The Gambia National Workshop

"Capacity Development and Consultation Workshop on National Data Governance Framework"

AGENDA
Dates: February 4-5 2025
Venue: Bakadaji

Day One (Tuesday, February 4 2025)	
Time (GMT+3)	
09:00 - 09:30	**Registration**
09:30 - 10:00	**Opening Session** ***Opening remarks:*** ● Mr. Juwang Zhu Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations (UN DESA) (5 minutes) ● Mr. Karl Frédérick Paul, UN Resident Coordinator, the Gambia (5 min) ● His Excellency, Lamin Jabbie, Minister of Communication and Digital Economy of the Government of Republic of the Gambia (10 min) **Moderator:** Junho Lee, Associate Expert,UN DESA
10:00 - 10:30	**Photo Taking Opportunity** **Health Break**
10:30 – 11:30	**Session 1: Data Governance and Digital Government Trends** **Topic: "Global e-Government Development Trends"** **Presenter:** Mr. Junho Lee, Associate Expert, UN DESA (20 min)

	Topic: Pillars and Elements of Data Governance (UN-DESA) **Presenter:** Dr Jorjoh Ndure-Tambedou, National Consultant, UN DESA (20 min) *Q&A Session (20 min)* **Moderator:** Abere Shiferaw, Regional Consultant, UNDESA
11:30 - 13:00	**Session 2 Government Data Governance Trends** **Topic: Data Governance- Current Data Governance Trends and Initiatives in Gambia** **Presenter:** Amie Njie, Acting Director of E-government, Ministry of Communication and Digital Economy (20 min) **Topic: Strengthening Institutional Capacities for Data Governance/Data Inventory report** **Presenter:** Sheriff Jallow, Director , Ministry of Public Service (20 min) **Topic: Role of Digital Identity, Data Protection and Privacy law for National Data Governance Framework in Gambia** **Presenter:** Ya Amie Touray, Data Protection Committee (20 min) *Q&A Session (30 min)* **Moderator:** Lang Loum, Director General, MOCDE
13:00 – 14:30	**Lunch**
14:30 – 15:50	**Session 3: Sharing of Countries' Experiences** **Topic: Implementing UNDESA Data Governance Framework in Tanzania: Approaches and Challenges** **Presenter:** Dr. Goodiel Moshi, University of Dodoma, Tanzania (20 min) **Topic: Implementing UNDESA Data Governance Framework in Ethiopia:** **Presenter:** Abere Shiferaw, Regional Consultant, UNDESA (20 min) **Topic: South Korea's Data Ecosystem Development and Its Future** **Presenter:** Mr. Dongyub Baek, Principal Manager, Open Data Planning Team, National Information Society Agency, Republic of Korea (20 min) *Q&A Session (20 min)* **Moderator:** Mr. Junho Lee, Associate Expert, UN DESA
15:50 – 16:20	**Health Break**

16:20 - 16:50	**Session 4: Digital Transformation Data Governance and SDGS** **Topic: Data Governance Policies for Innovation and Business Growth** **Presenter: Professor Abdou Karim Jallow, Director General, GICTA- (20 min)** *Q&A Session (10 min)* **Moderator:** Dr. Goodiel Moshi, Consultant ,UNDESA
16:50 - 17:20	**Day 1 Closing Session** **Reflections** Representative, Government of Gambia (TBD) Junho Lee, Associate Expert,UN DESA **Moderator:** Abere Shiferaw, Regional Consultant, UNDESA

Day Two(Wednesday, February 5 2025)

Time (GMT+3)	
09:00 - 09:30	Registration
09:30 - 09:40	Recap on the Day 1
09:40 - 10:00	**Session 5: Regional Initiatives on Data Governance** **Topic: Strengthening Regional Data Ecosystems** (20 min) **Presenter:** Ms. Marie Ndé SENE, Program Officer e-Applications & e-Government (20 min) **Topic: AU data policy framework** (20 min) **Presenter:** Ms. Mpho Moyo, Consultant (20 min) **Moderator:** Abere Shiferaw, Regional Consultant, UNDESA
10:00- 10:45	**Session 6: National Data Governance Framework -Gambia** **Topic: Baseline Study Results and findings- Data Governance -Gambia** National Consultant, UN DESA (20 min) **Briefing on Focus-Group Discussion:** **Introduction of the Focus group (7-8 participants in each)** **(focused on the following elements against the four pillars)** **Focus Group 1** Data standards and classification

	Focus Group 2 Data sharing, exchange and interoperability **Focus Group 3** Data security **Focus Group 4** Data privacy (and ethics) **Focus Group 5** National data infrastructure **Focus Group 6** Digital identity and data governance **Guiding Template and Questions (**National Consultant, Mr. Junho Lee) **Moderator:** Junho Lee, Associate Expert,UN DESA
10:45 - 11:00	**Health Break**
11:00 - 12:30	**Breakout Focus-Group Discussion (Continued):** **Facilitator(s):** National Consultant and Mr. Junho Lee **Co-facilitator(s):** UNDESA Resource Person
12:30 – 14:00	**Lunch**
14:00 – 15:30	**Plenary Session** **Focus group I: Reporting back and Q&A** **Focus group 2: Reporting back and Q&A** **Focus group 3: Reporting back and Q&A** **Focus group 4: Reporting back and Q&A** **Focus group 5: Reporting back and Q&A** **Focus group 6: Reporting back and Q&A** **Moderator:** National Consultant, UNDESA
15:30 - 15:45	**Health Break**
15:45 - 16:00	**Workshop Evaluation**
16:00 - 17:00	**Closing session:** **The way forward** Representative, Government of Gambia (TBC) **Moderator:** National Consultant, UNDESA

ECOWAS E-government Expert Forum

February 6-7, 2025

Thursday, 6 February 2025	
Time (GMT+3)	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:45	Session I: Opening session ● Remarks by the Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy (The Gambia) ● Remarks by the ECOWAS Commission ● <u>Remarks by Juwang Zhu, Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government - Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations (UN DESA) (10 min)</u> Remarks by the Current Chair (Nigeria)
09:45 – 10:30	● Adoption of the draft agenda ● Establishment of the bureau ● Photo group Coffee break

10:30 – 11:30	**Session II Brief overview of ECOWAS new strategy 2025-2029 and Update on the programs and activities relating to the digital transformation**
	
	● Background
	● Vision, priorities, and axis
	● Update on the implementation of programs and activities relation to digital transformation
	   ○ WARDIP Program
	   ○ SDBA Program
	● Ways forward
	
	Q&A and Discussion
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11:30 – 12:30	**Session III ECOWAS region's 2024 e-government survey key findings** Presentation on E-government Survey, focused on ECOWAS member state context. (30 min) ● Understanding and implementing e-government development framework, guided by the UN E-Government Development Index (EGDI)

	○ E-government model framework ○ E-Government Development Index: principles and components ○ Open Government data and citizen engagement ○ AI and e-government ● ECOWAS region's 2024 e-government survey key findings ○ ECOWAS E-government Ranking 2024 ○ ECOWAS Countries global trend ○ ECOWAS Countries online services index ○ Lessons learnt, achievements, area of improvement. ○ Key recommendations for accelerating digital development in ECOWAS Region Mr. Junho Lee, Associate Expert, DPIDG, UN DESA Q&A and discussion (30 min) Mr. Abere Shiferaw, Regional Consultant, UNDESA Mr. Junho Lee, Associate Expert, DPIDG, UN DESA
12:30 - 13:00	**Session IV Dialogue and Knowledge sharing on data governance** Presentation on data governance framework and its application in African countries. (20 min) ● Data Governance Implementation model ○ Pillars ○ Best practices ○ Mechanisms ○ Challenges ● Data sharing management ○ Sharing data cross border ○ Data across private and public sector ● Technical needs for achieving efficient data governance. Mr. Abere Shiferaw, Regional Consultant, UNDESA **Q&A and Discussion (10 min)** Mr. Abere Shiferaw, Regional Consultant, UNDESA Mr. Junho Lee, Associate Expert, DPIDG, UN DESA
13:30 – 14:30	**Lunch**
14:00 – 16:30	**Session V: Member States perspectives on e-government and data governance** Status and perspectives on: ● Digital ID ● Interoperability framework (Exchange layer implementation) ● Private/public content development initiatives ● Artificial Intelligence ● Data governance Presentation of the national e-government platform ● E-government website ● Online services available **ECOWAS Member States (30 Mins max per MS)**

	Q&A and Discussion
16:30 – 17:00	**Coffee break**
17:00	**End of day 1**

Friday, 7 February 2025	
Time (GMT+3)	
09:00 – 09:30	**Recap of day 1 and next steps** **ECOWAS Commission**
09:30 – 11:30	**Session V (continuation): Member States perspectives on e-government and data governance** Status and perspectives on: ● Digital ID ● Interoperability framework (Exchange layer implementation) ● Private/public content development initiatives ● Artificial Intelligence ● Data governance Presentation of the national e-government platform ● E-government website ● Online services available **ECOWAS Member States (30 Mins max per MS)** Q&A Discussion

11:30 – 13:30	**Session VI: Ways forward for national interoperable e-government platform in ECOWAS region**
	
	How to guide e-government platform design and implementation to foster interoperability and harmonised approach supporting regional integration?
	● Success story on the implementation of a harmonized and interoperable e-government approach by a community or a region (15 min)
	
	Q&A and Discussion (10 min)
	Mr. Abere Shiferaw, Regional Consultant, UNDESA
	Mr. Junho Lee, Associate Expert, DPIDG, UN DESA
	
	● Brainstorming on a reference e-government platform guiding implementation of national e-government platform
	  ○ Identification of blocks needed to ensure interoperability.
	  ○ Component of foundational layer
	  ○ Common applications blocks

	○ Mediation middleware ○ E-government services **ECOWAS Commission & Member States** **Q&A Discussion**
13:30 - 14:30	**Lunch**
14:30 - 16:30	**Session VII: Closing** Presentation and validation of the forum report **ECOWAS Commission** **Closing remarks by ECOWAS Commission** **Closing remarks by representative of UNDESA** **Closing remarks by the current chair**
16:30 – 17:00	**Health Break**
	End of the forum