



West Africa Digital Governance Forum

Abuja, 3 - 4 November 2025

ANNOUNCEMENT

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The *United Nations University Operating Unit on Policy-Driven Electronic Governance* (UNU-EGOV), in collaboration with the *Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs* (UN DESA), and further supported by GIZ, is organizing the 2025 meeting of the WADGov Forum - *West Africa Digital Governance Forum*.

This initiative aims to join formal representatives of each West African country for the Digital Governance area and facilitate a very urgent dialogue among the different national experiences, as well as identifying opportunities and fostering new synergies at bilateral and regional levels.

The 2025 meeting will also host a capacity-building workshop on “*Digital Governance Infrastructure and Institutional Framework as Key Enablers of AI Adoption and Public Services Delivery*”. The event will examine how advanced e-Governance systems -- encompassing data governance, digital service delivery, legislative frameworks, and institutional capacity -- shape the ability of countries to benefit from and adopt frontier technologies like artificial intelligence. It will explore the role of these foundational elements and the relationship between digital government development and the national AI readiness, drawing on insights from the UN 2024 E-Government Survey.

The WADGov Forum agenda will appear soon at unu.edu/wadgov. The Forum is co-located with ICEGOV, the 18th *International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance* (www.icegov.org/), a main international conference in Digital Governance.

Therefore, we would like to share this announcement and solicit a manifestation of interest in this event from the National Agency / Ministry / Ministerial Division in charge of Digital Governance and Digital Transformation of the Public Sector in the country.

We are glad to anticipate that the organisers will fully fund the participation of **one (1)** representative from each country in West Africa. This person is envisaged to represent the country authorities in the area of digital governance, bridging the country to this initiative during and after the Abuja meeting.

We will appreciate your attention to this matter and a manifestation of interest, preferably no later than 1 October.

Once the country representative is identified, an invitation letter and a suitable link will be provided for registration, and the necessary documents for VISA application will be produced. Please note that VISA procedure for Nigeria may take a while. Therefore, all participants need to register by 7 October at the very latest.



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