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THEME:

STRENGTHENING DATA PROTECTION THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

with speaker profiles

Hosted by

NDPC
NIGERIA DATA PROTECTION COMMISSION

PICCASO AWARDS AFRICA

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A MESSAGE FROM ADRH LEADERSHIP



Ms. Teki Akuetteh
Executive Director,
Africa Digital Rights' Hub
(ADRH)

Africa's digital transformation presents immense opportunities, but its success depends on trust, inclusion, and responsible innovation. The Africa Digital Rights Hub LBG is committed to advancing stronger digital rights, data protection, and collaborative solutions that shape a secure and people-centered digital future for Africa.

Through initiatives such as the Data Protection Africa Summit and PICCASO Awards Africa, we bring together leaders, regulators, and innovators to drive impact and recognize excellence.

We therefore invite you to join us in building a trusted digital ecosystem that empowers communities and strengthens Africa's digital future together.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOST



Dr. Vincent Olatunji
National Commissioner /
CEO, Nigeria Data Protection
Commission – NDPC

Distinguished partners, stakeholders and champions of digital transformation, I warmly invite you to join us for this landmark gathering as we come together to shape the future of data protection, privacy and digital trust in Africa.

This event promises to be more than a meeting of minds; it will be a platform for celebration, collaboration, innovation and meaningful conversations that will strengthen our collective vision for a secure and inclusive digital ecosystem. As we prepare for this important engagement, we look forward to welcoming policymakers, industry leaders, development partners, academia, civil society and young innovators from across the continent and beyond.

Together, let us inspire new ideas, build stronger partnerships and advance a future where responsible data governance drives economic growth, protects fundamental rights and positions Africa as a global force in the digital age.

A MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF THE PICCASO AWARDS AFRICA



JENNA FRANKLIN
Chair of the PICCASO Awards Africa

PICCASO is proud to welcome you to the PICCASO Awards Africa - a celebration of excellence, innovation, and leadership. We are a not-for-profit special interest group, founded in 2021, led by dedicated volunteers who are passionate about supporting professionals and organizations across the entire data spectrum.
At PICCASO, we focus on Privacy, InfoSec, Compliance, Culture, Awareness, Strategy and Operations reflecting the growing breadth, depth, and interconnectivity of today's data-driven world.

The PICCASO Awards were established to recognize and honor individuals and organizations making a meaningful and lasting impact in their respective fields. Through a wide range of initiatives, including events, thought-leadership papers, labs, and webinars, as well as the Awards, we bring together experts from privacy, data protection, and information security to inspire, challenge, support, and educate. Our goal is to foster a dynamic and collaborative community that advances understanding and best practice across all industries. Our community spans the UK, Europe, Africa and Canada, and are always exploring other opportunities in different regions.

We value the exchange of knowledge, insights, and practical expertise, particularly in bridging the gap between legal requirements and real-world implementation. By promoting thoughtful dialogue and sharing best practice, we aim to improve outcomes for organizations, the economy, and society. It is about the law, but it is also about so much more. Whether you're just starting your journey in privacy and information security or are a seasoned expert, and wherever in the world you are, this is your community.

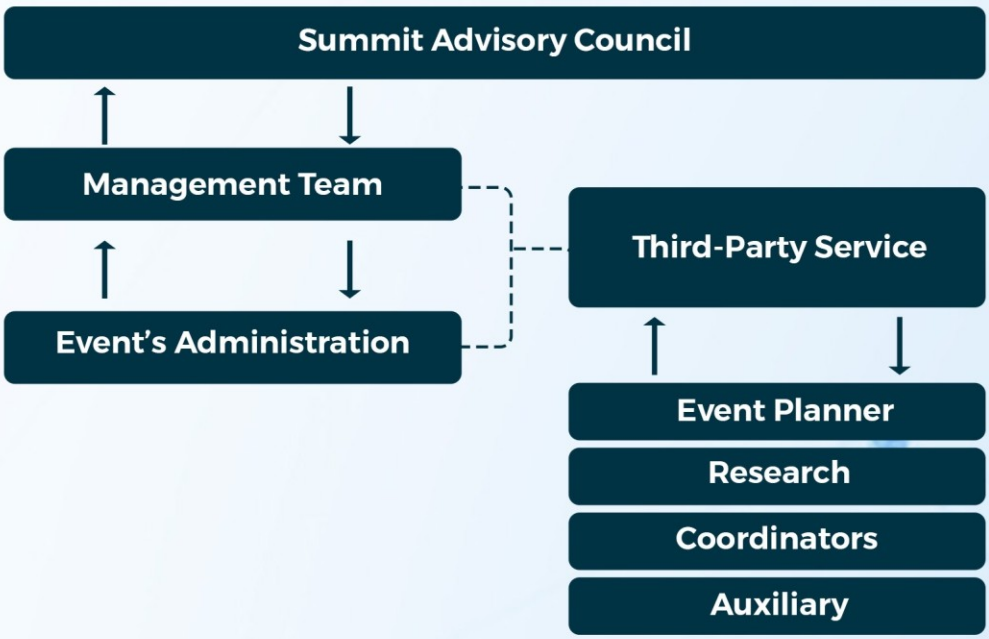


ABOUT DATA PROTECTION AFRICA SUMMIT (DPAS)

The protection and safeguarding of personal data is increasingly becoming a challenge in the 4th Industrial Revolution. Countries around the world are calling on data controllers, users and processors of personal data to be prudent in the management, storage and use of this data. More recently, Africa has also witnessed an increase in this drive, with countries and industries pushing for more efficient data protection and privacy regimes.

In continuing to advance the growth and development of data protection and privacy in Africa and as one of the largest gatherings on data protection and privacy in Africa, the 2026 Data Protection Africa Summit is being organized by the Africa Digital Rights Hub in collaboration with the Nigeria Data Protection Commission under the **theme – STRENGTHENING DATA PROTECTION THROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS.**

DPAS GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



THEMATIC AREAS

Disruptive Technology

IoT + Edge Computing
Blockchain + DLT
Extended Reality
AI + ML
Automation + Robotics + Autonomous Vehicles + Mobility
Quantum Computing
Biotechnology + Genetic Engineering

Industry Innovation

Telcos + Media
Healthcare + Lifesciences
Public Sector + Government
Transportation + Logistics
Energy + Utilities
Retail + Consumer
Manufacturing + Industrial
Insurance
Banking + Financial Services

Enabling Environment

Privacy Controls
Security Controls
AI Measures
Assurance + Regulatory Overlay
Partnerships + Collaboration
Enforcement

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Prof. Justice S.K. Date-Bah

Chairperson of the Executive Council of the Africa Digital Rights' Hub LBG



Dr. Vincent Olatunji

National Commissioner / CEO , Nigeria Data Protection Commission – NDPC



Ms. Teki Akuetteh

Founder & Executive Director, Africa Digital Rights Hub LBG



Jenna Franklin

VP – Assistant General Counsel | Data Governance, Privacy, and Cybersecurity, Cencora



Dr. Ololade Shyllon

Director of Privacy Policy & Data Policy, Africa, Middle East and Turkiye, Meta



Noriswadi Ismail

Senior Director of Data Privacy, Policy and Regulation, GSMA

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WHY DATA PROTECTION AFRICA SUMMIT & PICCASO AWARDS AFRICA

Conversations alone are not enough

Africa's digital future is unfolding rapidly. Everyday, more of our lives move online: our identities, our businesses, our health, our conversations.

At the **Africa Digital Rights Hub** LBG, we believe Africa's digital future must be built on trust, accountability, and innovation; hence the Data Protection Africa Summit (DPAS): bringing together regulators, policymakers, government leaders, privacy professionals, industry experts and innovators to engage in critical conversations shaping Africa's digital governance landscape.

The **PICCASO Awards** recognise excellence and innovation in data privacy, cybersecurity, compliance, and data ethics. The awards spotlight individuals, teams, and organisations driving meaningful change and setting global standards.

Together we create more than an event. we create a space where ideas are exchanged, leadership is recognised, and the people shaping Africa's digital future are connected and amplified.

DATA PROTECTION AFRICA SUMMIT 2026 NIGERIA

1. Policy dialogue
2. Regulators
3. Government leaders
4. Privacy experts

PICCASO AWARDS AFRICA

1. Innovators
2. Digital Rights Champions
3. Building Trust

Together: Policy, Innovation, Recognition, Impact.

Watch highlights from the 2025 PICCASO Awards celebrating Africa's champions of data protection and digital trust.

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WHY THESE AWARDS MATTER

Africa's premier digital rights recognition platform.

The PICCASO Awards Africa celebrate achievement and spotlight the individuals and institutions shaping a safer, more responsible digital future.

By recognising excellence in data protection, privacy, and digital innovation, the awards reinforce the importance of trust, accountability, and leadership in a rapidly evolving digital landscape whiles also elevating African voices and solutions.

Africa is not just participating in global conversations, but actively defining them.

- Privacy Leadership
- Digital Innovation
- Ethical AI
- Data Protection Excellence

IMPACT SO FAR

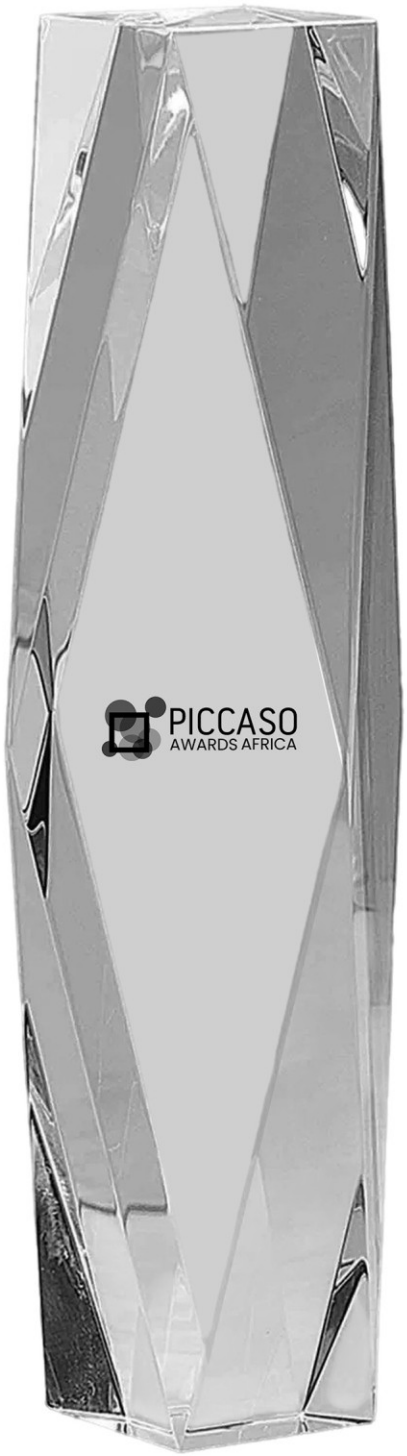
Countries Represented	Data Protection Authorities	Innovators Recognized	Participants	Media Reach
30+	20+	40+	800+	2M+



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AWARD CATEGORIES

- Rising Star
- Data Protection / Privacy Team of the Year
- Most Outstanding Data Protection Officer
- Most Outstanding Data Protection Authority
- Most Impactful Data Privacy Product
- Data Protection & Privacy Law Firm of the Year
- Most Innovative Data Privacy Project
- Infosec Champion of the Year
- Responsible AI & Data Ethics Leadership
- Safeguarding Children's Data Award



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AFRICA'S DIGITAL ECONOMY IS GROWING

Trust Must Grow With It

Rapid Digital Growth

Africa's digital economy is expanding at an unprecedented rate, with millions of new users, startups, and digital services reshaping how people live, work, and transact. As this momentum grows, trust in how data is managed and protected becomes increasingly critical.

AI Expansion

Artificial intelligence is rapidly shaping industries across Africa, creating new opportunities while raising important questions about ethics, accountability, and responsible innovation.

Cybersecurity Risks

With greater connectivity comes greater risk. Cyber threats and data breaches continue to rise, making strong cybersecurity practices and data protection frameworks vital for safeguarding trust in digital systems.

Digital Rights

Protecting privacy, ensuring responsible data use, and safeguarding digital rights are critical to building an inclusive and trusted digital future for all Africans.

The **Data Protection Africa Summit** and **PICCASO Awards Africa** brings together regulators, innovators, policymakers, and industry leaders to strengthen trust and accountability in Africa's rapidly evolving digital ecosystem.



STORIES OF IMPACT



DR. ANTOINETTE WINNIE ESSILFIE,
2025 WINNER, SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S DATA AWARD

Receiving the award was both a profound honour and a reminder of God's grace and guidance throughout my journey as an International Tech Attorney in this era of vast innovation, advancing technology across Africa and helping position the continent at the forefront of the global digital landscape. The recognition strengthened my recognition as a trusted voice in Privacy & AI and in advancing safer digital environments, particularly for young users. The Award has also elevated my professional profile, opening doors to high-level engagements and speaking opportunities, as well as reinforced my commitment to driving meaningful change, responsible data practices, and Africa's leadership in the global digital landscape.



NIGERIA DATA PROTECTION COMMISSION (NDPC)
2025 WINNER, MOST OUTSTANDING DPA

Winning the Most Outstanding DPA at the Picasso Awards Africa 2025 significantly enhanced the international acceptance and credibility of the NDPC, and reinforced confidence in Nigeria's commitment to advancing data protection and privacy rights.

The recognition strengthened the Commission's engagement with global development partners, regulators and stakeholders, while also validating Nigeria's innovative approach to building a sustainable and inclusive data protection ecosystem. The award further amplified awareness of the Commission's work across Africa and inspired greater stakeholder participation in Nigeria's data protection ecosystem, particularly among young professionals, institutions and organisations seeking compliance support and partnerships.



PAULETTE WATSON, MBE
2025 WINNER, RESPONSIBLE AI & DATA ETHICS LEADERSHIP

Since receiving the award, Paulette has continued to expand the impact of her work. Her initiatives now span Africa, the Caribbean, and the UK, with upcoming She Disrupts Africa events in Tanzania, London, and Ghana focusing on AI governance and ethics. She has also been invited to serve as a judge for the Hustle Awards in the UK, contributed to high-level discussions around Ghana's National Artificial Intelligence Strategy, and continue advancing thought leadership through her forthcoming book on leadership and entrepreneurship in tech and AI.

Her work reflects a powerful truth at the heart of Africa's digital future: when ethical leadership and inclusive innovation come together, technology becomes a force for opportunity, empowerment, and trust.

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AUDIENCE & INFLUENCE

AUDIENCE INCLUDES:

- INDUSTRY LEADERS
- POLICY MAKERS
- DATA PROTECTION AUTHORITIES
- LEGAL EXPERTS
- TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES
- CIVIL SOCIETIES
- GOVERNMENT REGULATORS
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OUR PARTNERS

"Our partners don't just support an event, they shape the leaders, systems and future talent of digital Africa".



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The PICCASO Awards Africa recognizes outstanding leadership, innovation, and impact in data protection, cybersecurity, and digital governance across Africa. The initiative celebrates organizations and individuals driving a safer, more trusted, and digitally empowered continent.

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DAY 1

Monday, 2nd November 2026

(Community Engagements & Awareness Day)

*Dress code: **Smart Casual** — relaxed, neat clothing, including African prints and comfortable footwear.*

Community Engagements (*Strictly by Invitation*)

- Command Secondary School
- Command Primary School
- Army Bonny Primary
- 65 Battalion Medical Reception Station (MRS)
- Bonny Camp Market and Multipurpose Shopping Complex

Day 2

Tuesday, 3rd November 2026

(Pre-Conference & Professional Development Activities)

*Dress Code: **Business Casual** — polished, comfortable professional wear, including smart African attire.*

Part I

09:00 – 12:00

It Takes a Village: Shared Responsibility for Child Online Safety in Nigeria (*Closed Door Event – Strictly by Invitation*)

Part II

12:00 – 18:00

Early Registration

Part III

13:00 – 17:00

Masterclass Workshops

- ❑ Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) -English/French
- ❑ Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) -French
- ❑ GSMA's Trust, Safety and Security Masterclass.
- ❑ Communications Law - Who Protects, Who Controls, Who Can See?
- ❑ Hacking Health: Confronting the Hidden Risks in Patient Data
- ❑ Compliance Audit Returns, Building DPO Capacity for effective Compliance Reporting

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Day 3

Wednesday, 4th November 2026

(International Conference Day 1)

*Dress Code: **Business Formal or African Formal Attire** — suits, professional dresses or elegant African ensembles suitable for a daytime conference.*

Part I

08:30 – 09:00

Registration/Welcoming of participants

09:00 – 10:00

Opening Ceremony

- Opening and Recognition of Dignitaries — Masters of Ceremonies (5mins)
- Welcome Remarks by the Host Regulator — Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC) (10mins)
- Remarks by the Organiser — Africa Digital Rights Hub LBG (7mins)
- Chairperson's Address — His Excellency, the Governor of Lagos State (7-10mins)
- Royal Remarks — His Royal Majesty, Oba (Dr.) Olufolarin Olukayode Ogunsanwo, the Alara of Ilara (5-10mins)
- ***Musical Interlude***
- Keynote Address by the Special Guest of Honour — Dr. Bosun Tijani, Honourable Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, Federal Republic of Nigeria (10-15mins)
- Official Group Photographs and Brief Press Statements

10:00 – 10:15

Networking & Refreshment Break

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Day 3

Part II

10:15 – 10:45

Regulators Unplugged: Insights, Priorities & What's Next

(A fireside conversation with data protection regulators on emerging challenges, regulatory developments and what to expect next.)

10:45 – 12:15

Delivering Better Data Protection Outcomes: Practical Collaborative Governance for Africa's Socio-Economic Development.

Keynote: **Professor Chris Hodges**
Moderator: Ms. Teki Akuetteh
Panel Discussion

- Dr. Vincent Olatunji
- Mrs. Drudeisha Madhub
- Mr. Noris Ismail
- Dr. Mohammed Suleh-Yusuf

Interactive Session

12:15 – 12:45

Privacy Through Their Eyes: A Fireside Conversation Across Generations *(Fireside Conversation)*

Moderator: Ms. Omoikhefe Ahimie

- Ms. Amanda Shivamba
- Ms. Olaoluwa Amira
- Mstr. Prosper Benjamin
- Mstr. Wisdom Ojomah
- Ms. Tomi Adesina

12:45 – 13:15

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Partner Insight Session - **GSMA Smart Implementation of Data Privacy Laws Report endorsement and acknowledgement**

- Ms. Caroline Mbugua
- Mr. Noris Ismail
- Dr. Vincent Olatunji
- Mrs. Drudeisha Madhub

13:15 – 14:00

Lunch Break

Part III

14:00 – 15:30

Building Trust in Digital Finance: Strengthening Data Protection for Mobile Money, Open Finance and Digital Lending

Keynote: **Mr. Phillip Sowah**

Moderator: Ms. Jenna Franklin

Panel Discussion

- Mr. Abiola Jimoh
- Mr. Babatunde Bamigboye
- Mr. Nzau Muinde
- Dr. Arnold Kavaarpuo
- Mr. Abumere Igboa

Interactive Session

Part IV

15:30 – 16:30

Regulators Unplugged: Insights, Priorities & What's Next

(A fireside conversation with data protection regulators on emerging challenges, regulatory developments and what to expect next)

16:30 – 17:00

Launch of ADRH's Programmes & Report

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17:00 – 17:15

Networking & Refreshment Break

17:00 – 18:30

Closed Door Meetings ***(Strictly by Invitation)***

Part V

19:00 – 21:00

Networking Cocktail

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Day 4

Thursday

5th November 2026

(International Conference Day 2)

Dress Code: ***Business Formal or African Formal Attire*** *— suits, professional dresses or elegant African ensembles suitable for a daytime conference.*

Dinner: ***Black Tie or African Formal Attire***

Part I

08:30 – 09:00

Registration / Welcoming of participants

Part II

09:00 – 10:30

Protecting Critical Public Infrastructure in the Digital Age: Collaborative Approaches to Cybersecurity, Privacy and National Resilience

Keynote: **Dr. Vincent Olatunji**
Moderator: Mr. Ridwan Oloyede
Panel Discussion

- Mr. Baker Birikujja
- Mr. Matthew Martin
- Mr. Ash Hunt
- Mr. Segun Olugbile

Interactive Session

10:30 – 11:00

MyData Africa & MyData Accord Launch

- Mr. Eric POL
- Ms. Teki Akuetteh
- Iain Henderson

11:00 – 11:15

Networking & Refreshment Break

Part III

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11:15 – 11:30

Shared Responsibility for Child Online Safety in Nigeria

- Ms. Oluwatamilore Oni

11:30 – 13:00

Protecting Children's Attention in Africa: Balancing Data Protection, Digital Wellbeing and Online Safety in the AI Era.

Keynote: **Adv. Pansy Tlakula**
Moderator: Dr. Patricia Boshe
Panel Discussion

- Dr. Ololade Shyllon
- Dr. Tolulope Pius-Fadipe
- Ms. Amanda Shivamba
- Mrs. Awo Aidam Amenyah

Interactive Session

Part IV

12:30 – 13:30

Closing Ceremony

- Opening Remarks
- Closing Address by the Host Organisation Representative
- Conference Reflections: Key Outcomes, Commitments and Next Steps
- Special Recognition, Presentations and Partner Acknowledgements
- Unveiling of the Next Conference Venue
- Vote of Thanks and Formal Close

Part V

PROGRAMME OUTLINE



13:30 – 15:00

- **Lunch**
- **Closed door session (GSMA)** *(Strictly by Invitation)*

Part VI

19:00 – 22:30

PICCASO Awards Africa *(Strictly by Invitation)*

Celebrating excellence in privacy, data protection, cybersecurity and compliance, and honouring the individuals and organisations championing responsible practices and building digital trust across Africa.

Dress Code: **Black Tie or African Formal Attire**
Join us in classic black tie or elegant African attire befitting a formal gala evening.

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Day 5

Friday 6th November 2026

(Host Country Tours)

Discover Nigeria Tours *(All Day)*

- **Badagry**
- **Epe**
- **Lagos Intercity Tours**

DETAILED PROGRAMME

Detailed Programme: Session details, Objectives and Speakers

DAY 1

Monday, 2nd November (Community Engagements & Awareness Day)

Community Engagements (Strictly by Invitation)

Community outreach in and around Lagos will engage students, educators, healthcare personnel, traders and other community members to raise awareness of privacy, data protection and online safety. These engagements will provide practical guidance on safeguarding personal information and using digital services safely and responsibly. Visits will include the following locations:

- Command Secondary School
- Command Primary School
- Army Bonny Primary
- 65 Battalion Medical Reception Station (MRS)
- Bonny Camp Market and Multipurpose Shopping Complex

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Day 2

Tuesday, 3rd November 2026 (Pre-Conference & Professional Development)

Part I

It Takes a Village: Shared Responsibility for Child Online Safety in Nigeria (Closed Door Event – Strictly by Invitation)

Students, parents, teachers, and faith and community leaders share how children in Nigeria use online services, what has gone wrong and what helps them stay safe, while regulators and policymakers attend to listen. The session takes its theme from the proverb that it takes a village to raise a child: it seeks to agree on the part each family, school, online service and public institution plays in keeping children safe online, and introduces families to practical safety tools.

Part II

Early Registration

An opportunity for participants to complete registration, collect their badges and event materials, and receive essential programme information ahead of the main conference sessions.

Part III

Masterclass Workshops

Participants must select the masterclass workshop they wish to attend in advance from the topics listed below. These focused three- to four-hour workshops will equip participants with practical knowledge, skills and tools to apply in their organisations. Through expert guidance, case studies and interactive exercises, participants will explore real-world challenges, exchange experiences and learn to translate key principles into effective practice.

- ❑ Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) -English/French
- ❑ Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) -French
- ❑ GSMA’s Trust, Safety and Security Masterclass.
- ❑ Communications Law - Who Protects, Who Controls, Who Can See?
- ❑ Hacking Health: Confronting the Hidden Risks in Patient Data
- ❑ Compliance Audit Returns, Building DPO Capacity for effective Compliance Reporting

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Day 3

Wednesday, 4th November 2026 (International Conference Day 1)

Part I

Welcoming Ceremony

The official opening of the Summit, bringing together delegates, partners and distinguished guests for welcome remarks and an introduction to the Summit's themes and objectives, setting the stage for meaningful dialogue, learning and collaboration.

09:00–09:03	Opening and Recognition of Dignitaries — Masters of Ceremonies
09:03–09:10	Welcome Remarks by the Host Regulator — Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC)
09:10–09:15	Remarks by the Organiser — Africa Digital Rights Hub LBG
09:15–09:22	Chairperson's Address — His Excellency, the Governor of Lagos State
09:22–09:27	Royal Remarks — His Royal Majesty, Oba (Dr.) Olufolarin Olukayode Ogunsanwo, the Alara of Ilara
09:27–09:30	Musical Interlude
09:30–09:45	Keynote Address by the Special Guest of Honour — Dr. Bosun Tijani, Honourable Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, Federal Republic of Nigeria
09:45–10:00	Official Group Photographs and Brief Press Statements

DETAILED PROGRAMME

Part II

Delivering Better Data Protection Outcomes: Practical Collaborative Governance for Africa's Socio-Economic Development.

This session explores the role of stakeholders' collaboration in strengthening data protection implementation in the Continent. The essence of the session is to examine how such collaboration can enable translating data protection (laws, policies, strategies) and data governance frameworks into meaningful practical outcomes. The discussion aims to identify shared priorities, address implementation challenges, promote accountability, and advance coordinated approaches that balance the protection of personal data while supporting the growing digital economy.

Session Objectives

As Africa accelerates its digital transformation, effective data protection and data governance approaches are essential to support trust, safeguard individual rights, fostering innovation, and driving inclusive socio-economic development. This session intends to assess the current situation, identify specific challenges/ concerns, opportunities and provide a strategic roadmap to reach regulatory and economic objectives set for a prosperous and sustainable digital economy.

Expected Outcomes

We hope this session will bring out actionable recommendations for stronger multi-stakeholder partnerships, strategies to support improved institutional capacity and regulatory cooperation. We also hope the session discussion will draw up practical roadmap for delivering more effective, sustainable, economically viable and rights-based oriented data protection across Africa.

Speakers



Professor Chris Hodges



Ms. Teki Akuetteh



Dr. Vincent Olatunji



Mrs. Drudeisha Madhub



Mr. Noriswadi Ismail



Dr. Mohammed Suleh-Yusuf

Privacy Through Their Eyes: A Fireside Conversation Across Generations

The fireside chat adopts an intergenerational approach, bringing together different age groups to explore how perceptions and expectations of privacy evolve over time. It also provides an opportunity for the wider data protection community to listen directly to the generation whose lives will be increasingly shaped by decisions being made about data today.

Session Objectives:

To provide young people with a platform to articulate their understanding and expectations of privacy, explore how perceptions of privacy evolve across different stages of life, encourage meaningful dialogue between young people and the wider data protection community, and reinforce the importance of building a privacy-conscious culture from an early age.

Key Outcomes:

Through the intergenerational dialogue, participants will gain insights into the data protection and privacy concerns, experiences and expectations of the younger generation, enabling the wider data protection community to better consider young people's perspectives in shaping policies, practices and future approaches to data protection. Ultimately, the session will contribute to building greater data protection and privacy awareness among young people and strengthening a privacy-conscious culture from an early age.

Partner Insight Session - GSMA Smart Implementation of Data Privacy Laws report endorsement and acknowledgement

The GSMA Smart Implementation of Data Privacy Laws (SIDPL) report was launched in the 47 Global Privacy Assembly Seoul. 14 guiding principles were outlined, aimed at helping the governments, policymakers, and organisations to develop effective, future-proof data privacy frameworks. In 2026, the GSMA disseminated implementation use cases of the principles to Data Protection Authorities, regulators, and policymakers in MWC Barcelona Ministerial Programme, the Network of African Data Protection Authorities (NADPA-RAPDP) Conference Abidjan, Data Protection Africa Summit Accra, M360 ASEAN Kuala Lumpur, capacity building, and advocacy workshops. Due to the advocacy outreach, the Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC) and the Data Protection Office (DPO) of Mauritius endorsed and acknowledged the SIDPL report recommendations.

Session Objectives

To showcase the NDPC and DPO Mauritius smart data privacy laws implementation journey and encourage DPAs to smartly collaborate with other regulators and policymakers in the African continent and beyond.

Expected Outcomes

To empower and inspire African DPAs by way of capacity building, and learnings from sectoral regulators in the mobile and digital ecosystem.

DETAILED PROGRAMME

Part III

Building Trust in Digital Finance: Strengthening Data Protection for Mobile Money, Open Finance and Digital Lending

This session explores practical approaches to strengthen data protection, promoting responsible data use, and accountability to build trust across digital financing ecosystem. The essence is to foster dialogue among regulators, financial service providers, technology companies and relevant stakeholders to scan the digital financing landscape, associated risks and issues affecting public trust to come up with feasible solutions – based on their practical (industry) experience, best practices or tested as well as hypothetical approaches.

Session Objectives:

Digital financial is one of the digital economy innovations that substantially expands access to financial services. Like many services, digital financial requires sharing of data to support its service provision. This comes with risk related to the collection, sharing, and use of such data. The objectives of this session are to bring multi-disciplinary stakeholders to share their experience and forge ways to address emerging risks (in digital financing), balancing innovation with the protection of consumers' rights.

Key Outcomes:

Expected key outcomes of the session include presenting actionable recommendations for embedding data protection into digital financial services, improving consumer protection, awareness, and trust, promoting responsible data-sharing practices, and supporting a secure, inclusive, and sustainable digital finance ecosystem across Africa.

Speakers



Mr. Philip Sowah



Ms. Jenna Franklin



Mr. Abiola Jimoh



Mr. Babatunde Bamigboye Esq.



Mr. Nzau Muinde



Dr. Arnold Kavaarpuo



Mr. Igboa Abumere

DETAILED PROGRAMME

Part IV

Launch of ADRH's Programmes & Report

Africa Digital Rights Hub (ADRH) will launch its research report on how regulators and their partners work together to put data protection into practice across Africa. The report explores how Outcome-Based Collaborative Regulatory Systems (OBCRS) could strengthen cooperation, foster shared accountability and help partners measure how effectively their work protects people's rights.

ADRH will also present its vision for a centre of excellence developed in partnership with universities, research institutions and other organisations. The centre would bring African regulators, researchers and practitioners together to share experience, build specialist skills and undertake applied research on digital rights and data governance. As part of this initiative, ADRH will announce its partnership with Saylor University, which offers free online courses and tuition-free, self-paced master's degree programmes.

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Day 4

Thursday, 5th November 2026 (International Conference Day 2)

Part II

Protecting Critical Public Infrastructure in the Digital Age: Collaborative Approaches to Cybersecurity, Privacy and National Resilience

The protection and resilience of Critical Public Infrastructure is one of the crucial and inevitable aspects of ensuring safe delivery of essential public services. For this reason, this session is curated to discuss collaborative approaches to strengthen cyber security, safeguard personal data, and building national resilience with the understanding that effective protection requires coordinated action among stakeholders - including governments, cybersecurity agencies, data protection authorities, critical infrastructure operators, private sector, and development partners.

Session Objectives:

The aim of the session is to identify shared vulnerabilities and responsibilities, promote ways towards information sharing and incident-response cooperation, and strengthen frameworks that balance national security, data protection and security while ensure service continuity.

Expected Outcomes:

The discussion is geared to bring out practical recommendations for enhanced institutional coordination, stronger cybersecurity and data protection measures, improved preparedness and response capabilities in a coordinated approach. The recommendations are to support sustainable partnerships and coordinated approaches to protect critical public infrastructure in building a secured, resilient, and trusted digital ecosystem across the Continent.

Speakers



Dr. Vincent Olatunji



Mr. Ridwan Oloyede



Mr. Baker Birikujja



Mr. Ash Hunt



Mr. Matthew Martin

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Part III

MyData Africa Launch & MyData Accord Reveal

The launch of MyData Africa, the African chapter of MyData Global, and the unveiling of MyData Global's MyData Accord will spotlight the organisation's mission to empower people to control and benefit from their personal data. A membership drive and community engagement activities will connect individuals and organisations across Africa with MyData Global's network, offering opportunities to share knowledge, access expertise and build partnerships that strengthen digital rights, trust and responsible innovation.

Shared Responsibility for Child Online Safety in Nigeria

Grounded in the African reality that raising and protecting a child requires collective action; this keynote outlines a collaborative roadmap for child online safety. The session will highlight vital new commitments and conclude with remarks from partner organizations.

Protecting Children's Attention in Africa: Balancing Data Protection, Digital Wellbeing and Online Safety in the AI Era

As children increasingly engage with online platforms including learning tools, social media and even AI-powered services, so is the growing concern on the ability of technological tools to manipulate their attention, collect and use their personal data, and inflicting mental and physical harms. This situation calls for an urgent and coordinated action to protect children from potential online harms. We created this session to be able to explore different approaches to protect children's data and privacy while online, promote their digital well-being, and strengthen online safety without depriving them of the benefit that digital innovation brings.

Session Objectives

It is intended that, through the discussion, policymakers, data protection authorities, educators, parents, technology providers, civil society, and child protection stakeholders can have a dialogue to address emerging risks to children in an online environment. Additionally, the discussion is geared to investigate ways to promote age-appropriate and child-centred designs as well as to strengthen accountability.

Expected Outcomes

As an outcome, this session is to present practical and actionable suggestions to strengthen child data protection – especially in an online environment, enhance digital literacy and awareness to parents and guardians, and collaborative policy approaches that safeguard children rights and presence online.

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Speakers



Adv. Pansy Tlakula



Dr. Patricia Boshe



Dr. Ololade Shyllon



Tolulope Pius-Fadipe, PhD



Mrs. Awo Aidam Amenyah



Ms. Amanda Shivamba

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Part IV

Closing Ceremony

- Opening Remarks
- Closing Address by the Host Organisation Representative
- Conference Reflections: Key Outcomes, Commitments and Next Steps
- Special Recognition, Presentations and Partner Acknowledgements
- Unveiling of the Next Conference Venue
- Vote of Thanks and Formal Close

Part VI

PICCASO Awards Africa

The PICCASO Africa Awards is the prestigious Awards that recognises and celebrates outstanding achievements, innovation, and leadership in privacy, data protection, and cybersecurity across Africa. The awards honour individuals, organisations, and initiatives making significant contributions to strengthening Africa's digital ecosystem, promoting responsible data practices, and advancing digital trust. The ceremony brings together industry leaders, policymakers, regulators, and stakeholders to celebrate excellence and inspire continued progress towards a safer and more trusted digital Africa.

DISCOVER NIGERIA

Badagry

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Badagry is a historic coastal town in Lagos State, close to the border with the Republic of Benin. Rooted in Ogu heritage and shaped by migration, regional trade and cross-border exchange, it offers a rich cultural experience. Its historic buildings and memorial sites connect visitors with the town's past, while its Atlantic coastline provides space to relax and reflect.



Point of No Return, Badagry

Point of No Return

This memorial landscape on Gberefu Island recalls the final journey of enslaved Africans to ships bound across the Atlantic. The historic route offers a powerful setting for remembrance and reflection on human dignity, resilience and the lasting impact of slavery.

Badagry Heritage Museum

Explore artefacts, documents and exhibits tracing the transatlantic slave trade and Badagry's place in regional and global history. The museum provides context for the town's memorial sites and the experiences of the people whose stories they preserve.

Coconut Beach

A coconut-lined stretch of Atlantic coastline offering sea views and an opportunity to unwind. Its coastal setting provides a restful complement to Badagry's historical and cultural attractions.

Tour stops, access and activities are subject to the organisers' confirmed itinerary.

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Sources: Badagry history · Historical monuments

Epe

Epe offers a quieter side of Lagos, where fishing traditions, lagoon-side communities and green landscapes shape everyday life. Its Yoruba cultural heritage reflects generations of settlement, trade and exchange. Today, the town combines traditional markets and waterfront life with growing opportunities for nature-based leisure, making it an appealing destination for relaxation and exploration beyond the conference.



Canoes on Epe’s waterways

Isimi Lagos

A private wellness and polo country estate set within a natural landscape. Its leisure experiences include horse riding, cycling and other outdoor activities, offering a retreat from the city. Visits and activities require prior arrangements with the estate.

Epe Waterfront

Discover the town’s connection to the lagoon through waterfront views, fishing activity and local commerce. The waterside setting offers a glimpse of the livelihoods and traditions that have shaped Epe, with opportunities to enjoy its local seafood culture.

Epe Fish Market

A lively centre of seafood trading and an introduction to Epe’s fishing economy. Visitors can observe the market’s daily rhythms, meet local traders and see the variety of fresh fish and other seafood brought in for sale.

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Sources: Epe Local Government · Isimi Lagos · Isimi activities

Lagos City Tour

Explore Lagos through its natural spaces, artistic heritage and contemporary leisure destinations. This selection brings together the forest landscape of Lekki Conservation Centre, the creativity of Nike Art Gallery and the lakeside surroundings of Lakowe Lakes. Together, they offer different perspectives on a city where culture, enterprise and opportunities to unwind exist side by side.



Aerial view of the canopy walkway at Lekki Conservation Centre

Lekki Conservation Centre

Managed by the Nigerian Conservation Foundation, this 78-hectare nature reserve protects native habitats within Lagos. Its elevated canopy walkway and nature trails offer a different view of the city, with opportunities for birdwatching and observing wildlife.

Nike Art Gallery

Founded by renowned artist Nike Davies-Okundaye, the gallery celebrates Nigerian creativity through paintings, sculptures, textiles and traditional crafts. Its extensive collections introduce visitors to established and emerging artists, alongside the indigenous techniques and cultural stories that inform their work.

Lakowe Lakes Golf and Country Estate

A landscaped estate combining an 18-hole golf course, lakeside accommodation and leisure facilities. Its lakes, gardens and hospitality spaces provide a relaxed setting for dining, outdoor recreation and time away from the city’s bustle.

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Sources: Nigerian Conservation Foundation · Nike Art Foundation · Lakowe Lakes

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HRM Oba (Dr.) Olufolarin Olukayode Ogunsanwo (JP) Telade IV

The Alara of Ilara Kingdom in Epe Division of Lagos State

The 55th Alara of Ilara Kingdom, he received his Staff of Office in 2020. His career includes more than 35 years in taxation and administration, including service as Executive Chairman of the Lagos State Internal Revenue Service. He is Chancellor of Lagos State University and was recognised by the Nigeria Data Protection Commission as a Royal Ambassador for Data Protection in 2026.

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Dr. Bosun Tijani

Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, Nigeria

An entrepreneur and innovation leader, Dr. Tijani co-founded Co-Creation Hub and previously served as its CEO, supporting technology startups across Africa. His earlier work at PERA and the International Trade Centre focused on innovation collaboration and the use of ICT by African exporters. He holds a doctorate in Innovation and Economic Development from the University of Leicester and is an adjunct professor at the Wits School of Governance.

Full speaker profile



Dr. Vincent Olatunji

National Commissioner and CEO, Nigeria Data Protection Commission

Dr. Olatunji brings more than 36 years of public-sector experience to Nigeria’s data protection leadership. At NITDA, he served as Acting Director-General and led work on e-government policy and regulation. Appointed to lead the Nigeria Data Protection Bureau in 2022, he continued at the Commission following its transition in 2023. He is a certified data protection officer and a public-private partnership specialist.

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Christopher Hodges OBE MA (Oxon) PhD (KCL) FRSA

Emeritus Professor of Justice Systems, University of Oxford

Professor Hodges advises governments, regulators, businesses and consumer organisations on regulation and dispute resolution. He chairs the UK Regulatory Horizons Council and is a founding director of the International Network for Delivery of Regulation. His research and books examine how ethical business practice, cooperation and an emphasis on outcomes can improve regulatory systems, organisational behaviour and access to redress.

Full speaker profile



Ms. Teki Akuetteh

Founder and Executive Director, Africa Digital Rights Hub LBG

An IT and telecommunications lawyer, Teki was the first Executive Director of Ghana's Data Protection Commission and now chairs its Board. She is also Senior Partner at Nsiah Akuetteh & Co. Her work across Africa covers data governance, digital rights, cybersecurity and child online safety. She has contributed to ICT legislation and advised regional and international bodies, and holds an LLM from the University of Strathclyde.

Full speaker profile



Dr. Ololade Shyllon

Director of Privacy Policy and Data Policy, Africa, Middle East and Türkiye, Meta

Dr. Shyllon works with policymakers, academics, civil society and colleagues across Meta to inform its approach to privacy and data in the region. A human rights lawyer, she specialises in freedom of expression, access to information and privacy. Her experience includes developing African Union frameworks and undertaking research, advocacy and capacity building. She holds a doctorate in human rights law from the University of Pretoria.

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Mrs. Drudeisha Madhub

Data Protection Commissioner, Data Protection Office, Mauritius

Commissioner since 2007, Mrs. Madhub previously served as Senior State Counsel in the Attorney General's Office. Her international work includes Interpol's Commission for the Control of Files and the UN Global Pulse Data Advisory Group. She is President of AFAPDP for 2024–2027 and was elected Chair of the African Union Data Governance Committee and Co-Chair of the Common Thread Network in 2025.

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Baker Birikujja

National Personal Data Protection Director, Personal Data Protection Office, Uganda

Baker leads Uganda's national data protection strategy, enforcement and coordination. His background spans legal services, IT regulation, compliance and cybersecurity, including roles at NITA-U. He represents Uganda in international and regional policy forums and has contributed to publications on privacy, technology and AI policy. He holds the CIPP/E and CIPM certifications and the Fellow of Information Privacy designation.

Full speaker profile



Jenna Franklin

VP and Assistant General Counsel for Data Governance, Privacy and Cybersecurity, Cencora

Jenna advises on AI, data governance, cybersecurity and risk, drawing on more than 15 years of international legal experience. Her career includes private practice and in-house roles in financial services. She advises the PICCASO Organisation, co-chairs the Data Protection Finance Group and is a founding member of the European chapter of Women Leaders in Data and AI. Her work connects regulatory requirements with practical business decisions.

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Janine McKelvey

Co-founder, Woman in Law and Data (WiLD), and PICCASO Advisory Board Member

Janine has led teams working across data law, compliance, governance and assurance. At BT Group, she served as General Counsel for Data, AI and Security and as Group Data Protection and Ethics Officer. Earlier roles included senior legal leadership at Warner Bros. and private practice at Pinsent Masons and Bowmans. Qualified in England and South Africa, she advocates for responsible technology.

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Noriswadi Ismail

Senior Director of Data Privacy, Policy and Regulation, GSMA

Noris leads GSMA's global data protection and privacy policy engagement with governments, regulators and other stakeholders. His 26 years of experience span regulatory affairs, technology policy, compliance, consulting and AI responsibility. He works with African and international data protection authorities and supports capacity building and advocacy. His qualifications include an LLM from the University of Strathclyde and professional study in privacy and freedom of information.

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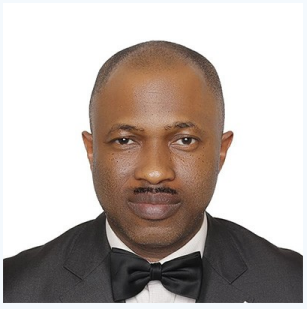
Ash Hunt

VP of Strategy, Cyera

Ash is an executive in technology, information security and product strategy. He previously held CISO roles at Sanne Group, Apex Group and the European Depositary Bank. He advises boards and venture investors on technology innovation and strategy, and has worked with government, major enterprises and critical national infrastructure. He also speaks and comments internationally on security, technology and AI.

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Babatunde Bamigboye Esq.

Head of Legal Enforcement and Regulations, Nigeria Data Protection Commission

Babatunde's experience covers litigation, legislative drafting, arbitration and capacity building. He contributed to drafting Nigeria's 2019 Data Protection Regulation and the 2023 Data Protection Act, and chaired the drafting committee for the 2025 General Application and Implementation Directive. His work includes regional policy engagement and international representation. In 2024, he was appointed an International Fellow of the United States Federal Trade Commission.

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Mr. Matthew Martin

Founder and CEO, Two Candlesticks, USA

Matthew advises enterprises on cybersecurity, AI governance and strategic risk across several regions. He brings more than 15 years of senior leadership experience in financial-services cybersecurity and works with venture investors and technology firms. He chairs the CISO Advisory Board at Trustwise AI and serves on the Responsible AI Institute's Global Advisory Board. His work focuses on secure AI adoption and enterprise security transformation.

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Ridwan Oloyede

Director of Policy and External Affairs, AI Skills and Compute Africa; Emerging Technologies Governance Lead, Tech Hive Advisory Africa

Ridwan works on AI skills, sovereign compute infrastructure and opportunities for young Africans. He co-founded Tech Hive Advisory and advises technology companies and African institutions. His contributions include the Global South AI Safety Report's expert panel, Smart Africa AI Council working groups and international initiatives on AI safety and trusted data flows. He holds an LLM in Law and Technology from Tilburg University.

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Tolulope Pius-Fadipe, PhD

Head of Research and Development, Nigeria Data Protection Commission

Dr. Pius-Fadipe has more than 23 years of experience spanning public and private organisations. She leads national initiatives for data protection officer certification and the Virtual Privacy Academy, and facilitates responsible data management training for public servants. A certified data protection officer, she contributes to policy discussions on equitable data governance and serves on the editorial board of the NDPC's International Journal of Data Privacy and Protection.

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Abiola Jimoh

Co-founder and CEO, XChangeBOX

Abiola is a commercial lawyer and fintech founder working on financial inclusion. XChangeBOX connects SMEs, agricultural traders and smallholder farmers with structured capital. He also co-founded PayRep Microfinance Bank to expand digital financial access. His advisory work covers commercial transactions, banking, finance and agricultural deals. He holds a master's degree in Public Policy and has received fellowships and recognition for his work in inclusive fintech.

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Awo Aidam Amenyah

Executive Director, Child Online Africa

Awo leads work on child online protection, digital literacy and safer internet use across Africa. Her experience combines education, social work and child rights advocacy. She supports children, parents, educators and policymakers through training and programmes, including the Happy School Girl Project. Her roles include Ghana's National Child Online Protection Steering Committee and child online protection capacity-development work with the International Telecommunication Union.

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Nzau Muinde

Public Policy Manager for Inclusive Digital Finance, GSMA

Nzau works on the policy and regulatory conditions for mobile money and digital financial services. His focus includes open finance, fraud and scams, consumer trust and the rules needed to extend access to digital finance. He brings this perspective to the Summit's discussion of data protection in mobile money, open finance and digital lending.

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Igboa Abumere

Chief Information Security Officer, Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC

Igboa has more than 20 years of experience in information security assurance and cyber risk management. He leads the team protecting Stanbic IBTC's information assets and has delivered major projects in security operations, identity management and fraud management. He was the inaugural chair of the Committee of Chief Information Security Officers of Nigerian Financial Institutions and holds an MBA from Obafemi Awolowo University.

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Philip Sowah

Board Chair, Simbrella Ghana

Philip brings more than 30 years of experience in telecommunications, technology and consulting across Africa and the United States. A former Airtel Ghana CEO, he also chairs Rancard Solutions and has served on the boards of Absa Bank Ghana and Unilever Ghana. His advisory work addresses responsible AI adoption, technology investment, customer trust and accountability, informed by executive leadership and board oversight of digital risk.

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Amanda Shivamba

Director of Data Protection and Compliance, DHL, Sub-Saharan Africa

Amanda is a lawyer with experience in Eswatini and South Africa. Her work spans labour law, human rights and data protection. She has implemented compliance frameworks in finance, retail, civil society and logistics, drawing on a master's degree in public international law and practical knowledge of African data protection legislation.

Full speaker profile



Dr. Patricia Boshe

Research and Publications Lead, Africa Digital Rights Hub

Dr. Boshe specialises in policy analysis, data and digital governance, and child online protection. Her experience includes more than two decades in university teaching and a decade in data governance practice. She advises governments, institutions and international organisations, drawing on work across Africa and Europe.

Full speaker profile



Oluwatamilore Oni

Public Affairs Manager, Sub-Saharan Africa, Google

Tamilore leads Public Affairs across Sub-Saharan Africa at Google. She is a strategic program leader with over a decade of cross-sector experience in technology policy and social impact. Prior to her current role, she led the AI Opportunity Fund across 24 European countries at the Centre for Public Impact, managed the Oxford Programme for Cyber and Technology Policy, and led strategic giving in Emerging Markets across the Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) region on Google's technology-focused philanthropic team. She holds a Master of Public Policy from the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford and recently launched a video podcast series on solutions to unemployment in Africa as part of the Future of Development programme at the Oxford Martin School.



Ms. Omoikhefe Ahimie

Manager, Lagos Liaison Office

Ms Omoikhefe Ahimie is the Manager, Lagos Liaison Office, Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC). She has over 10 years of experience in public sector administration, ICT governance, project management and data protection. Her experience spans stakeholder engagement, privacy awareness and sensitisation, regulatory compliance, training and capacity building, and organisational management. She is committed to promoting a strong culture of data protection and responsible personal data handling through collaboration and effective stakeholder engagement.

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