The 11th AFRICAN SCHOOL ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE – #AfriSIG2023 – Abuja, 13-18 September 2023

Venue: AfriSIG will take place at the Envoy Hotel, Abuja. https://afrisig.org/afrisig-2023/

Schedule:

Day zero: *Arrivals and getting to know one another, overview of the school*

Day one: *Open internet and internet governance history, principles, concepts and institutions and the African context – Introduction to the*

                2023 AfriSIG practicum

Day two: *Internet access, community-centred connectivity, human rights, gender, media and accountable governance*

Day three: *How does the internet work? Names, numbers and protocols and the institutions that look after them. The digital economy and data*

                governance

Day four: *Cyber resilience, security and crime globally and in Africa. Orientation to the UNESCO Internet Universality Indicators*

Day five: *Joint UN IGF Parliamentary Track and AfriSIG session: AfriSIG closing*

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Practicum: The school includes a practical hands-on component, referred to as a "practicum", which will run throughout the five days. This will culminate in a presentation of the practicum output document at the United Nations Internet Governance Forum Parliamentary Track on 18 September. Topic for AfriSIG 2023 practicum: **Guidelines for the Multistakeholder Participation of the African Union Data Policy Framework**

AFRISIG 2023 Programme

Time	Session and session description	Facilitator(s)/presenter(s)
DAY 0 - Wednesday 13 September: Getting to know one another, overview of the school and introduction to the practicum		
All day	Arrivals and registration	
18:00	Dinner	
19:30	**INTRODUCTIONS:** Getting to know one another, overview of the school, ground rules, communications orientation and practicum role assignment. **COMMUNICATIONS ORIENTATION:** Social media use during AfriSIG, Chatham House Rules and good practice guidelines on taking and sharing photographs.	Anriette Esterhuysen, Risper Arose and Uchechukwu Nwodi
DAY 1 - Thursday, 14 September: Open internet and internet governance history, principles, concepts and institutions and the African context – Introduction to the 2023 AfriSIG practicum		
9:00-9:30	**OPENING:** Remarks from the hosts and AfriSIG 2023 partners	Mistura Aruna (NCC), Sylvie Siyam (APC), Adeboye Adegoke (Paradigm) and Mary Uduma (African IGF MAG)
9:30-10:30	**SESSION 1:** What is internet governance? History, issues and why it matters for social, political and economic development in Africa Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion that follows up on the self-study lecture by Dr. Wolfgang Kleinwaechter ▶ The History of Internet Governance. By Wolfgang Kleinwächter	Anriette Esterhuysen

	Scope: From ICT for development to internet governance to digitalisation and data governance - what are the processes, why do they matter and where are they heading?	
10:30-11:30	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
11:30-13:00	**SESSION 2:** Digitalisation, data and the digital economy in Africa Format: Presentation followed by discussion. Scope: The broader context of the internet and social and economic development in Africa. The session will draw on the RIA After Access surveys and also explore the African startup ecosystem and youth development with reference to a recent Pan-African study for the AU-NEPAD and the digital inequality paradox.	Fola Odufuwa
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
14:00-15:30	**SESSION 3:** Data and development: Concepts, issues, approaches and the state of data policy in Africa and the 2022 AU Data Policy Framework Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion. Scope: Different approaches to data governance have different pros and cons. How can policy makers approach data governance in a manner that maintains the benefit of an open, interconnected internet, protects the rights of individuals and promotes national and regional economic development.	Hanani Hlomani, Anriette Esterhuysen, Avani Singh
15:30-16:00	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
16:00-17:30	**SESSION 4:** Overview of the IG ecosystem in Africa: The institutional context at national, regional and global level, strategies, roles, relationships and the multistakeholder approach Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion in groups. Scope: Key institutions and role players in IG in Africa – from intergovernmental bodies, to governments, to parliaments and regulators and media watchdogs, researchers and human rights activists	Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u with Fola Odufuwa, Anriette Esterhuysen
18:30	DINNER	

19:30-20:20	**1st Practicum session:** Introduction to the practicum – Guidelines for multi stakeholder implementation of the AU Data Policy Framework Format: Presentation followed by role-assignment. Scope: Overview of practicum schedule and tasks, explanation of roles after which participants sign up for	
DAY 2 Friday, 15 September: Internet access, community-centred connectivity, human rights, gender, media and accountable governance		
8:30-9:00	Review of day one: Questions and answers Format: Open discussion of questions submitted by participants.	Anriette Esterhuysen and Avani Singh
9:00-10:00	**SESSION 5:** The state of access in Africa and the power of community-centred connectivity: How the unconnected are connecting themselves and the story of the Kenyan Community Network License. Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion Scope: What can be done to respond to the fact that growth in internet penetration has slowed down? Can the unconnected connect themselves? What is community-centred connectivity, and what is its potential? What do parliamentarians, governments and regulators need to do to enable community-centred connectivity? What role for other stakeholders? Can we trust internet penetration data? What else is needed?	Risper Arose and Josephine Mliza (virtual)
10:00-10:30	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
10:30-11:30	**SESSION 6:** The African Declaration on Internet Rights and Freedoms and the African Commission on Human and People's Rights Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression (2019). Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion and an exercise. Scope: The African Declaration on Internet and Freedoms as an accessible window to applying rights principles to everyday internet policy and regulation.	Edetaen Ojo
11:30-12:30	**SESSION 7:** A human rights-based approach to access to the internet and internet governance: Principles, frameworks, laws, mechanisms and institutions	Avani Singh

	Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion Scope: The session will provide insights into key questions, including: Is access a human rights issue? What are the obligations of African states and what do parliamentarians need to know about these? How can ICT policies be drafted and shaped from a human rights perspective? How does international human rights law and standards relate to a global internet? How can different stakeholders work together to understand and navigate this terrain?	
12:30-13:30	LUNCH	
13:30-14:30	**SESSION 8:** Digital exclusion, gender equality and diversity in the context of internet governance Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion. Scope: What does the concept of "gender" mean when we use it in the context of internet governance? What factors shape or impact meaningful access, economic and social participation, access to infrastructure/connectivity and political participation from a gender perspective, for women and for sexual minorities? What is "gendered disinformation" and what impact does it have?	Risper Arose and Paula Martins
14:30-15:30	**SESSION 9:** The internet, media freedom and diversity and the safety of journalists in Africa Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion. Scope: This session will look at the safety of journalists, media pluralism and why it matters for good governance. Participants will be included in debate and discussion that looks at the role of different stakeholders in ensuring media sustainability, and diversity.	Edetaen Ojo and Guy Berger
15:30-16:00	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
16:00-20:00	**2ⁿᵈ Practicum session** - Practicum plenary - stakeholder groups will present their initial contributions to the outcome document in response to overall questions.	
18:30	Dinner	

DAY 3 Saturday, 16 September: How does the internet work? Names, numbers and protocols and the institutions that look after them. The digital economy and data governance.		
8:30-9:00	Review of day two: Questions and answers Format: Open discussion of questions submitted by participants.	Anriette Esterhuysen and Paula Martins
9:00-10:00	SESSION 11: How does the internet work?: Internet architecture and core protocols, Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion. Scope: How the internet works, who develops internet protocols and standards, and a general overview of internet architecture and how this relates to internet governance and the institutions involved: IETF, IRTF, and ISOC. What are IXPs and why must we support them? The session will also talk about IPV4 (Internet Protocol version 4) and IPV6 and what the significance of this transition is in Africa.	Dawit Bekele, the Internet Society (virtual)
10:00-11:00	SESSION 12: Internet names and numbers and the institutions that look after them Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion. Scope: ICANN, IANA and the RIRs. The session will include an overview of internet names and numbers and how they are managed globally, regionally and nationally, focusing on ICANN and AfriNIC.	Yaovi Atohoun, ICANN
11:00-11:30	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
11:30-13:00	SESSION 13: In conversation with Nigerian internet governance practitioners Format: Moderated panel with audience participation. Scope: Overview of the day-to-day activities and challenges of growing an inclusive, open internet in Nigeria	Eyitayo Iyortim, Nigeria Internet Registration Association, NiRA; Samira Danburam, NCC; Edetaen Ojo, Media Rights Agenda; Fola Odufuwa, Research ICT AFrica Moderated by Risper Arose and Anriette Esterhuysen

13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
14:00-15:00	**SESSION 14: Current challenges in internet policy and regulation: content, platforms and AI** Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion. Scope: The session will cover mis/disinformation, platform regulation and approaches to artificial intelligence (AI). It will outline the challenges, current trends in responding to them and the risks to watch out for in doing so. It will also propose ways in which African stakeholders can contribute creatively to the global debate.	Guy Berger
15:00-16:00	**SESSION 15:** Data localisation and sovereignty, trends, opportunities and risks Format: Panel discussion Scope: Reflecting on the AU data policy framework this session will highlight some of the current trends in the region and provide insight into the perspectives of different sectors and stakeholders.	Panel made up of AfriSIG participants and faculty and Ololade Shyllon, Head of Privacy Policy, Africa Middle East and Turkey for Meta. Co-moderated by Ephraim Kenyanito and Avani Singh
16:00-16:30	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
16:30-18:00	**3rd Practicum session:** Plenary and negotiations - groups to agree on text of the first full draft of the output document	
18:30	Dinner	
DAY 4 Sunday, 17 September: Cyber resilience, security and crime globally and in Africa. Orientation to the UNESCO Internet Universality Indicators		
8:30-9:00	Review of day three: Questions and answers Format: Open discussion of questions submitted by participants.	Anriette Esterhuysen and Guy Berger
9:00-10:00	**SESSION 16:** Current processes in global and regional cybersecurity and cybercrime Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion.	Sheetal Kumar

	Scope: Overview of current global processes and African participation in these. The OEWG, the Ad Hoc Committee on a global cybercrime treaty and African participation in these.	
10:00-11:00	**SESSION 17:** Cybersecurity and cybercrime: A regional perspective Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion. Scope: Cybersecurity and cybercrime in Africa: Challenges, concepts, trends, processes and issues at stake for all stakeholders and overview of how ECOWAS is responding to these.	Folake Olagunju
11:00-11:30	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
11:30-12:00	**SESSION 10: (Moved from Friday)** Climate change, tech, internet governance, development and the green transition: Key challenges and opportunities Format: Presentation followed by interactive discussion.	Paula Martins
11:30-13:00	**SESSION 18:** The UNESCO Internet Universality Indicators: What they are and how to use them. Format: Presentation followed by discussion. Scope: Overview of the indicators, how they can be used, their value for MPs, civil society, researchers, government and other stakeholders and some reflections based on the experience of using the indicators in Africa.	Tatevik Grigoryan
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
14:00-15:30	**SESSION 19:** Human-centric and human rights-based approaches to cybersecurity capacity development in Africa – do they help or hinder in relation to the goal of a secure, stable cyberspace in Africa? What roles do we all need to play in this process? Format: Brief presentation of the AfriSIG 2022 output document followed by remarks from Abdul Hakeem Ajijola and a moderated discussion.	Abdul Hakeem Ajijola with Edetaen Ojo, Sam George, Folake Olagunju and Edetaen Ojo. Talk show style session moderated by Sheetal Kumar starting with opening

	Scope: Discussion and reflections on these recommendations and how parliamentarians can play a role in promoting their implementation	remarks from Abdul Hakeem
15:30-16:00	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
16:00 - 18:30	**5th Practicum session: Final plenary** - negotiations on final text of the output document	
18:30	Dinner	
DAY 5 Monday, 18 September: Joint UN IGF Parliamentary Track and AfriSIG session: AfriSIG closing - VENUE: Transcorp Hilton		
08:30-9:00	Members of parliament to check out of Envoy Hotel. Bus to Transcorp Hilton for all participants	
09:30-10:30	Opening and welcome to participants in the UN IGF Parliamentary Track and overview of what to expect from the African IGF and the rest of the Parliamentary Track (AfriSIG SESSION 20) Format: Opening remarks, presentation and discussion. Scope: Welcome of new MPs that have arrived for the UN IGF Parliamentary Track. Remarks from AfriSIG MPs on the insights they have gained during AfriSIG on the role of parliamentarians in IG in particular with regard to data governance. Overview of the agendas of the Parliamentary Track and the African IGF.	Anriette Esterhuysen, AfriSIG; Celine Bal, UN IGF Secretariat; Joshua Josh, African IGF Secretariat; Mary Uduma; West African IGF; and Lillian Nalwoga, African IGF MAG AfriSIG23 Participants
10:30-10:45	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
10:45-12:15	Data governance: Access to information, data protection and data flows: Challenges, trends and opportunities from an African perspective with an emphasis on the role of parliamentarians (AfriSIG SESSION 21) Format: Keynote address by Advocate Pansy Tlakula, South Africa's Information Regulator and past chair of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights.	Pansy Tlakula, Chairperson, Information Regulator, Republic of South Africa
12:15-13:00	Presentation of the output document of AfriSIG 2023 – Guidelines to multistakeholder implementation of the African Union Data Policy Framework – The role of parliaments (AfriSIG SESSION 22) Format: Presentation of the AU data policy framework followed by presentation of the AfriSIG 2023 output	Hanani Hlomani, Research ICT Africa; AfriSIG practicum chairs; Maha Abdel Nasser (tbc), Paul Kithinji, GIZ;

	document.	AfriSIG23 participants
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
14:00-15:00	**AfriSIG CLOSING SESSION:** Practicum debrief, AfriSIG closure and awarding of certificates	Adil Sulieman, African Union Commission; Adeboye Adegoke, Paradigm Initiative; Sylvie Siyam, APC Board of Dirctors; Hanani Hlomani, Research ICT Africa
15:00-15:30	Parliamentarians transfer to the venue of the African IGF Youth Track	
15:30-17:00	**PARLIAMENTARY TRACK SESSION:** Collaborative session between IGF Youth Track and IGF Parliamentary Track	
18:30	JOINT UN IGF PARLIAMENTARY TRACK AND AFRISIG SOCIAL EVENT	

AfriSIG 2023 fellows

	Name (name on name tags)	Affiliation	Country
1	Ababacar Diop	Jonction	Senegal
2	Abdiaziz Abdikadir Ahmed (Abdiaziz Ahmed)	Research ICT Africa (RIA)	South Africa
3	Agho Oliver Bamenju (Hon AGHO)	National Assembly	Cameroon
4	Azola Dayile (Azola)	Media Monitoring Africa	South Africa
5	Bridget Adhiambo Kasuku (Maureen Kasuku)	Feminist Conversations Kenya (FCK)	Kenya

6	Bridgette Hanani Ndlovu (Bridgette Ndlovu)	Paradigm Initiative	Zimbabwe
7	Bridgitta Flao (Bridgitta Flao)	Fact Checker (Mhub Malawi)	Malawi
8	Chisom Stephannie Adinde (Stephannie Adinde)	Ministry of Finance, Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone
9	Christiana Yeside Longe (Christiana Longe)	DiGiCiViC Initiative	Nigeria
11	Elizabeth Ujarura Kamutuezu (Dr Elizabeth Ujarura Kamutuezu)	Ministry of Information and Communication Technology	Namibia
12	Emmanuel Agbi (Emmanuel Agbi)	Nigerian Communications Commission	Nigeria
13	Gilbert Beyamba (Gilbert Beyamba)	Pollicy	Uganda
14	Helen Samukeliso Sithole (Helen Sithole)	MISA Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe
15	Ihueze Gideon Nwobilor (Ihueze)	Paradigm Initiative	Nigeria
16	Isaac Amuku (Amuku Isaac)	Women of Uganda Network (WOUGNET)	Uganda
17	Jean-Pierre Ayobangira Safari Nshuti (AYOBANGIRA SAFARI)	Parliament	DRC
18	John Abiodun Gbadamosi (John Gbadamosi)	Media Rights Agenda	Nigeria
19	Judith Murungi (Judith Murungi)	Young African Policy Research Hub (YAPORH)	Kenya
20	Kehinde Oluwasegun Adegboyega (Kehinde Adegboyega)	Human Rights Journalists Network Nigeria	Nigeria
21	Koroney Massani (Koroney Massani)	Assemblée Nationale du Niger	Niger
22	Letsatsi Phinehas Lekhooa (Letsatsi Lekhooa)	ISOC Lesotho Chapter	Lesotho

23	Linda Mmbone Ngari (Linda Ngari)	Africa Uncensored	Kenya
24	Lydia Lamisi Akanvariba (Lamisi)	APNIG	Ghana
25	Maha Rizk Abdel Nasser Eltarhouny (Maha Abdel Nasser)	Parliament	Egypt
26	Mahamoud Moustapha Daher (Hon. Mahamoud Moustapha)	APNIG	Djibouti
27	Mark Nzioka Mulobi (Mark Mulobi)	Digital Impact Alliance (DIAL)	Kenya
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29	Modestus Amutse (Modestus Amutse)	APNIG	Namibia
30	Mphatso Vanessa Mwiza Gunda (Mphatso Vanessa Gunda)	Parliament of Malawi	Malawi
31	Mundie Jesica Uiras (Jessica Uiras)	Namibia Media Trust	Namibia
32	Paul Kithinji	GIZ	Kenya
33	Rehema Baguma (Rehema Baguma)	Makerere University	Uganda
34	Robert Alai Onyango (Robert ALAI)	Nairobi City County Assembly	Kenya
35	Rosevitha Kandambo Ndumbu (Rosevitha Ndumbu)	Institute of Public Policy Research	Namibia
36	Samuel Nartey George (Samuel Nartey George)	Parliament of Ghana	Ghana
37	Sani Suleiman Sani (Sani Suleiman)	Paradigm Initiative	Nigeria
38	Shirley Gladys Nakyejwe (Shirley Gladys Nakyejwe)	Ministry of ICT and National Guidance – Uganda	Uganda
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Faculty and Resource team

	Name	Affiliation	Sessions
1	Adil Sulieman	African Union Commission	Closing session
2	Anriette Esterhuysen	APC.org	Session 1, 1st Practicum session, Session 3, Session 4, Session 21, Session 23
3	Avani Singh	Independent legal consultant / Digital rights specialist	Session 6, Session 3
4	Adeboye Adegoke	Paradigm	Opening remarks day 1
5	Abdul Hakeem Ajijola	AU Cybersecurity Expert Group	Session 18
6	Celine Bal	UN IGF Secretariat	Session 21
7	Eyitayo Iyortim	COO Nigeria Internet Registration Association, NiRA	Session 13
8	Edetaen Ojo	Media Rights Agenda	Session 7, Session 9, Session 18
9	Ephraim Kenyanito	GIZ Kenya	Session 15
10	Folake Olagunju	ECOWAS	Session 17, Session 18

11	Fola Odufuwa	Country Partner (Nigeria) for Research ICT Africa	Sessions 2, 4 & 13
12	Hanani Hlomani	AU Data Policy Framework	1st Practicum session, Session 3, Session 23, Closing Session…
13	Josephine Miliza	LocNet/APC.org	Session 5
14	Joshua Josh	African IGF Secretariat	Session 21
15	Lillian Nalwoga	CIPESA - African IGF MAG chair	Session 21
16	Mary Uduma	West African IGF	Opening Remarks
17	Mistura Aruna	Nigerian Communications Commission	Opening Remarks
18	Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u	Independent expert	Session 4
19	Pansy Tlakula	Information Regulator, South Africa	Session 22
20	Paula Martins	Manager, Social and Environmental Justice Programme. APC	Session 8
21	Risper Arose	TNET	Session 5, Session 8, Session 13
22	Sheetal Kumar	Global Partners Digital	Session 16, Session 18

23	Guy Berger	Independent research and consultancy in media and internet policy	Session 14, Session 9
24	Dawit Bekele	VP, Africa, The Internet Society	Session 11
25	Tatevik Grigoryan	UNESCO - Internet Universality Indicators	Session 19
26	Yaovi Atohoun	Director for Partnerships and Engagement, Africa, ICANN	Session 12