



COMMONWEALTH E-GOVERNANCE FORUM AFRICA 2015

24 - 25 MARCH 2015, KIGALI SERENA HOTEL, RWANDA



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Governments globally have adopted e-enabling governance in order to improve service, efficiency and transparency. Technological advances such as Open Data and Cloud services have added new dimensions to e-governance. The event will examine new technologies, showcase innovative e-Governance services, and facilitate peer learning among stakeholders.

KEY ISSUES

- e-Governance** at work
- Open data** for transparent **governance**
- Cost effective** and secure **Cloud services** for governance
- M-Governance:** The future
- E-Health**
- Security** and **resilience** in e-Governance
- Improving electoral participation through **e-Voting**

WHY ATTEND

- **Reach** key government officials and advisers from Commonwealth countries on e-Governance issues
- **Network and meet** with partners and clients during the event
- **Increase** brand exposure and promote solutions in hardware, network, software and data security, Big Data and Cloud computing
- **Contribute** to discussions on global and regional e-Governance issues
- **Receive** pre-event marketing exposure as featured sponsors/exhibitors

Expected Audience

- Government ministers, permanent secretaries, and advisers
- Heads of national e-Governance agencies and communications regulators
- C-level executives from equipment manufacturers and solution providers

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DAY ONE 24 MARCH 2015

Master of ceremonies: **Didier Nkurikiyimfura**, Director General in charge of ICT, Ministry of Youth and ICT, Republic of Rwanda

REGISTRATION

08:00 - 09:00

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OPENING CEREMONY

09:00 - 09:40

09:00 **Welcome address**

Professor Tim Unwin, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

09:10 **Welcome address**

Vincenzo Aquaro, Chief of E-Government Branch – United Nations Public Administration Network, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

09:20 **Ministerial welcome address**

Honourable Jean Philbert Nsengimana, Minister of Youth & ICT, Republic of Rwanda

09:30 **Official opening of the Commonwealth e-Governance**

Forum 2015
Guest of Honour

E-GOVERNMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: THE ROAD AHEAD

09:40 - 11:10

Chair: **Honourable Jean Philbert Nsengimana**, Minister of Youth & ICT, Republic of Rwanda

09:40 **Keynote address: The United Nations e-Government Readiness Survey 2015: the state of e-Government Readiness at the global and Africa level**

Vincenzo Aquaro, Chief of E-Government Branch – United Nations Public Administration Network, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

09:55 **Presentation: The ever changing role and importance of e-Governance in achieving the post 2015 development agenda**

Eilda Recl, Public Administration and Governance Officer, e-Government Branch, Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

10:10 **Ministerial Discussion: How can governments strengthen accountability and transparency through the use of ICTs and engage citizens in policy making?**

Honourable Dr Fred Okeng'o Matiang'i, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communications and Technology, Republic of Kenya

Honourable William Nyombi Thembo, Minister of State for Information and Communications Technology, Republic of Uganda

Honourable Yamfwa Mukanga, Minister of Communications and Transport, Republic of Zambia

Honourable Tharcisse Nkezahizi, Ministry of Telecommunications, Information, Communication and Relations with Parliament, Republic of Burundi

11:25 GROUP PHOTOGRAPH & MORNING REFRESHMENTS

E-GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

12:00 - 13:50

Chair: **Rosemary Mbabazi**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Youth and ICT, Republic of Rwanda

11:45 **Presentation: ITU E-Government implementation toolkit**

Jean-Jacques Massima-Landji, Representative for Central Africa and Madagascar, International Telecommunications Union

12:00 **Presentation: E-Government Project Implementation**

Victor Kyalo, Ag. Chief Executive Officer, ICT Authority, Republic of Kenya

12:15 **Presentation: Prioritising e-Government Projects for Public Value**
George Dzomba, Senior Project Manager, Twenty Third Century Systems

12:30 **Case study: E-Government implementation strategies in Rwanda**
Paula Ingabire, Head of ICT Department, Rwanda Development Board

12:40 **Rwanda@nline project**

Clement Uwajeneza, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda@nline

12:50 **Panel Discussion: Evaluating the implementation of E-Governance in the Commonwealth and beyond: Challenges and solutions**

Jean-Jacques Massima-Landji, Representative for Central Africa and Madagascar, International Telecommunications Union

Victor Kyalo, Ag. Chief Executive Officer, ICT Authority, Republic of Kenya

George Dzomba, Senior Project Manager, Twenty Third Century Systems

Paula Ingabire, Head of ICT Department, Rwanda Development Board

Clement Uwajeneza, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda@nline

13:35 NETWORKING LUNCH

14:35 Feature Presentation: How to ensure better public services through the implementation of E-governance

14:50 Interactive discussion: Question and Answer session

E-GOVERNMENT SHOWCASES

14:55 - 16:10

Chair: **Hodge Semakula**, Executive Secretary, East African Communications Organisation

14:55 **Case study: Reaping the benefits of the E-Tax register: Uganda**

Henry Martin Saka, Commissioner, (Domestic Taxes) and **James Kizza**, PO SSEP, Assistant Commissioner Information Technology, Corporate Services, Uganda Revenue Authority

15:10 **Case study: The Mobile Electronic payment system in Cameroon**

Peter Mbengle, Director of Strategy and Forecasting, Telecommunications Regulatory Board, Republic of Cameroon

15:25 **Case study: E-Government solutions in Kenya**

Paul Kiage, Manager/Project Monitoring and Evaluation, Communications Authority of Kenya

15:40 **Case study: E-Government solutions in Malawi**

Victor Mallewa, Deputy Director, Office of President and Cabinet, Government of Malawi

15:55 Interactive discussion: Question and Answer session

16:10 AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS

16:40 Feature Presentation: Opening up government data for transparent and proficient governance

Yosef Murangwa, Director General, National Institute of Statistics, Republic of Rwanda

16:55 Interactive discussion: Question and Answer session

17:00 CLOSE OF DAY ONE

19:00 GALA DINNER AT THE SERENA HOTEL



DAY TWO 25 MARCH 2015

Master of ceremonies: **Alex Ntale**, Director, Rwanda ICT Chamber Private Sector Federation

FUTUREPROOFING M-GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS

09:15 - 10:45

Chair: **Patrick Nyirishema**, Director-General, Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority

09:00 **Presentation: Using mobile technology to access and track public budgets**

Oluseun Onigbinde, Co-Founder, BudgIT

09:15 **Presentation: An m-Government toolkit for small states**

Professor Tim Unwin, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

09:30 **Case study: Rwandan YouthConnekt Hangout: Creating mobile applications which address socio-economic problems**

Auke Lootsma, Country Director, United Nations Development Programme

09:45 **Presentation: Smart farming with smartphones**

Dominique Mvunabandi, Faculty of Geo-information and Earth Observation (ITC), Department of Natural Resources Management, University of Twente and Department of Land Surveying, Ruhengeri Institute of Applied Sciences (INES-Ruhengeri)

10:00 **Panel discussion: Mobile phones for good governance - challenges and opportunities**

Professor Tim Unwin, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

Dominique Mvunabandi, Faculty of Geo-information and Earth Observation (ITC), Department of Natural Resources Management, University of Twente and Department of Land Surveying, Ruhengeri Institute of Applied Sciences (INES-Ruhengeri)

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10:45 MORNING REFRESHMENTS

E-DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

11:15 - 12:45

Chair: **Professor Anastase Shyaka**, Chief Executive Officer, Rwanda Governance Board

11:15 **Presentation: Democratizing Data Across Emerging Markets**

Kenfield Griffith, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, mSurvey

11:30 **Presentation: Improving youth participation in governance through social media**

Ebele Okobi, Head of Public Policy, Africa, Facebook

12:00 **Panel Discussion: How ICTs can improve democracy?**

Kenfield Griffith, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, mSurvey

Ebele Okobi, Head of Public Policy, Africa, Facebook

Charles Munyaneza, Executive Secretary, National Electoral Commission, Republic of Rwanda

12:45 NETWORKING LUNCH

13:45 **Feature Presentation: Trends in The Use of Multimedia Smart Phones for Medical Diagnosis in Remote Areas**

Professor Robert Jallan'go Akello, Lecturer in Telecommunications and Electronics, Multimedia University of Kenya

14:00 **Interactive discussion: Question and Answer session**

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND E-GOVERNMENT SERVICES

14:05 - 15:20

Chair:

14:05 **Presentation: Challenging governments to spur economic growth in rural areas using ICTs**

Juma Kandle, Immediate Past Chair, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation and Director for Human Capital and Administration, Communications Authority of Kenya

14:20 **Presentation: ICT innovations: making villages smart**

Dr Terry van Gevelt, Project Manager, The Smart Villages Initiative, Research Associate and Affiliated Lecturer, Centre of Development Studies, University of Cambridge

14:35 **Panel discussion: Removing barriers for ICT investment in local e-government**

Dr Terry van Gevelt, Project Manager, The Smart Villages Initiative, Research Associate and Affiliated Lecturer, Centre of Development Studies, University of Cambridge

Honourable Francis Kaboneka, Minister of Local Government, Ministry of Local Government, Republic of Rwanda

Juma Kandle, Immediate Past Chair, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation and Director for Human Capital and Administration, Communications Authority of Kenya

15:20 AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS

ACCESSIBLE GOVERNANCE: EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH ICTS

15:50 - 16:50

Chair: **Professor Tim Unwin**, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

15:50 **E-Inclusion for people with disabilities in government services**

Dr. Adebukola S. Adebayo, General Secretary, Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities, Director of Research and Programmes, Disability Policy and Advocacy Initiative and Founder and Director General, Human and Organizational Resources Development Centre, Nigeria

16:05 **Panel discussion: How can governments utilise assistive communication applications for people with disabilities?**

Dr. Adebukola S. Adebayo, Association of Persons with Disabilities, Nigeria

Professor George Njoroge, Principal, College of Education, University of Rwanda

Honourable Gastone Rusiha MP, Representing Persons with Disabilities, Rwanda

CLOSING CEREMONY

16:50 - 17:20

16:50 **Closing remarks**

Vincenzo Aquaro, Chief of E-Government Branch – United Nations Public Administration Network, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

17:00 **Thank you address**

Professor Tim Unwin, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation

17:10 **Official close of the Commonwealth e-Governance Forum 2015**

Honourable Jean Philibert Nsengimana, Minister of Youth & ICT, Republic of Rwanda

17:20 CLOSE OF COMMONWEALTH E-GOVERNANCE FORUM 2015