC TECH DEEP DIVE SESSION

#### MODERATOR



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#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

DAY 1



Isreal Bimpe Chief Executive Officer Irembo, Rwanda





Kevin Rudahinduka Chief Executive Officer Eden Care Medical Rwanda



Ms. Deborah Asmah Digital Governance Expert Npontu Technologies, Ghana



Dr Chitundu Kasase Director & Chief Executive Officer National Technology Business Centre (NTBC)



**Fui Meng Liew** Chief of Digital Centre Excellence UNICEF, Nairobi, Kenya



Gary Bennett Country Manager Tekexperts, Rwanda

# FINANCE DEEP DIVE SESSION

# DAY 2

#### **MODERATOR**



Patrick Conteh Chief Executive Officer Africa Fintech Network Nigeria

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



Sarah Corley Chief Executive Officer Alliance for Digital Finance and Fintech Associations



Moruf Oseni Managing Director Wema Bank Plc Nigeria



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# PANELISTS



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#### **Paula Ingabire**

Paula Ingabire is a Rwandan technology enthusiast, who currently serves as the Minister of ICT and Innovation in the Government of Rwanda. Prior to her appointment as Minister, she served as Head of the ICT Business Development Department at the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) where she led the implementation of National ICT programs notably eGovernment and Cyber Security; as well as the coordinator of the Kigali Innovation City Project, a flagship program of the Government designed to nurture and strengthen a Pan-African Innovation eco-system in Rwanda.

#### Dr. Bak Barnaba Chol

Dr. Barnaba Bak Chol is the current Minister of Finance, South Sudan and an assistant Professor at the University of Juba. He holds a Bachelor of Science in economics from the University of Juba, an MBA and a Doctorate in Business Administration with a major in finance from the United States International University in Kenya respectively.

He is also a holder of numerous professional certificates from world-class universities like Columbia University (USA) and Investment Banking Institute in New York, USA. With over ten years in financial industry Dr. Barnaba, is an expert in finance and banking in both South Sudan and East African region.



#### **H.E. Nardos Bekele-Thomas**

Mrs. Bekele-Thomas is the first woman to lead the African Union's development agency. She was appointed and endorsed as the new Chief Executive Officer of AUDA-NEPAD by the African Union Heads of State and Government during the Thirty-Fifth Ordinary Session of the African Union Summit in February 2022.

Prior to this appointment, Mrs. Nardos Bekele-Thomas served as the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations (UN) in the Republic of South Africa. She also worked as the UN Resident Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative in the Republic of Kenya and the Republic of Benin. In these roles, she was responsible for high-level social, political, and economic policy advisory services to the highest Government authorities at national and local levels and critical private sector and civil society actors. Additionally, she led the overall coordination of collective UN operational activities for development results as well as the delivery of an effective UNDP programme of assistance aimed at promoting and supporting pro-poor and inclusive economic growth and development. She has also served as the Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP in Kenya for over four years, formulating and implementing the UNDP's programme of assistance to the Republic of Kenya.



#### **Prof. Jeffrey Sachs**

Prof. Jeffrey Sachs is a world-renowned economics professor, bestselling author, innovative educator, and global leader in sustainable development. He is widely recognized for bold and effective strategies to address complex challenges including debt crises, hyperinflations, the transition from central planning to market economies, the control of AIDS, malaria, and other diseases, the escape from extreme poverty, and the battle against humaninduced climate change. He is Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, a commissioner of the UN Broadband Commission for Development, and an SDG Advocate for UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres. From 2001-18, Sachs served as Special Advisor to the UN Secretaries General, for Kofi Annan (2001-7), Ban Ki-moon (2008-16), and Antonio Guterres (2017-18).

Professor Sachs is a Professor at Columbia University and serves as the Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University.

#### **Prof. Eghosa Osaghae**

Eghosa E. Osaghae holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Ibadan (1986), where he is a Professor of Political Science. He was appointed Director-General of the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) by the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in March 2021, and was most recently Vice Chancellor of Igbinedion University, Okada, a position he held for a record fourteen years (2004-2018).

He was a Rockefeller 'Reflections on Development' Fellow (1989/90), and was most recently a MacArthur Fellow. Professor Osaghae served as Chair of the Panel on Quality Assurance Assessment, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, 2011-2012. Professor Osaghae has published extensively on ethnicity, federalism, governance and state politics in books and journals.

#### Sarah Corley

Sarah is the Founder and CEO of the Alliance of Digital Finance Associations (AllianceDFA). She has over 23 years' experience, forming associations, networks, and communities, fostering forming strategic partnerships and collaborations, and leading continuous professional development. She is passionate about and specialises in the importance of networks, sharing knowledge, developing best practices, and working collaboratively to bring innovation, efficiency, and social impact.

In her previous role as Divisional Director at Digital Frontiers, she facilitated a program of opportunities to ensure continual professional development of the digital finance profession, including moderating over 70 webinars, establishing the annual Pathway to 17 Summit, and creating Communities of Practice reaching across more than 50 countries. Sarah has an MA in HR Management and is a Certified Digital Finance Practitioner (CDFP).







#### **Mulomba Hameja**

Mulomba Hameja serves as the Director of Digital Government Services at the SMART Zambia Institute. He plays a crucial role in coordinating e-Government programs to improve access and delivery of government services to citizens, businesses, and government entities. His expertise contributes significantly to the advancement of technology-driven solutions for the benefit of the nation.

Additionally, Mr. Hameja has made a valuable contribution to the digital landscape in Zambia by building capacity and fostering digital inclusion. His efforts are instrumental in transforming Zambia into a digitally empowered nation.

#### **Fui Meng Liew**

Fui Meng Liew is a dynamic leader in business relationship building and management, has made significant contributions to the field of technology. She currently serves as the Senior Business Relationship Manager at UNICEF's Information and Communication Technology Division (ICTD).

With a rich background in both non-profit organizations and technology companies, Fui Meng brings a wealth of experience to her role. As the Senior Business Relationship Manager, she focuses on transformation initiatives that accelerate positive outcomes for children and plays a pivotal role in engaging with technology partners. She ensures effective relationship management and fundraising through Salesforce CRM. Fui Meng's passion for technology stems from its power to bring about real-world change. She appreciates being part of this transformative journey.



Dr. Chitundu Kasase is currently the Chief Executive Officer/Director of the National Technology Business Center (NTBC), a Statutory Body with core responsibility of harnessing technology and innovations and transforming them into viable businesses. He is a Senior-level professional who has held leadership and senior management roles in public and international Development organizations.

Professionally and academically, Dr Kasase has over 20 years, teaching, conducting research and providing public service in Food Science and Nutrition.

He has supervised several postgraduate students and published several peers reviewed and research publications; and made presentations at local and international scientific forums. He has consulted with several organizations that include Government Ministries, UN Agencies, International Development organizations, local & International non-governmental organizations and the private sector.













#### **Israel Bimpe**

Bimpe has been onboard of the Irembo since 2020 and heled top positions of other IT private companies like iDebate Rwanda among others. Between 2016-2017, Bimpe has been a country Manager of GLOBHE drones, a Swedish-based start-up, headed International Pharmaceutical Students Federation.

He has extensive knowledge of the tech and public ecosystems in Rwanda and on the continent, as well as his experience being part of a scaling global technology unicorn company. He graduated from the University of Rwanda in 2016 with Bachelors in Pharmacy with distinction. He is also a Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, in Public Management -2016-2017.

#### **Akol Ayii**

Akol Ayii is a visionary founder and the chairman of Trinity Group. He is an experienced founder with experience working in the oil and energy industry.

He is skilled in operations management, quantitative data, petroleum products, investments and business strategy. He is also a strong business development professional who graduated from United States International University - Africa. He has a degree with Harvard Business School in ownership/president management.

#### **Caroline Makasa**

Caroline, is the Acting Director General at The Sustainable Development Goals Center for Africa. She started her career at the Export Board of Zambia in April 1999. This included conducting detailed market surveys, organizing trade missions and buyer to seller meetings. She later served as a Senior Market Development Specialist at the Zambia Development Agency where she played a pivotal role in enhancing regional trade and Sustainable development.

Caroline holds a Master of Science degree in Sustainable Development from the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies, a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Namibia, and a Diploma in Environmental Management from Maastricht School of Management in the Netherlands.

#### **Arnold Kwizera**

Arnold Kwizera is the Director at Norrsken East Africa, Africa's biggest startup hub. He was previously the Ecosystem Manager at Norrsken East Africa. In this capacity, he plays a pivotal role in fostering and nurturing the region & startup ecosystem, driving innovation, and supporting the next generation of entrepreneurs.

With a passion for financial journalism and a penchant for hosting engaging shows, Arnold carved a name for himself as the Anchor of one of CNBC Africa's flagship programs, & Closing Bell. Through his astute analysis and insightful commentary, he keeps viewers informed about the latest market trends and developments, providing a critical link between businesses and their stakeholders. With an impressive track record in media and a commitment to empowering the African business community, Arnold Kwizera continues to be a driving force in shaping the continent & economic landscape and inspiring the leaders of tomorrow.









#### **Dr. Rekgotsofetse Chikane**

Dr. Chikane Rekgotsofetse is currently a Lecturer at the University of Witwatersrand, with a PhD in Development, Complexity Economics and Decoloniality. He specializes in Public Policy Processes, Public Administration and Governing in a Digital Age

He was a Strategist at Vanity Consulting and was responsible for the go-tomarket strategy for a variety of products developed within its research and development wing, MegaTech AI.He is the former National President of InkuluFreeHeid (IFH), a non-partisan youth movement in South Africa that works to create innovative solutions to socio-economic problems facing the

#### **Moruf Oseni**

Moruf Oseni is currently the Managing Director/CEO of Wema Bank Plc. He joined Wema Bank in June 2012 as an Executive Director. He has over 25 years of cognate experience with more than 16 years at Senior to Executive Management levels.

He has played a major role in the execution of the turnaround program of the Bank. He was responsible for the launch of ALAT – Nigeria's 1st digital Bank that has received local and global awards and multiple accolades. Prior to Wema Bank, he was the CEO of MG Ineso Limited, a principal investment and financial advisory firm and before that was an investment banker at both Renaissance Capital and Schroder Salomon Smith Barney/Citigroup Global markets.

#### **Matshepo Sehloho**

Matshepo Sehloho joined Connecting Africa as Associate Editor in May 2022. The South Africa-based journalist has over 10 years experience and previously worked as a digital content producer for Talk Radio 702 and started her career as a community journalist for Caxton.

She has been reporting on breaking news for most of her career, however, she has always had a love for tech news.

#### **Patrick Conteh**

Patrick is a financial sector specialist spanning 25 years. He is a former governor of the Central Bank of Sierra Leone, where amongst other fintech initiatives, he pioneered West Africa's first sandbox, as part of an overarching financial inclusion strategy.

Patrick is a strong advocate of fintech and other disruptive solutions as platforms for leapfrogging financial inclusion. Patrick was also Fiscal Affairs Minister of State of Sierra Leone; and between 2016-18, he doubled as Alternate Executive Director at the African Development Bank. His earlier career was in retail banking, holding various senior management roles including that of Chief Operating Officer, Director Risk Management, etc.

Patrick holds a PhD, MBA, and a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants of the United Kingdom.



#### Ms. Deborah Asmah

Ms. Deborah Asmah is a lead expert in digital governance, social equity, and sustainable development. She holds a Masters of Law at the Queens Mary University of London and an ardent activist for Public Policy, with extensive research experience at the intersection of technology and social innovation.

Ms. Deborah Asmah is passionate about leveraging digital tools and platforms to bridge social divides and promote inclusive, sustainable societies. Deborah expertise and interest are in the area of digital governance, design and implementing policies and frameworks that ensure ethical, transparent, and accountable use of digital technologies in public and private sectors, promoting digital platforms that enable greater citizen engagement, collaboration, and decision-making processes within government and communities, championing digital accessibility for marginalized groups, including people with disabilities, the elderly, and those in underserved communities and integrating principles of sustainability into the design and implementation of digital government services.

#### Louise Kanyonga

Ms. Louise Kanyonga is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Social Security Board (RSSB), Rwanda. Prior to her current position, she was the Chief Strategy and Compliance Officer at the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) where she was tasked with aligning RDB's strategic priorities with the National Vision and driving interventions to enhance private sector competitiveness. She started out her public service career as a Policy Analyst in the Strategy and Policy Unit, Office of the President, where she was part of a team that provided independent policy analysis in the presidency.

Ms. Kanyonga is a lawyer by training, specialized in commercial and corporate law, having attained her LLB in South Africa at the University of the Witwatersrand and a Masters in Law (LLM) at Harvard Law School.

#### Kevin Rudahinduka

Kevin Rudahinduka is the Chief Executive Officer of Eden Care Medical. Proir to this, He was the Transformation Programme Director at Bank of Kigali and Head of Digital Banking. He also headed the electronic and digital channels in the bank.

Kevin has also worked as Head of IT for KCB Bank Rwanda, CIO for I-Finance Microfinance Bank in Kinsasha, DRC and CIO for Urwego Opportunity Bank. In his capacity as Chief Information Officer he managed ICT operations and Innovation Technology. Kevin holds a Master's degree in Information Technology from Carnegie Mellon University.

#### Jimmy Rutabingwa

Jimmy Rutabingwa is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer. He is passionate about E-commerce, digital finance, digital transformation, financial inclusion and impact in the market place. He is a certified expert in risk management, corporate governance & compliance, from the Frankfurt School Sustainable World Academy. He has a vast experience in strategic planning and digital transformation and has worked for companies like Imaginet LTD in the past.















#### **Diana Akullu Wanyama**

Diana Akullu Wanyama is a Digital Finance and Digital Transformation professional with over 12 years of experience in Commercial banking and Technology. She specializes in Product Management, IT, Project Management and Customer Experience. She is currently the Intervention Manager – Market Infrastructure at Financial Sector Deepening (FSD) Uganda.

Over the past 11 years, Diana has been at the helm of intersecting business needs with technology demands, providing measurable results. She is also the outgoing Chairperson of Digital Frontiers Association (DFA) of Uganda and a founding board member of the Alliance of Digital Finance Associations based in South Africa. She is a strong advocate for financial inclusion and the use of digital technology to improve the lives of people in Africa.

Diana holds a bachelor's degree in Telecommunications engineering and has completed several digital finance courses awarded by Tufts University, Massachusetts, and Digital Frontiers Institute (DFI).

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He recently led a group of angel investors to launch VorianCorelli, an AgriTech platform in Kenya with the aim of growing the income of small-holder farmers bringing his experience in the Financial Technology space, spanning over 16

#### Johanna Solvejg Juel Sandberg

As the Executive Director of the European Business Chamber of Rwanda (EBCR) since July 2020, she leads a community of over 180 businesses, entrepreneurs, and individuals dedicated to enhancing Rwanda's business landscape. With a background in MSc Anthropology Global Studies and Development, along with certifications in cultural intelligence and insights discovery, she brings a unique perspective to her role. With over 8 years of experience as the founder and director of SANDBERGLtd, an HR consultancy, she provides valuable insights into the local labour market and culture. Additionally, she serves as a board member of the European Business Organization Worldwide Network, contributing to global advocacy for European businesses. Her mission is to foster positive and sustainable development in Rwanda and beyond through effective collaboration, communication, and innovation.

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## **ABOUT US**

The Association for Digital Finance Practitioners is a non-profit organization established in 2019 with the aim of promoting the use of digital finance products and services. The ADFP works with a range of stakeholders to build a secure DFS ecosystem, ensure the quality of mobile services, promote the use of digital payments, and protect users from fraud and other risks. Through capacity building initiatives, we provide technical advice to achieve the objectives of financial inclusion, creating a transparent and efficient system for all Zambians to access financial services.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Offering technical advice in building a healthy DFS ecosystem.
- Promoting sustainable digital financial services while ensuring reliable recourse mechanisms and consumer protection efforts are supported.
- Provide organisations with capacity building, research and consultancy support
- Promoting awareness and sensitization of Payment systems
- Supporting and promoting digital innovations
- Advocating to drive Financial Inclusion
- Promoting co-opetition and interoperability
- Advocating for sustainability and promote Financial Markets to work for the poor through knowledge sharing



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