



WEST AFRICA DIGITAL GOVERNANCE FORUM

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West Africa Digital Governance Forum 13-14th September 2023

Day 1		
08:30 - 09:00	Registration and delegates arrival	
09:00 - 09:30	Opening Session	
	<p>Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductory remarks by Delfina Soares, UN-EGOV Diretor 2. Welcome remarks by Mactar Seck, UN ECA 3. Welcome remarks by Aissata De, UNDP Country Representative - The Gambia 4. Welcome Remarks by ECOWAS Representative in Gambia 5. Official Opening Remarks by Lamin Camara, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Communications & Digital Economy 	Chair: Lang Loum
09:30 - 09:45	Introduction to the workshop framework and agenda: Lang Loum , Director of E-Government, Ministry of Communications & Digital Economy	
09:45 - 10 :45	<p>Session 1: Digital Governance progress in West Africa: reality, drivers, challenges</p> <p>Presentation: Saleem Zoughbi (UNU-EGOV) Panel (5 minutes per participant) Mactar Seck (UN ECA) Luis Barbosa (UNU-EGOV) tba (World Bank)</p>	Chair: Saleem Zoughbi
10:45 - 11:15	Health Break	

11:15 - 12:30	<p>Session 2: New trends in digital governance and the challenge of data</p> <p>Presentation A: New trends and challenges, Delfina Soares (UNU-EGOV) Presentation B: Data-oriented governance, Alexandre Barbosa (CETIC, Brasil) (by zoom)</p> <p>Panel & Debate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Gov Academy Estonia (by zoom) • Dr. Jorjoh Ndure Tamedou, Insist Global Gambia • Irembo, Rwanda 	Chair: Mactar Seck
12:30 - 01:30	<p>Session 3: The Challenge of AI in Digital Governance</p> <p>Presentation A: Artificial Intelligence in Digital Governance, Abdou Karim Jallow Presentation B: AI Applications in eHealth and Digital Transformation, Nevine Makram Labib, Institute of National Planning, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, Egypt</p> <p>Debate: Q&A</p>	Chair: Abdou Karim Jallow
01:30 - 02:30	Lunch Break	
02:30 - 03:30	<p>Session 4: Communications and identity as key enablers for digital governance</p> <p>Presentation A: Non-authoritative Digital Identity, Vitor Fonte, IDINA Project, Portugal Presentation B: The Internet Ecosystem in West Africa, Poncelet O. Ileleji, West Africa Internet Governance Forum</p> <p>Debate: Q&A</p>	Chair: Delfina Soares
03:30 - 03:45	Health Break	
03:45 - 04:45	<p>Session 5: Digital Governance: International benchmarking and benchlearning</p> <p>Panel with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGDI (UN DESA) – Denis Susar (UN DESA) (by zoom) • GovTech (WB) – Cem Denar (World Bank) (by zoom) • DCO Digital Economy 	Chair: Luis Barbosa
05:00	End of Day 1	

Day 2		
08:30 - 09:00	Guests and delegates arrival	
09:00 - 09:15	Recap of the day 1	
09:15 - 10:30	<p>Session 6: Accelerating Digital Transformation in West Africa Region</p> <p>Panel coordinated by UN ECA with representatives of different countries, Moderated by Mactar Seck</p>	Chair: Thomas A. Senaji
10:30 - 11:00	Health Break	
11:00 - 12:30	<p>Session 7: Innovative Digital Strategies</p> <p>Presentation A: ECOWAS Digital transformations strategy, Marie Saine, ECOWAS Presentation B: UNICEF - Connectivity for children, UNICEF Presentation C: Effective Infrastructures in MENA (Rouda Al Amirali, ITU)</p> <p>Debate: Q&A</p>	Chair: Amadou Nyang
12.30 - 01:30	<p>Session 8: West Africa Digital Governance Forum: Mission and Roadmap</p> <p>The objective of this final session is to decide on the future organization of the WADGov Forum. Topics to be addressed include 1) mission / objectives / challenges, 2) organization and governance, and 3) roadmap for 2023-2024.</p> <p>Introduction by Saleem Zoughbi and Luis Barbosa Panel with</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A representative of UN ECA (2) World Bank (local representative) (3) ECOWAS (local representative) (4) UNU-EGOV (Delfina Soares) (5) A representative of one West Africa country (6) A representative of one West Africa country 	Chair: Saleem Zoughbi
01:30 - 02:30	Lunch Break	
02:30 - 03:30	<p>Official launching of the WADGov Forum</p> <p>Adopting WADGOV Forum Roadmap and Governance</p> <p>Address by HE the Minister of Communications and Digital Transformation of Gambia</p> <p>With final remarks by Delfina Soares, Director of UNU-EGOV</p>	Chair: Lang Loum