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Cross-border digital policies for Africa: Project Kick-Off

The project *Cross-border Digital Policies for Africa* will complement existing regional mechanisms for stakeholders from the African continent between 2021-2023 to share knowledge, consult each other, interact with stakeholders around the world, and develop a shared understanding of and capacity on cross-border digital policy issues. Through the utilization of regional mechanisms and partnerships, recurring workshops, in-depth data collection, and the development of a first Internet & Jurisdiction in the African Union Regional Status Report, this project will consolidate the timely information needed to enable the necessary capacity building to pursue an inclusive digital transformation based on evidence. It will furthermore ensure meaningful multistakeholder participation and provide the information needed to develop interoperable policy and regulatory frameworks for the digital 21st century, support the evolution of a digital single market, and to contribute to Africa's Agenda 2063 and the UN Roadmap for Digital Cooperation.

This project is enabled with the support of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

PROGRAM (UTC)

13:00 - 13:30 **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

- Opening remarks by **Bertrand de La Chapelle**, Executive Director, Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network
- Opening remarks by **Moses Bayingana,** Acting Director of Infrastructure and Energy of the African Union Commission*
- Opening remarks by **Edwin Fernando Rojas Mejia**, Senior Economic Affairs Assistant, UN ECLAC
- Opening remarks by **Clemens Kapler**, Senior Policy Officer, Digital Technologies Division, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

10 Minute Presentation of the Project, proposed engagement opportunities and milestones.

- **Tracy Sinkamba Faustin**, International Research & Project Management Coordinator, Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network

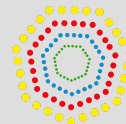**13:30 - 14:15** **COMMUNITY REACTIONS & PERSPECTIVES**

Moderated discussion with stakeholders about the proposed project and their respective perspectives regarding cross-border digital policies across the African Continent.

- **Moderator: Martin Hullin,** Director of Operations and Knowledge Partnerships, Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network
- **Onica Makwakwa,** Head of Africa, Alliance for Affordable Internet
- **Didier Nkurikiyimfura,** Director of Technology and Innovation, Smart Africa
- **Thabo Mashegoane**, Chairman of the Board, AfiCTA
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14:15 - 14:30 **MODALITIES OF ENGAGEMENT AND CLOSING**

*Invited speaker tbc

THE INTERNET & JURISDICTION POLICY NETWORK: INFORM, CONNECT, ADVANCE

The Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network is the leading multistakeholder organization addressing the tension between the cross-border internet and national jurisdictions. Its Secretariat facilitates a global policy process engaging over 400 key entities from governments, the world's largest internet companies, technical operators, civil society groups, academia, and international organizations from over 70 countries. Stakeholders currently work in three Programs (Data & Jurisdiction, Content & Jurisdiction, and Domains & Jurisdiction) to jointly develop policy standards and operational solutions to pressing legal challenges at the intersection of the global digital economy, human rights, and security. The organization is also the home of the I&J Retrospect Database tracking global trends and the world's first Internet & Jurisdiction Global Status Report.
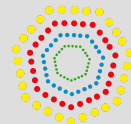
The regular Global Conferences of the Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network are institutionally supported by the Council of Europe, European Commission, ICANN, OECD, United Nations ECLAC, and UNESCO. Partner countries include France (2016), Canada (2018), and Germany (2019). The work of the organization has been presented to and recognized by key international processes, including the UN Internet Governance Forum, G7, G20, or the Paris Peace Forum, and covered in top media outlets such as The Economist, Washington Post, Financial Times, Politico or Fortune. The organization is financially supported by a uniquely diverse coalition of over 20 governments, companies, and organizations.

BACKGROUND: THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION AND INTERNET & JURISDICTION POLICY NETWORK REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2020

On May 27, 2020 the Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network in partnership with the African Union Commission hosted a Regional Conference for Africa. The virtual event addressed transnational and regional legal challenges in cyberspace, emphasizing the value of multistakeholder cooperation to enable digital transformation.

Key outcomes included:

- Official Africa launch of the world's first Internet & Jurisdiction Global Status Report 2019 that maps key trends and actors of the ecosystem.

- Multistakeholder exchange on internet policy trends that are important for Africa and how they can be addressed by current regional policy dialogues. Issues highlighted by participants included: platform and sharing economy, fake news, impact of the European Union General Data Protection Regulation on data protection and privacy and migration to the cloud amid COVID-19 physical distancing guidelines.

- Dialogue on Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network Program outcomes including: how public and private decision-makers can determine the geographic scope of content restrictions, why appropriate and proportionate action to address abuse at the DNS level is important for Africa and how to enhance African participation in global discussions on potential regimes for cross-border access to electronic evidence.

- Regional consultation on the future of the UN Digital Cooperation Architecture (Recommendation 5) in the context of the United Nations Secretary General High Level Panel Report on Digital Cooperation and in cooperation with the Government of Germany in its role as UN champion.

- The event gathered regional key stakeholders from governments, Internet companies, technical operators, academia, civil society and international organizations to share perspectives on global trends and discuss the future of the cross-border Internet in an African context in the framework of the Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa, launched by African Heads of State in 2019, as well as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Participating entities from 44 countries included:

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Politiques numériques transfrontalières pour l'Afrique: Lancement du projet

Le projet *Politiques numériques transfrontalières pour l'Afrique* viendra compléter les mécanismes régionaux existants pour les parties prenantes du continent africain entre 2021-2023 pour partager des connaissances, se consulter, interagir avec les acteurs du monde entier et développer une compréhension et une capacité partagées sur les défis politiques transfrontaliers sur Internet. Grâce à l'utilisation de mécanismes et de partenariats régionaux, d'ateliers récurrents, d'une collecte de données approfondies et la rédaction d'un rapport sur le territoire Africain d'Internet & Juridiction, ce projet rassemblera les informations chiffrées nécessaires pour permettre le développement des infrastructures nécessaires pour une transformation numérique inclusive. Il garantira en outre une participation multipartite significative et fournira les informations nécessaires pour développer des cadres politiques et réglementaires interopérables pour le 21e siècle numérique, soutenir l'évolution d'un marché unique numérique et contribuer à l'Agenda 2063 de l'Afrique et à la feuille de route des Nations Unies pour la coopération numérique.

Ce projet est rendu possible grâce au soutien financier fourni par la Société allemande pour la coopération internationale (GIZ) au nom du ministère fédéral allemand de la Coopération économique et du Développement (BMZ).

PROGRAM (UTC)

13:00 - 13:30   **ACCUEIL & BIENVENUE**

- Observations préliminaires de **Bertrand de La Chapelle**, Executive Director, Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network
- Observations préliminaires de **Moses Bayingana,** Acting Director of Infrastructure and Energy of the African Union Commission*
- Observations préliminaires de **Edwin Fernando Rojas Mejia**, UN ECLAC Senior Economic Affairs Assistant
- Observations préliminaires de **Clemens Kapler**, Senior Policy Officer, Digital Technologies Division, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Présentation en 10 minutes du projet, Définition des opportunités d'engagement et des jalons

- **Tracy Sinkamba Faustin**, International Research & Project Management Coordinator, Internet & Jurisdiction Policy Network

13:30 - 14:15   **RÉACTIONS ET PERSPECTIVES COMMUNAUTAIRES**
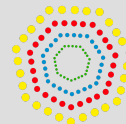
Echange avec les acteurs du projet proposé et leurs perspectives respectives concernant les Politiques numériques

transfrontalières à travers le continent africain

- **Modérateur: Martin Hullin,** Director of Operations and Knowledge Partnerships, I&JPN
- **Onica Makwakwa,** Head of Africa, Alliance for Affordable Internet
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14:15 - 14:30   **MODALITÉS D'ENGAGEMENT ET CLÔTURE**

*Conférencier invité à confirmer

L'INTERNET & JURISDICTION POLICY NETWORK: INFORMER, CONNECTER, AVANCER

L'Internet & Juridiction Policy Network est la principale organisation multipartite qui s'attaque aux tensions entre l'Internet et les juridictions nationales. Son administration facilite un processus mondial impliquant plus de 400 entités clés incluant des gouvernements, les plus grandes sociétés du web mondial, des opérateurs techniques, des groupes de la société civile, des universités et des organisations internationales de plus de 70 pays. Les parties prenantes travaillent actuellement sur trois programmes (données et juridiction, contenu et juridiction et domaines et juridiction) pour développer conjointement des normes politiques et des solutions opérationnelles aux défis juridiques urgents à l'intersection de l'économie numérique mondiale, des droits de l'homme et de la sécurité. L'organisation abrite également la base de données I&J Retrospect qui suit les tendances mondiales et le premier rapport mondial sur l'état d'Internet et de la juridiction au monde.
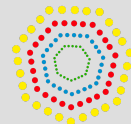
Les conférences mondiales régulières de l'Internet & Juridiction Policy Network bénéficient du soutien institutionnel du Conseil de l'Europe, de la Commission européenne, de l'ICANN, de l'OCDE, de la CEPALC des Nations Unies et de l'UNESCO. Les pays partenaires comprennent la France (2016), le Canada (2018) et l'Allemagne (2019). Le travail de l'organisation a été présenté et reconnu par des processus internationaux clés, notamment le Forum des Nations Unies sur la gouvernance de l'Internet, le G7, le G20 ou le Forum de Paris sur la paix, et couvert par les principaux médias tels que The Economist, Washington Post, Financial Times, Politique ou Fortune. L'organisation est soutenue financièrement par une coalition particulièrement diversifiée de plus de 20 gouvernements, entreprises et organisations.

CONTEXTE: CONFÉRENCE RÉGIONALE DE LA COMMISSION DE L'UNION AFRICAINE ET DE L'INTERNET & JURISDICTION POLICY NETWORK 2020

Le 27 mai 2020, l'Internet & Juridiction Policy Network, en partenariat avec la Commission de l'Union africaine, a organisé une conférence régionale en ligne pour l'Afrique. L'événement a abordé les défis juridiques transnationaux et régionaux dans le cyberespace, soulignant la valeur de la coopération multipartite pour permettre la transformation numérique.

Les principaux résultats comprenaient :

- Lancement officiel du premier rapport Internet & Jurisdiction Global Status Report 2019 qui cartographie les principales tendances et les acteurs de l'écosystème.

- Échange multipartite sur les tendances politiques de l'Internet qui sont importantes pour l'Afrique et comment elles peuvent être abordées par les dialogues politiques régionaux actuels. Les problèmes soulignés par les participants comprenaient : l'économie des plateformes et du partage, les informations erronées, l'impact du règlement de l' European Union General Data Protection Regulation sur la protection des données et la migration vers le cloud dans le cadre des directives de distanciation physique COVID-19.

- Dialogue sur les résultats du programme Internet & Juridiction Policy Network, y compris : comment les décideurs publics et privés peuvent déterminer la portée géographique des restrictions de contenu, pourquoi une action appropriée et proportionnée pour lutter contre les abus au niveau du DNS est importante pour l'Afrique et comment améliorer la participation africaine aux discussions mondiales sur les potentiels règles internationales d'accès aux preuves électroniques.

- Consultation régionale sur l'avenir de l'UN Digital Coopération Architecture (Recommandation 5) dans le contexte du United Nations Secretary General High Level Panel Report on Digital Cooperation et en coopération avec le gouvernement allemand dans son rôle de leader des Nations Unie

- L'événement a réuni les principaux acteurs régionaux des gouvernements, des sociétés Internet, des opérateurs techniques, des universités, de la société civile et des organisations internationales pour partager leurs perspectives sur les tendances mondiales et discuter de l'avenir de l'Internet transfrontalier dans un contexte africain dans le cadre de la stratégie de transformation numérique. pour l'Afrique, lancé par les chefs d'État africains en 2019, ainsi que les Objectifs de développement durable (ODD) des Nations Unies.

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