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Africa Regional Forum on Data Governance and Digital Government

DRAFT AGENDA

2 October 2024:

ICEGOV Plenary and African Launch of E-Government Survey

3-4 October 2024:

Africa Regional Forum on Data Governance and Digital Government for Advancing Public Service Delivery and Digital Economy.

Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

Overarching guiding questions for the Regional Forum

1. Given the centrality of data for development and digital government, Governments must employ a holistic, integrated approach in developing and implementing data governance and digital government frameworks. What are some successful pathways as demonstrated by countries in Africa?
2. Is a whole-government framework approach to national data governance frameworks and the development of digital government feasible and sustainable? Why?
3. Is a multistakeholder (whole-of-society) approach equally important? How can Governments engage the private sector and civil society more effectively in the national data and digital agenda?
4. In the context of data governance and digital government, what are the interlinkages between national and sub-national levels (city/municipal levels), as well as at the global and regional levels? How can peer-to-peer learning and twinning arrangements (i.e., institutional cooperation between countries) be better promoted?
5. How can data protection measures be effectively implemented to safeguard citizen information while enhancing public service delivery?
6. What are the best practices for integrating data governance and digital government initiatives to enhance the efficiency of public services?
7. What role does digital government play in fostering economic growth and development in African countries? How can African nations collaborate to enhance data governance and digital government efforts to drive economic development in Africa?

ICEGOV Plenary (Wednesday, 2 October 2024)	
09:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<u>I. ICEGOV Plenary</u>
12:00 PM – 2:00PM	Lunch
2:00PM – 4:30PM	<u>II. Africa Launch of E-Government Survey 2024</u>
Day One (Thursday, 3 October 2024)	
08:30 AM - 09:00 AM	<u>Registration and networking</u>

09:00 AM - 09:30 AM

Opening Session

Welcoming remarks:

Vincenzo Aquaro,

Chief of Digital Government Branch, DPIDG, UN DESA

Ambassador Marie Antoinette Rose Quarte

CEO of African Peer Review Mechanism

Alfred Mashishi

*Deputy Director General, ICT International Relations and Trade Department of Communications and Digital Technologies
South Africa*

Remarks:

H.E Bosun Tijani

Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Facilitator:

Angelica Zundel,

Consultant, DPIDG, UN DESA

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Group Photo Opportunity

09:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Session 1

Findings of 2024 E-government Survey; Global, regional, and local

Presentation 1: 2024 E-government Survey Highlights. (20 min)

Deniz Susar

Governance and Public Administrative Officer, DPIDG, UN DESA

Q&A session (5 min)

Presentation 2: 2024 E-government survey toolkit. (20 min)

Angelica Zundel

Consultant, DPIDG, UN DESA

Q&A session (5 min)

Facilitator:

Mr. Junho Lee

Associate Expert, DPIDG, UN DESA

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Coffee Break

11:00 AM - 12:35 PM

Session 2

Elements 1 & 2: Data standards, classifications, and data sharing, exchange, and interoperability

Introduction to the data governance framework Element 1 and 2 (20 min)

Mr. Junho Lee

Associate Expert, DPIDG, UN DESA

Presentation 3: Jeanette Morwane (20 min)

Chief Director

ICT Innovations Department of Communications and Digital Technologies, South Africa

Q&A session (5 min)

Presentation 4: Mr. James Cobba (20 min)

Deputy Director of Policy, Planning and Research

MOCTI, Sierra Leone

Q&A session (5 min)

Presentation 5: Mr. Godfrey Matsinde (20 min)

Manager, National Statistical System Coordination

Zimstat, Zimbabwe

Q&A session (5 min)

Facilitator:

Mr. Abere Shiferaw

Consultant, DPIDG, UN DESA

12:35 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Session 3

Elements 3 & 4: Data security; data privacy

Introduction to Elements 3 and 4 (10 min)

Mr. Junho Lee

Associate Expert, DPIDG, UN DESA

Presentation 6: Sorene Assefa (20 min)

Cybersecurity and Digital Governance Expert, UN ECA

Q&A session (5 min)

Presentation 7: Alfons Wibeem (20 min)

Namibia APRM National Governing Council (NGC)

	<p>Q&A session (5 min)</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Mr. Abere Shiferaw Consultant, DPIDG, UN DESA</p>
3:00 PM - 3:20 PM	Coffee Break
3:20 PM - 4:30 PM	<p>Multistakeholder Expert Dialogue Data governance and digital government</p> <p>Presentation 8: Leanne Jones (20 min) Africa Science, Research, and Innovation Team Leader British High Commissioner to the Republic of South Africa</p> <p>Q&A session (10 min)</p> <p>Presentation 9: Dr. Nomalanga Mashinini (20 min) University of Wits</p> <p>Q&A session (10 min)</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Mr. Abere Shiferaw Consultant, DPIDG, UN DESA</p>
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	<p>Wrap-up of Day One</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Mr. Junho Lee Associate Expert, DPIDG, UN DESA</p>

Day Two (Friday, 4 October 2024)

09:00 AM - 09:30 AM	Registration and networking
09:30 AM - 9:55 AM	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p>Recap of Day 1 Mr. Junho Lee Associate Expert, DPIDG, UN DESA</p>

9:55 AM - 11:00 AM

Session 4:

Elements 5 & 6: Data infrastructure and digital identity

Introduction to Elements 5 and 6 (5 min)

Mr. Junho Lee

Associate Expert, DPIDG, UN DESA

Presentation 10: Professor Erika Kraemer-Mbula (20 min)

University of Johannesburg

Q&A session (10 min)

Presentation 11: Jaha Mvulla (20 min)

*Manager Research, Innovation and Training
e-Government Authority, Tanzania*

Q&A session (10 min)

Facilitator:

Mr. Jibril Ibrahim

Coordinator Digital Transformation, APRM

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Coffee Break

11:15 AM - 12:45 PM

Session 5:

Data governance for AI in the public sector

Presentation 12: Mr. Junho Lee (10 min)

Associate Expert, DPIDG, UN DESA

Q&A session (5 min)

Presentation 13: Professor Gianluca Misuraca (20 min)

Polytechnic University of Madrid

Q&A session (5 min)

Presentation 14: Professor Desmond Oriakhogba (20 min)

University of Western Cape

Q&A session (5 min)

Facilitator:

Mr. Jibril Ibrahim

Coordinator Digital Transformation, APRM

12:45 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>Lunch</u>
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<p><u>Session 6: Peer exchange on data/AI governance and digital transformation powered by AI</u></p> <p>This session will enable participants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share good practices or lessons learned on data/AI governance and digital transformation powered by AI in their respective countries. - Learn from the shared cases, and reflect on national policymaking and implementation on the topics; - Form a community of practice (and of support) on the topics and provide peer support along the way. <p>To facilitate the twinning arrangement.</p> <p>Initiate open, interactive dialogue</p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i> Mr. Junho Lee Associate Expert, DPIDG, UN DESA</p> <p>Mr. Abere Shiferaw Consultant, DPIDG, UN DESA</p> <p>Mr. Jibril Ibrahim Coordinator Digital Transformation, APRM</p>
3:30 PM - 3:50 PM	<u>Coffee Break</u>
3:50 PM – 5:00 PM	<p><u>Closing session</u></p> <p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Vincenzo Aquaro, Chief of Digital Government Branch, DPIDG, UN DESA</p> <p>Invite to ICEGOV closing ceremony</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Mr. Jibril Ibrahim Coordinator Digital Transformation, APRM</p>