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AFRICA

The Conference On Technology, Innovation And Society

WELCOME NOTE



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Samir Saran

*President, Observer Research Foundation
Chair, CyFy*

We are delighted to welcome you to the second edition of CyFy Africa: The Conference on Technology, Innovation and Society. In 2013, we felt that emerging economies needed to have a voice and a platform to discuss the key issues agitating cyberspace. This gave birth to CyFy India. Eight editions and two continents later, we are very excited by the dynamism of this community and the conversations that have made CyFy a premier forum for all things digital.

Indeed, it was the overwhelmingly positive response to the first edition of CyFy Africa in 2018 that gave us the energy and enthusiasm to make this conference an annual affair. We are happy that we have more speakers, institutions and partners this year than we did in the previous year—and they have all contributed to the strength and diversity of our agenda.

It is not a stretch to say that cyberspace and emerging technologies are the most important drivers of change today. However, they are operating in a vacuum—international institutions have failed to provide governance propositions for cyberspace. Domestic regimes have not fared better. Around the world, there are some very polarising debates about data protection frameworks, human rights regimes and security policies. CyFy India began as an endeavour to find a consensus on these questions. Bringing this platform to Africa allows us to continue engaging in these debates with a wider community of stakeholders.

It is, however, a misnomer to think of CyFy as a technology conference alone—even though it may say so on the banner. Today, conversations on technology are as much discussions on human and social behaviour, about the management of organisations and states and even the governance of the international system as a whole. A discussion about technology encompasses conflict and compassion, trade and diplomacy, and war and peace. Today, the feedback loops between the real and the virtual are palpable and our agenda for CyFy Africa captures this phenomenon.

And there is a good reason for this: CyFy also represents a search for a

new social contract. All new technologies disrupt existing relationships between citizen, community, business and state. Responses driven by fear and anxiety—which we see a lot of—will invariably lead to sub-optimal outcomes. We remain—perhaps naively—a community of optimists. Our goal is to use technology to improve livelihoods, spur new innovation and to create resilient, free and secure societies.

Of course, creating such societies requires partnership and dialogue—which is hard to come by in a generation that focuses on the “I”. Our objective with CyFy Africa is to reach out; to create new possibilities for the transfer of ideas, knowledge and solutions. We seek to create omnidirectional flows that transcend 20th century divides of North, South, East and West. We want to see technology valleys emerge from new communities and societies that are capable of providing innovations and solutions to all.

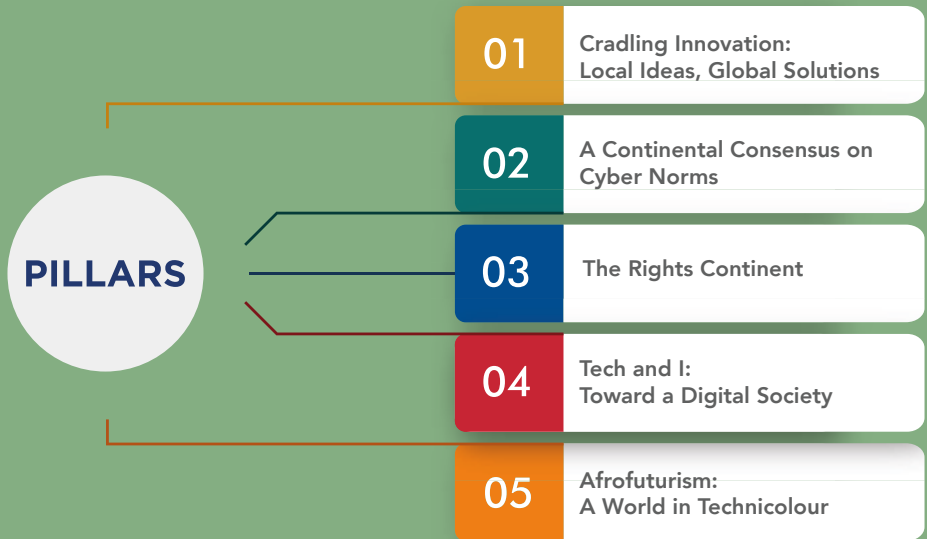
Here in Africa, and back in India, we see a burning desire to do this—to not only leapfrog constraints and obstacles, but to change lives around the world. CyFy seeks to give voice to this optimism for technology. Lazy incumbencies must give way to new actors, voices and propositions. In an age of disruption, we have tried to bring together the disrupters; the innovators and entrepreneurs that are shaping a new world all together.

Now that we have you all gathered here in the beautiful city of Tangier, Morocco, we hope that the conversations you all take part in over next three days will fulfil these objectives. We would like to see new partnerships and engagements between individuals and institutions who may never have otherwise met. Above all, we hope that CyFy Africa becomes a platform for consensus building, located as it is at the intersection of continents and cultures.

Team CyFy welcomes you all to an exciting three days of debates and conversation!



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MOULAY HAFID ELALAMY

Minister of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy,
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ILYAS EL OMARI

President Regional Council of Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima



SUNJOY JOSHI

Chairman, Observer Research Foundation



NOUREDDINE MOUADDIB

President and Founder, Rabat International University, UIR

AGENDA





18:00

Welcome Reception

19:00

Interactive Session: INTERFACE: POLITICS BETWEEN THE VIRTUAL AND THE REAL

Major foreign policy decisions are today communicated through a single tweet and Instagram Live has become a legitimate platform for engaging political constituencies. This has become a new normal in politics, and the feedback loops between the virtual and the real are now more dense than ever before. Technology will not only change how we communicate as individuals but also how states conduct diplomacy, business and war. How are events in the virtual world influencing politics? How should leaders from government, business and civil society navigate this new normal?

Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation (Moderator)

Abhinandan Sekhri, Co-founder, Newslandry

Shazia Ilmi, Spokesperson, Bharatiya Janata Party

André-Michel Essoungou, Political Affairs Officer, United Nations

Ambassador Amandeep Gill, UN Secretary General's High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation

Maha Aziz, Professor, International Relations Program, New York University

20:00

Dinner

9:00

CONFERENCE OPENING

Ilyas El-Omari, President, Regional Council of Tangier-Tétouan-Al Hoceïma

Moulay Hafid Elalamy, Minister of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy, Morocco

Sunjoy Joshi, Chairperson, Observer Research Foundation

Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation

10:00

Keynote

José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, Former President of the Government of Spain; Member of the World Leadership Alliance - Club de Madrid (WLA-CdM)

10:30

TRUST IN TECH

Decades of unbridled optimism about the transformative impact of technology has given way to a growing pushback against technologies and social-media platforms. How can tech giants address this growing trust deficit? What role can governments play in shaping the future of technologies? Do we need new frameworks to address the paradigm shift that is resulting from technological transformation?

Ali Aslan, TV Presenter (Moderator)

Arvind Gupta, CEO, MyGov.in

Melissa Lo, COO, Roboterra

Ali Seddiki, Managing Director in Charge of Industry, Ministry of Industry, investment, Trade and Digital Economy, Morocco

Charity Wayua, Research Manager, IBM Africa

Sunjoy Joshi, Chairperson, Observer Research Foundation

11:30

Break

11:45

COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Technology platforms are now the world's public sphere. The velocity and scale of information flows have aided political freedoms as much as they have enabled malicious narratives. The algorithmic curation of content by technology platforms has only exacerbated the challenge. What solutions should platforms adopt to prevent the dissemination of violent content? How should governments and international organisations cooperate



with technology platforms? What best practices should families, educators, faith leaders, and other community stakeholders adopt to build resilient societies?

Regina Mihindukulasuriya, Journalist, The Print (Moderator)

Mariam Wardak, Her Afghanistan

Franz Josef Berger, Manager, Moonshot CVE

David Scharia, Head of Mission, UN Security Council Counterterrorism Committee Executive Directorate (UNCTED)

Latifa Akharchach, President of HACA and Vice President-in-Office of Network of African Instances of Communication Regulation

12:45

Speedtalk

ENCODING ETHICS: Wendell Wallach, Ethicist, Yale University

13:00

Break

13:15

Lunch Session 1: DISRUPTING SOCIAL PROTECTION

Automation, AI and robotics are expected to indelibly transform the nature of work. Some view this transformation as a crisis, while others regard it as another in a series of disruptions going back to the dawn of civilisation. How should states de-link social protection from employment? How can technologies be deployed to revolutionise social protection and welfare?

Proposition: The workforce will benefit from the flexibility enabled by 4IR disruptions.

Urvashi Aneja, Founding Director, Tandem Research, India (Moderator)

Wendy Cukier, Professor, Ted Rogers School of Management, Ryerson University

Maggie Sprenger, Managing Director, Green Cow Venture Capital

Abdou Khadre Lo, Director for Africa, Access Partnership

Nicolo' Andreula, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Lunch Session 2: DIGITIZING THE NATION STATE: NATIONALISM AND DIGITAL IDs

Digital IDs offer an opportunity for improving the efficiency and reach of governments for uplifting their citizens' lives. However, there is now an emerging contest over ownership of these technological systems. The politics of nationalism is spilling over

onto the development and deployment of digital infrastructures. How do we establish ownership over Digital ID systems? What new institutions do we require to develop and deploy these technologies?

Proposition: Digital IDs will usher in new tools for surveillance and control.

Arun Sukumar, Head, Cyber Security and Internet Governance Initiative, Observer Research Foundation (Moderator)

Sanjay Anandaram, Global Ambassador, Ispirt

Mailin Asmae, Spokesperson, Office of the President, Estonia

John Hering, Cybersecurity Strategist, Microsoft

Karim Tajmouati, Director General, National Agency for Land Conversation, Cadaster and Cartography

Lunch Session 3: E-COMMERCE WITH A FLAG

While cross-border e-commerce is expected to drive economic growth in the coming years, states are increasingly adopting nationalist postures in policymaking. From rules relating to data localisation to limitations on foreign investment and ownership, e-commerce policies around the world are attempting to protect national innovation ecosystems. What will this trend signify for the future of digital trade? How can states strike a balance between incubating national innovation and encouraging the free flow of data?

Proposition: e-commerce will emerge as an area of contest for digital sovereignty.

Sameer Patil, Fellow, International Security Studies Programme, Gateway House (Moderator)

Chrissy C. Simukonda, Senior Economist, Industrial Monitoring and Evaluation, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia

Deborah James, Director of International Programs, Center for Economic and Policy Research

Emily Paragamian, Associate, The Asia Group

Małgorzata Krusiewicz, Policy Coordinator, European Commission, Brussels

14:45

Break



15:00

CREATIVE AI: HUMAN IDENTITY IN THE AGE OF VIRTUAL FLUX

Amidst raging debates on the future of work, production and security in the age of AI, machine learning and robotics, an oft-ignored aspect of technological transformation is its impact on society and identity. AI algorithms are capable of writing music, holding conversations and even guiding human behaviour. Can AI ever truly replace human creativity and ingenuity? How should we visualise our relationship with future technologies?

Lydia Kostopoulos, Cybersecurity Consultant (Moderator)

Karen Hao, Journalist, MIT Technology Review

Polina Aronsson, Editor, openDemocracy, Russia

Taoufik El Khiraoui, Data Scientist, OCP Group

Abeba Birhane, Cognitive Science PhD Candidate, University College, Dublin

Mounir Ghogho, Professor of Data Science, International University of Rabat, Morocco

16:00

Speedtalk

THE FUTURE OF ROBOTICS: Anindo Roy, Founder & CTO, NextStep Robotics

16:15

Break

16:30

BIOTECHNOLOGY AND ETHICS

Advancements in biotechnology will soon allow humans to alter the natural course of evolution. The fusion of our physical, digital and biological worlds will affect social relations in complex and uncertain ways. What ethical considerations should apply in the development and deployment of biotech products? Will advancements in areas such as genetic editing exacerbate inequality? What standards and safeguards should the scientific community adopt to ensure the safe development of biotechnologies?

Arun Mohan Sukumar, Head, Cyber Security and Internet Governance Initiative, Observer Research Foundation (Moderator)

Christina Larson, Global Science and Environment Correspondent, Associated Press

Manuela Appendino, Clinical Engineer, Bioethicist, Founder, WeWomEngineers

Wendell Wallach, Ethicist, Yale University's Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics.

Shinjini Kundu, Medical Researcher, UPMC (MIT 35 innovators under 35)

Charity Wayua, Research Manager, IBM Research Africa

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Keynote

Ambassador Amandeep Gill, UN Secretary General's High Level Panel on Digital Cooperation

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ALGORITHMIC TRANSPARENCY AND THE QUEST FOR ETHICAL AI

ML and AI applications increasingly make inferences about the world around us—inferences that affect decisions relating to insurance, healthcare, criminal justice and even war. However, the opacity and complexity of algorithms often leads them to be unexplainable. Will black box algorithms exacerbate inequality? How do we make AI interpretable? What technical and legal measures are required to ensure fairness, accountability and transparency in ML and AI systems?

Sandro Gaycken, Founder and Director, ESMT Berlin (Moderator)

Soo-young Lee, Professor, Korea Advanced Institute for Science and Technology

Mallory Knodel, Head of Digital, Article 19

Yenatfanta Shifferaw, Researcher, Ethiopian Biotechnology Institute

Neira Dali Chaouch, Community Development Manager, Women in AI

19:00

Keynote

David Scharia, Head of Mission, UN Security Council Counterterrorism Committee Executive Directorate (UNCTED)

19:15

Break

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Presentation

Bharatbala Ganapathy, Director, India



20:30

Dinner Session 1: THE GEOPOLITICS OF 5G

5G communications infrastructure will exponentially increase our ability to deploy digital technologies. The future of 5G, however, will be implicated by an emerging geopolitical contest between the US and China. Yet, the choices that developing countries make will be equally consequential. How should states and businesses manage supply chain risks in an interconnected world?

Proposition: The contest for 5G leadership will lead to the emergence of the splinternet

Arun Mohan Sukumar, Head, Cyber Security and Internet Governance Initiative, ORF (Moderator)

Wang Dong, Associate Professor, Peking University

May-Ann Lim, Executive Director, Asia Cloud Computing Association

Jennifer McArdle, Assistant Professor and Faculty Fellow, Salve Regina University

Trisha Ray, Junior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

Dinner Session 2: A NEW PROTAGONIST: STORIES OF CHANGE FROM ASIA AND AFRICA

The recent successes of Afro-Asian stories and histories within the global entertainment industry hold many important lessons. The asymmetry in storytelling worldwide seems to be a product of the inadequate pathways for disseminating content arising out of the global south. How must the creation of content from Africa, South Asia and other emerging parts of the world be encouraged and sustained? What are the current initiatives geared towards this goal?

Hindol Sengupta, Chevening Scholar, Oxford University (Moderator)

Vani Tripathi, Central Board of Film Certification, India

Johnny Miller, Founder, africaDrone

Nigel Mugamu, Founder, 263chat

Peter Essoka, President of the National Communication Council of Cameroon and current President of the RIARC

Sahraa Karimi, Director General, Afghan Film

Dinner Session 3: NEW AGE MICROFINANCE: LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGIES TO EMPOWER

New technologies such as AI, data analytics and micro-targeting are creating pathways for tailored finance products that can foster inclusion and provide social protection.

How are start-ups and entrepreneurs bypassing brick-and-mortar institutions to build these digital businesses? Does this herald the end of traditional finance?

Proposition: Traditional financial institutions will become obsolete following in the AI age.

Mike Patel, CEO, LXM.IO (Moderator)

Lucy Corkin, Business Manager, Rand Merchant Bank

Karsten Wenzlaff, Founder, Institute of Communications for Social Media (ikosom)

Arun Sharma, Director, Direct Benefits Mission, India

Gautam Saxena, Founder and Managing Partner, Pegasus 7 Capital



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Registration

10:00

EMERGING VOICES & POPULAR MOVEMENTS FOR PEACE IN CYBERSPACE

Governments are increasingly attempting to exploit or even weaponise software to achieve national security objectives, and governmental investments in military cyber capabilities continue to grow year after year. Civilians and emerging economies are a frequent collateral of this escalating cyber conflict. This panel will highlight a new generation of collaboration among people from around the world, coming together to fight for the right to a free and secure internet. Panellists will discuss key new and inclusive initiatives – including the Digital Peace Now campaign, Paris Call for Trust & Security in Cyberspace and Tim Berners-Lee's Contract for the Web. It will also explore the next steps for this growing movement.

Abdul Hakim Ajijola Member, Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace (Moderator)

Jairus Khan, Outreach, Internet Health, Mozilla

Jamal Edwards, Policy Program Manager, Microsoft

Maria Smekalova, Expert, Russia Council for International Affairs

Ingrid Brudvig, Gender Policy Manager, World Wide Web Foundation

11:00

Keynote

Aziz Hilali, ICANN 2019 NomCom, Chair of the Africa At-Large Organisation (AFRALO)

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Keynote

Driss El Yazami, The President of the Council of the Moroccan Community Abroad

11:30

Break

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Keynote

Abdelmounaim Dinia, Deputy General for Support, Credit Agricole du Maroc Group

12:00

In Conversation: Women, Tech and Media

Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation (Moderator)



Vani Tripathi, Board Member, Central Board of Film Certification, India

Richa Chadda, Bollywood Actress

Faruk Kabir, Writer, Director, Producer.

12:30

Keynote

Abdul Hakim Ajijola, Commissioner, Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace

12:45

Speedtalk

INNOVATION AND EDUCATION: Adil Belkhadir, Project Manager, 1337/YouCode, OCP Group

13:00

Break

13:15

Lunch Session 1: JOURNALISM IN THE AGE OF NEW MEDIA

Journalism as an industry is being buffeted by the convergence of technological change and attendant cultural shifts. Trust in mainstream media is at its lowest in years, automated curation of content is altering the publications process, and social media has rendered past business models ineffective. How should journalists revive their credibility in an era of misinformation and deep fakes? How will AI transform the way we report and consume the news? How should media organisations generate economic value in an era of free digital services?

Proposition: Trust In mainstream media will deteriorate for the foreseeable future

Chitra Subramaniam, Media Person, India/Switzerland (Moderator)

Olga Stern, Founder, Genews

Peace Chikodinaka Eze, Anchor, AIT Africa

Ali Aslan, TV Presenter

Chaimae Lahssini, journalists, Morocco

Aicha Akalay, Publication Director & Editor-in-Chief, TelQuel Weekly Magazine

Lunch Session 2: PRIVACY INC: BUILDING PROFITABLE PRO-PRIVACY BUSINESS MODELS

Individuals today trade personal information in exchange for a plethora of digital services. This model has become increasingly

unsustainable as it creates a market for surveillance technologies. Are alternative business models that protect privacy and still generate economic and social value viable?

Proposition: The trade-off between personal information and commercial services has so far led to more good than harm

Arun Sukumar, Head, Cyber Security and Internet Governance Initiative, Observer Research Foundation (Moderator)

Kasia Odrozek, Project Manager, Internet Health Report, Mozilla Foundation

Laura Sallstrom, Head of Practice, Data Policy and Trust, Access Partnership

John Hering, Cybersecurity Strategist, Microsoft

Rohit Bansal, Group Head of Communications, Reliance Industries Ltd

Lunch Session 3: INNOVATING FOR THE WEST

For many years, Silicon Valley had boasted of its ability to provide solutions to the world. Recently, we have been witnessing a reversal of this trend. We see innovations in digital payments and micro mobility emerging from the developing world and being adopted in developed states. What are the emerging contours of these new flows in technology? How are they implicating the global digital ecosystem? What solutions can developing nations create for the world?

Laura Sallstrom, Head of Practice, Data Policy and Trust, Access Partnership (Moderator)

Pan Haidong, CEO, Hudong.com

Hanae Beza, Managing Director of Le Wagon Morocco and founder of Douar Tech

Prerna Mukharya, Founder, Outline India

Mohsine Bouya, Director of Innovation and Transfer (UIR)

Tazi Riffi, CEO, Med Logistics Hub

14:45

Break

15:00

EMTECH AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Facial recognition, predictive policing, autonomous weapons: technologies that were once only in the realm of science fiction are rapidly becoming reality. How can we strike a balance between collective security and individual freedoms? What red lines can we draw in the deployment of smart technologies for policing and defence? How should governments work with technology platforms to ensure the safe deployment of these technologies?



Shay Zandani, Principal, KPMG (Moderator)

Jennifer McArdle, Assistant Professor, Faculty Fellow, Salve Regina University

Megan Lamberth, Research Assistant, Centre for a New America Security

Heigo Sato, Professor, Takushoku University

Oluwafemi Osho, Department of Cyber Security Science, Federal University of Technology, Minna

Cenk Sidar, CEO, Global Wonks

16:00

Speedtalk

DIGITAL PEACE NOW: Jamal Edwards, Policy Program Manager, Microsoft

16:15

Break

16:30

INVESTING IN WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

Despite the emphasis on diversity in tech development, few start-ups and VC funds today are run by women. This gap is only accentuated in the developing countries of Africa and Asia. What are the reasons for the gaps in diversity of funding? What strategies can women-led start-ups and VC funds employ to access finance?

Soline Kaufmann, Engagement and Partnership Director, Blisce (Moderator)

Papa Amadou Sarr, Minister, General Delegate for Entrepreneurship, Senegal

Houda Chakiri, CEO, Enhanced Technologies

Martha Alade, Women in Tech in Nigeria

Priyanka Chaturvedi, Deputy Leader, Shiv Sena

Nabila Tbeur, Chargee de Mission, Executive Director of Industrial Operations, OCP

Salma Karim, Head of Human Capital and Innovation Department, Digital Development Agency

17:30

Speedtalk

MOZILLA INTERNET HEALTH REPORT: Kasia Odrozek and Jairus Khan

17:50

Break

18:00

CYBERSECURITY: PROTECTING THE NEW GLOBAL COMMONS

As developing countries migrate to digital systems to meet development goals and improve governance and business outcomes, it has become an imperative to create a robust cybersecurity infrastructure. How do we move towards a global commitment to protect these new virtual resources? What risks are specific to developing economies? Can we apply traditional cross-border infrastructure investment models to build cybersecurity capacity in the digital South?

John Mallery, Research Scientist, Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, MIT (Moderator)

John Alhassan, Head of Department of Cyber Security Science, School of Information and Communication Technology, Federal University of Technology, Minna

Gulshan Rai, Former National Cybersecurity Coordinator, India
Ghita Mezzour, Research Professor at TICLab and School of Computer Science and Digital (UIR)

Lydia Kostopoulos, Cybersecurity Expert

19:00

Speedtalk

Aurelio Amaral, Partnerships and Policy Development Officer at the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE)

19:15

Break

19:30

PROTECTING THE VOTE: ELECTORAL INTEGRITY

Recent years have seen increasing interference in electoral processes, from hacking EVMs to armies of social media bots that spread misinformation with the intent to polarise. How can we build resilience in institutions and societies against these disruptive developments? What lessons can Asia and Africa glean from the failures of the West?

Ali Aslan, TV Presenter (Moderator)

Donara Barojan, Information warfare expert

Maria Elena Agüero, Secretary General, World Leadership Alliance, Club-de-Madrid

Shay Zandani, Principal, KPMG

Rema Rajeshwari, District Police Chief, Telangana State Police, India

Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation

20:30

Vote of Thanks

20:45

Gala Dinner

LIVE STUDIO @ CYFY AFRICA

8th JUNE

- 11:00** ***Toward Splinternet***
Wang Dong, Associate Professor Peking University
Mikhail Korostikov, Journalist, Kommersant Publishing House
Kasia Odrozek, Internet Health Report Project Manager, Mozilla
In conversation with: Arun Sukumar, Observer Research Foundation
- 14:00** ***Politics of Representation: Populism and Social Media***
Maha Aziz, Professor, New York University
In conversation with: Abhinandan Sekhri, Co-founder, Newslaundry
- 16:00** ***Encoded Lethality: The Effect of Autonomous Systems on National Security***
Ambassador Amandeep Singh Gill, UN High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation
In conversation with: Trisha Ray, Observer Research Foundation
- 18:00** ***Women in the Future of Work***
Sanchaita Gajapati Raju, Founder, SANA, National Executive Member, BJYM,
Media Panelist, Bharatiya Janata Party
Molishree, NITI Aayog
Bitseat Tadesse, Programmer at iCog-Labs
- 19:00** ***Digital Transitions to DTT: Social Impact on Communities***
Babacar Diagne, President Audio Visual Regulation Council of Senegal
In conversation with: Sashidhar KJ, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

9th JUNE

- 11:00** ***Deep fakes and the End of Information Integrity***
Donara Barojan, Information warfare expert
Shay Zandani, Principal, KPMG
In conversation with: Arun Sukumar, Observer Research Foundation
- 12:00** ***Pax Sinica: A New Normal for the Internet Economy***
John Mallery, Research Scientist, MIT Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence
In conversation with: Sameer Patil, Gateway House
- 15:00** ***Human rights in the Digital Age***
Caterina Assenti, ICRC Colombia Delegate, AICS Project Coordinator in Senegal
Davis Makori, Advocacy and Campaign Manager, Crisis Action
In Conversation with: Suthikorn Kingkaew, Thammasat University; Director of Research, Future Innovative Thailand Institute
- 16:00** ***Cultural Start-Ups from Asia and Africa***
Hindol Sengputa, Chevening Scholar, Oxford University
In Conversation with Samir Saran, President, ORF
- 18:00** ***The Age of the Internet Influencer: Consumption and Marketing in the 21st Century***
Richa Chadda, Bollywood Actress
In conversation with: Hindol Sengputa, Chevening Scholar, Oxford University

SPEAKER AND DELEGATE PROFILES

Abdelmounaim Dinia

Deputy Director General for Support of Credit Agricole du Maroc Group

Graduated from Supmeca Paris, he started his career in France where he worked for twelve years in the IT sector and in particular in the Banking sector. He joined the Credit Agricole du Maroc group in 2005 as Director of Banking Treatments, then Director of the Information Systems and finally Pole Director. Mr. Dinia is currently Deputy Director General for Support (Digital Banking, IT, Treatments, Developments, Means...) of Credit Agricole du Maroc Group.



Abdou Khadre Lo

Director for Africa, Access Partnership

Abdou is Director for Africa at Access Partnership. He advises clients on African policy developments across a range of sectors, including Internet regulation, telecommunications, oil and gas. He engages with governmental and international organizations, such as the ITU and ATU, to inform decision-makers on technological trends and support Access Partnership's advocacy activities. He also has experience as an international consultant, collaborating with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Institute of Legal Research in Mexico and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) in South Africa.



Abdul-Hakeem Ajijola

Executive Chairman, Consultancy Support Services Ltd.

Abdul-Hakeem Ajijola is ranked 13 among the IFSEC 2018 Global Cybersecurity professionals' influencers and thought leaders. He is a Commissioner at the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace and Chair of the International Working Group on Cyber Incident Management and Critical Information Protection of the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise. He is a founding member of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation – Computer Emergency Response Team (OIC-CERT). He is currently the Executive Chairman of Consultancy Support Services (CS2) Ltd., a Cyber Security, e-Library and Information Communication Technology (ICT) Policy Consultancy Firm.



Abeba Birhane Demewoz

PhD Candidate, UCD School of Computer Science and Informatics

Abeba Birhane is a PhD candidate in Cognitive Science at the University College Dublin. Her interdisciplinary research, which intersects between embodied cognition, digital technology studies and critical data science, explores the dynamic and reciprocal relationships between individuals, society and digital technologies. She is a contributor to Aeon Magazine and



several blogs, including her own, focusing on cognition, AI, ethics and data science. In a joint entry with Siobhan Grayson, Abeba Birhane received a runner-up award at the 2018 Mary Mulvihill science media competition for the essay entitled “Science – Whose Algorithms? Whose Data?”



Abhinandan Sekhri

Co-Founder and CEO, Newslaundry

Abhinandan Sekhri is the co-founder and CEO of Newslaundry, a media critique and current affairs website. He is also the co-founder of Small Screen (2000), a production and ideas house that has made several award-winning TV shows and documentary films. He started working as a correspondent for TV Today Network in 1996. Since then, he has worked as a producer, director and writer in various television and film projects, particularly having co-produced and directed the award-winning food and travel show Highway on my Plate.



Adil Belkhadir

Projects manager at 1337/YouCode - OCP Group

Coordinates different digital school projects created by OCP (1337/YouCode) and monitors the pedagogy dispensed in these schools. Senior Officer at the Office of the Ombudsman of OCP, Morocco. Former Manager at OCP’s sustainability department, Morocco. Former Control Manager at Sogetti, France. Graduated from Toulouse Business School in management control in 2006.



Aicha Akalay

Publication Director & Editor-in-Chief, TelQuel Weekly Magazine

Aicha Akalay became Publications Director of Telquel in 2016. Aicha Akalay holds a Master’s degree in Entrepreneurship (2007) from INSEEC (Paris) and EAE (Barcelona) and a Master’s degree in journalism from Sciences Po Paris (2013). She started her career in journalism in 2009 in Morocco, first at the Economist and then TelQuel.



Ali Aslan

T.V. Presenter

Ali Aslan is a Berlin-based international TV presenter and journalist with over 20 years experience as a talk show host, news anchor, correspondent and moderator. His journalistic career spans three continents and includes work for CNN in Washington DC, ABC News in New York, Channel News Asia in Istanbul and Deutsche Welle TV in Berlin. Aslan regularly moderates and emcees high-level international conferences and events around the world and has shared the stage with top world leaders and personalities, among others, Angela Merkel, Emmanuel Macron, Justin Trudeau, Bill Clinton, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Sergey Lavrov, Christine Lagarde, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Vicente Fox, Madeleine Albright, King Felipe VI of Spain, Crown Princess Mary of Denmark, will.i.am, Jane Goodall and Melinda Gates.

Ali Seddiki

Managing Director, Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy, Morocco

Ali Seddiki is Managing Director in charge of Industry in the Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy. Prior to this, he was Director in charge of Aeronautics, Rail, Naval and Renewable Energies. He is currently Project Leader for the Boeing Ecosystem in Morocco. Mr. Seddiki was in charge of setting up the Industrial Acceleration Plan (IAP), a 5-year strategy for developing the Moroccan industry launched in 2014. Prior to that, Mr. Seddiki worked in a Strategy Consulting firm based in Paris, France and specialized in Aerospace Defense & Space, Energy and Mobility. His former assignments include Corporate Strategies and Corporate Reorganization for leading industrial companies.



Amandeep Gill

Executive Director and Co-Lead, High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation, United Nations

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Babacar Diagne is the Chairman of the National Audiovisual Regulatory Council of Senegal. Prior to this he was the Ambassador of the Republic of Senegal to the United States. Diagne was also ambassador to the Gambia. Diagne has had an illustrious career in journalism and broadcasting. He was director general of Senegal's state radio and TV service, RTS. Diagne's legacy at RTS includes putting on popular shows such as a Senegalese show similar to "Good Morning America." He also worked to ensure that the 2010 World Cup would be broadcast in his country.



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Barbara is an ICT/Gender specialist and dynamic advocate for transparency, building systems and structures that bring women to the forefront of development. She previously worked for the UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), promoting programmes of Right to Food and food security in Uganda. Currently working as Programmes Manager Gender/ICT with International Women's Centre for Empowerment (IWCE), she is developing programmes that enhance social responsive strategies to support and facilitate sustainable development, primarily to improve women's access to market programs, prevent online gender-based violence, strengthen internet governance and set up investments in new and innovative businesses and social services.



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Driss El Yazami

The President of the Council of the Moroccan Community Abroad

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Duduzile Nyirongo graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Accounting from the National University of Science and Technology (NUST) and trained as a Chartered Accountant with Ernst & Young in Zimbabwe. Her auditing experience gave her wide exposure to a range of industries for 6 years. In 2011, she joined Uni Products, a food manufacturing company, as the Finance Manager and played a crucial

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CEO and Founder, Enhanced Technologies

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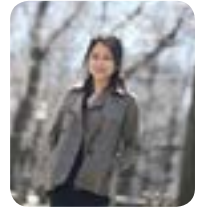
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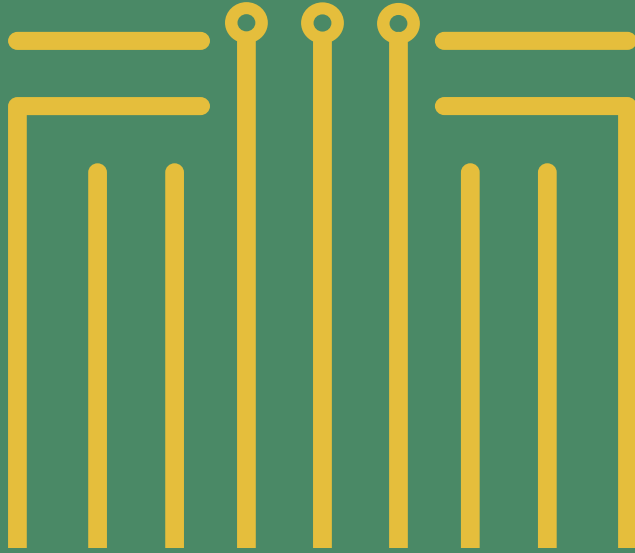
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