



Africa AI Village at UNGA 80



MONDAY 22ND SEPT 2025



633 THIRD AVE 22ND FLOOR, NEW YORK

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
07:30 AM - 08:30 AM	Arrival and Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ashley Njoroge - Founder, Silicon XchangeJoannes Paulus Y - Consultant, UNICEF
08:30 AM - 08:45 AM	Welcoming remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Kevin Frey, CEO, Generation Unlimited, UNICEF
	Keynote Address	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prof. Luis Franceschi - Assistant Secretary-General, The CommonwealthDr. George Laryea-Adjei - Director, Programme Group, UNICEF
08:45 AM - 09:30 AM	High Level Panel: Africa in the Global AI Order Theme: From Margin to Mandate – Exploring Africa’s role in shaping emerging AI governance, standards, and infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Emmanuel Lubanzadio – Africa Lead, OpenAIDr. Christine Zhenwei Qiang – Global Director, Digital Core, World BankDr. Margo Thomas – Executive Director, International Panel on Social ProgressMs. Marija Manojlovic – Executive Director, Safe OnlineMr. Kojo Boakye – Vice President of Public Policy for Africa, Middle East and Turkey, MetaModerator: Dr. Jonathan Donner – Chief Knowledge Officer, Caribou Digital
09:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Fireside Chat: Rhetoric to Returns: Africa's AI Moment into Africa's Dividends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">H.E. Ms. Salima Bah – Minister of Communication, Technology and Innovation, Republic of Sierra LeoneMr. Fred Werner – Head of Strategic Engagement at ITU and Chief of Strategy and Operations for AI for Good.Dr. Trevor Mundel – President of Global Health at the Gates Foundation.Moderator: Ms. Monicah Ndung’u – Chief Corporate Affairs and Partnerships Officer at Nation Media Group
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Ministerial Panel Theme: Shared Mandate, Shared Futures – Forging Africa's AI Sovereignty	<ul style="list-style-type: none">H.E. Cina Lawson – Minister of Digital Economy and Digital Transformation of TogoHon. Dr. Bosun Tijani – Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy, Federal Republic of NigeriaMr. Antoine Sebera – CEO of Rwanda Information Society AuthorityH.E. Ms. Salima Bah – Minister of Communication, Technology and Innovation, Republic of Sierra LeoneHon. Mr. George Opare Addo, Esq – Minister for Youth Development and Empowerment, GhanaModerator: Dr. Kevin O’Neil – Managing Director, New Frontiers at The Rockefeller Foundation

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Youth Panel: Empowering African Youth & Young Women: Scaling AI Skills and Entrepreneurship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryam Bello, Co-Founder of Parkers Mobile Clinic, GenU/YPAY • Mr. Joshua Opey, Chairman of Commonwealth Youth Council • Mr. Monwabisi Qeki - AI & Youth Empowerment Advocate-Mtoto News • Mr. Amine Idriss Adoum - Director of Infrastructure, Industrialization, Trade and Regional Integration at the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD • Hon. CPA Carren Ageng'o - Principal Secretary, State Department for Children Welfare Services, Ministry for Gender, Culture and Children Services • Moderator: Dr Nadi Albino, Deputy Director - UNICEF GenU; Global Lead on Partnerships
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	Thematic Exchange: From Declaration to Action Interactive Working Labs across the Six Africa AI Declaration Pillars. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compute. • Data. • Talent. • Market. • Governance. • Investment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key note on the Africa AI Declaration document by Hon. Rose Pola Pricemou - Minister of Digital Economy, Republic of Guinea Conakry Compute Pillar Lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Fatima Tambajang - Head of Developer Relations, Africa, NVIDIA • Mr. Alex Tsado - Founder, Ahura AI. Investment Pillar Leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Amolo Ng'weno - CEO, BFA Global • Mr. Magdi Amin - Managing Partner, African Renaissance Ventures Governance Pillar Lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Akua Gyekye - Senior Director & Head of Government Affairs, Corporate, External & Legal Affairs, Microsoft Africa • Prof. Bulelani Jili - Assistant Professor, Georgetown University; Faculty Associate, Harvard; Visiting Fellow, Yale Law School Investment Pillar Leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Amolo Ng'weno - CEO, BFA Global • Mr. Magdi Amin - Managing Partner, African Renaissance Ventures Talent Pillar Lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rikurora Karamata - Software Engineer & Researcher of National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) - Namibia • Ms. Celina Lee - CEO, Zindi Africa Market Pillar Lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Agnes Mukuiya - Chief of Staff, ChipMango • Mr. Sriram Bharatam - Founder & Chief Mentor, KUZA Biashara Data Pillar Leads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Bayo Adekanmbi - Founder, Data Science Nigeria • Ms. Ojoma Chai - MD, CC-HUB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Dr. Shikoh Gitau, CEO & Founder, Qhala
01:00 PM - 01:15 PM	Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Shikoh Gitau - CEO, Qhala Ltd

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