



Sessions and Tracks

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How civil society can more effectively engage with tech companies | BSR

Africa Meet Up - Global Coalition for Tech Justice | Digital Action

Labour and Tech Africa Partners' Meeting | Ford Foundation, Siasa Place, Solidarity Centre and CIPESA

Board of Directors Meeting | CIPESA

Digital Accessibility for Persons with Disability Training | Centre for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) and CIPESA



Main Events - September 28-29, 2023

Opening Ceremony

CIPESA and Tanzania Ministry of Information, Communications and Information Technology

Keynote Speakers and High Level Delegation/Commemoration of the International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI)

Partner messages and Entertainment

Launch of *A Decade of Digital Rights in Africa* Report

Track One: The Future of Work

State of Labour and Tech in Africa | Ford Foundation, Siasa Place, Solidarity Centre and CIPESA

Track Two: Diversity and Inclusion

Multi-Stakeholder Responses to Online Violence Against Women | National Democratic Institute (NDI) and Femtech/Internews

Advancing Digital Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities | Centre for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Accessibility Lab, Deaf Legal Advocacy Worldwide and CIPESA

AI for Inclusive Communication and Information Access: Increasing the Diversity of African Languages on the Web | Sunbird AI, Policy and Mozilla

Track Three: Public Sector Digitalisation

Participatory Governance in the Digital Age: Lessons and Future Frameworks | International Center for Not for Profit Law (ICNL)

Harnessing Emerging Technologies for Civic and Democratic Engagement in Africa | National Democratic Institute (NDI) and United Nations (UN) Somalia

Co-Creating Human-Centered Digital Transformation and Entrepreneurship | Enabel

Human Rights Implications of Digital ID and eServices | AccessNow, Haki na Sheria and Danish Human Rights Institute (DHRI)



Track Four: Platform Accountability and Content Moderation

2024 Year of Democracy: Assessing Platform Risks, Safeguards and Preparedness | Digital Action

Towards an Internet for Trust: African Perspectives on the Operationalisation of UNESCO's Guidelines for Regulating Digital Platforms | UNESCO

Online Political Advertising and Content Moderation Concerns: Lessons from Kenya ('22) and Nigerian ('23) Elections | African Internet Rights Alliance (AIRA)

Platform Accountability in Africa: Content Moderation and Political Transitions | Meta Oversight Board , CIPESA, Open Society Foundations

Track Five: Information Disorder

Combating Disinformation for Democracy | Centre for International Media Assistance (CIMA), CIPESA, Bertelsmann Foundation, Global Voices

Information Warfare: The Evolution of Foreign Influence in Africa's Digital Democracy | Centre for International Media Assistance (CIMA), Watson Foundation, Internet Sans Frontières (ISF)

Track Six: Network Disruptions

The Impacts of Internet Shutdowns and Coalition Building to #KeepItOn | Centre for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), AccessNow, Zaina Foundation

Coupures d'Internet et Démocratie en Péril: Le cas de l'Afrique Francophone | Article 19 West Africa

Track Seven: Media Freedom in the Digital Era

The Rise of Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs) in Africa: Case Studies and Support Mechanisms | Media Defence, Trust Law/ Thomson Reuters Foundation, UNESCO

Track Eight: Digital Resilience

Testing of Website Censorship | OONI

Combating Cultural Digital Security Nihilism | Freedom of the Press Foundation

Defending Against Censorship and Surveillance | TOR



Using Incident Response Data in Strengthening Communities' Security Posture | Center for Digital Resilience (CDR)

Resilient Communications: Butterbox and Circulo | Guardian Project

Measure All The Things! Using Open Data to Investigate Internet Shutdowns, A Primer on Network Interference Research | OONI

Track Nine: Stakeholder Engagement

Local Actors, Global Fora: Strengthening African Priorities and Participation in International Processes | European Union (EU) Institute for Security Studies/ EU Cyber Direct, Centre for Multilateral Affairs

Opportunities for Company-Civil Society Engagement | Global Network Initiative (GNI), AccessNow and BSR

Foster Internet Freedom in Africa through UNESCO's ROAM-X Internet Universality Indicators Assessments | UNESCO

Track 10: Data Governance

Data Governance vs Data Openness: Regulation that Balances Rights, Development and Innovation | Alt Advisory, AccessNow, Jamii Forums and CIPESA

Closing Ceremony

CIPESA, Ministry of Information, Communications and Information Technology, Omuka Hub and APNIG

Side Events

Regional Partners Meeting | TOR

Making the Case: The Facebook Oversight Board and Africa | Meta Oversight Board

Tatua: Digital Resilience for Tanzanian Social Justice Organisations | Kenya ICT Action Network (KICTANet)

Civic Tech Breakfast | Pollicy

Meeting the Spyware Threat in Africa: Ensuring Voices from Africa Being Taken Into the Global Discussions | International Justice Clinic (IJC), University of California and Access Now



Intermediaries and Partners' Meeting AccessNow Helpline	
Exhibitions	
Piga Firimbi Africa Uncensored	Safety Starts with Community: Circulo app showcase Guardian Project
The LaunchPad Tanzania	Legal Health Check Tool Thomson Reuters Foundation - TrustLaw
Online Wellbeing Internews	Web accessibility help desk for open source tools Accessibility Lab
Disinformation-fighting scavenger hunt with the ProofMode app Guardian Project	Tanzania Ministry of Information, Communication and Information Technology
CIPESA	Media Convergency
Jamii Forum	Zaina Foundation
Tanzania Human Rights Defenders Coalition (THRDC)	Artivism and Creative Expression Culture and Development East Africa (CDEA)
Digital Security Clinic AccessNow, CIPESA, Greenhost, DigiSec Initiative	GlassRoom on Misinformation PolicyLab Africa
Omuka Hub	