



# AFRICA SUMMIT ON WOMEN AND GIRLS IN TECHNOLOGY: DRAFT PROGRAMME

## **\*\*WORK IN PROGRESS\*\***

### DAY 1 (September 13)

8h30 - 9h15

#### **Opening Ceremony: Welcome & Objectives**

Dr Omobola Johnson  
*Chair, Alliance for Affordable Internet*

Dr Dorothy Gordon  
*Director-General, Ghana-India Kofi Annan Center of Excellence in ICT*

Geraldine Fraser Moleketi (*invited*)  
*Special Envoy on Gender, African Development Bank*

Hon. Nana Oye Lithur (*invited*)  
*Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection (Ghana)*

9h15 - 9h30

#### **Group Picture**

9h30 - 10h30

#### **Opening/Keynote Panel**

Hon. Jean Philbert Nsengimana (*invited*)  
*Minister of Youth and ICT, Rwanda*

Dorothy Okello  
*Director of Innovation, ResilientAfrica Network (RAN) Makerere University*

Hon. Rebecca Joshua Okwaci (*invited*)  
*Minister of Telecommunications & Postal Services South Sudan*

Moderator: Dr Omobola Johnson, *Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI)*

10h30 - 11h30

#### **Panel 1: Affordability & Access**

##### Lightning Talk

Busayo Obisakin  
*Founder/President Women Inspiration Development Center (Nigeria)*



Panel

Angelique Weeks (invited)  
*Chairman, Liberia Telecommunications Authority*

Lucy Quist (invited)  
*CEO Airtel Ghana*

Estelle Akofio-Sowah (invited)  
*Ghana Country Manager, Google*

Ebele Okobi  
*Head of Public Policy, Africa, Facebook*

Clara Prinkah-Sam  
*Champion of Consumer Working Group, A4AI-Ghana*

Samia Melhem (invited)  
*ICT Lead, The World Bank*

Moderator: Sonia Jorge, *Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI)*

11h30 - 11h45

**Tea/Coffee Break**

11h45 - 12h00

**Video/Lightning Talks**

Patricia Dovi Sampson  
*Director, Research, Statistics & Information Management  
Ministry of Communications Ghana*

Rosebell Kagumire  
*Blogger/Communications Consultant*

12h00 - 13h00

**Panel 2: Women's Rights Online**

Launch of Women's Rights Online "Report Cards" on Empowering Women through ICTs, Towards Achieving SDG 5b

Panel

Racheal Nakitare  
*Immediate Former President, International Association of Women in Radio and TV*



Amel Fahmy  
*Executive Director, Tadwein Gender Research Centre*

Emilar Vushe  
*Africa Coordinator, Association for Progressive Communications*

Julie Owono  
*Head of Africa desk, Internet Sans Frontieres*

Moderator: Anne Githuku-Shongwe, *UN Women*

13h00 - 13h15

**Video/Lightning Talks**

Gathoni Mwai  
*Kenya Country Manager, Afroes Games*

Gloria Muhoro  
*Project Coordinator, African Development Bank*

13h15 - 13h45

**Keynote**

Xoliswa Kakana (invited)  
*Group CEO & Executive Chair, ICT-Works*

Frannie Lautier  
*Vice President, African Development Bank*

13h45 - 14h30

**Lunch**

14h30 - 15h30

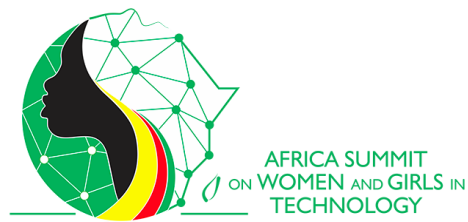
**Panel 3: Digital Education & Skills**

Njideka U Harry  
*Executive Director, Youth for Technology Foundation*

Dr. Aminata Garba  
*Professor, Carnegie Mellon University in Rwanda*

Marième Jamme  
*Founder, I am the Code*

Moderator: Dorothy Gordon  
*Director-General, Ghana-India Kofi Annan Center of Excellence in ICT*



15h30 - 16h30

**Panel 4: Digital Entrepreneurship**

Marcello Schermer  
*Africa Manager, Seedstars World*

Ethel Cofie  
*Founder, Women in Tech Africa*

Foster Nicholas Ofori  
*Capacity Development Specialist, African Development Bank*

Moderator: Farai Gundan (invited)  
*Contributor, Forbes Africa*

16h30 - 17h00

**Day 1 Wrap-up Session**

Sonia Jorge  
*Executive Director, Alliance for Affordable Internet*

**DAY 2 (September 14)**

09h00 - 10h00

**Roadmap, Call to Action**

- Recap of day 1
- Open mic session
- Goal setting for the day

10h00 - 11h30

**Program Highlights**

**World Cafe Poster/Demo Sessions**

11h30 - 11h45

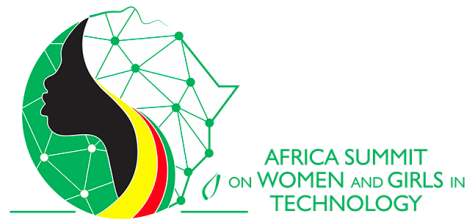
**Tea/Coffee Break**

11h45 - 12h45

**Concurrent Workshop 1: Gender Responsive Policy Models**

Funke Opeke  
*CEO, MainOne Cable*

Regina Agyare  
*CEO, Soronko Solutions*



Dr Omobola Johnson  
*Chair, Alliance for Affordable Internet*

Moses Owiny  
*Program Manager, WOUGNET*

Hoda Dahroug (*invited*)  
*Director, Egypt Trust Fund, Ministry of ICT*

Mavis A. Ampah  
*Lead ICT Policy Specialist, Africa Regional Coordinator, The World Bank*

### **Concurrent Workshop 2: Fostering Women-centred Technology Design and innovation**

Adrine Muhura  
*Market Engagement Africa, GSMA Connected Women*

Reem Wael (*invited*)  
*Director, HarassMap*

Amel Ghouila (*invited*)  
*Regional Ambassador, Technovation Tunisia*

12h45 - 13h45

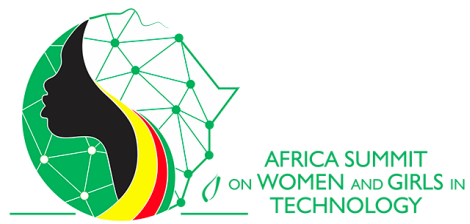
### **Concurrent Workshop 3 - Tech Competitions: Practical Steps and Lessons Learned**

Nnenna Nwakanma  
*Africa Regional Coordinator, World Wide Web Foundation*

Christelle N'cho  
*Technical Advisor on Digital Inclusion, Ministry of Women, Côte d'Ivoire*

### **Concurrent Workshop 3: The Internet as a Tool for Women's Active Citizenship, Leadership and Feminist Movement Building**

Fungai Machirori  
*Founder, Her Zimbabwe*



Edith Brou  
*Digital Manager, People Input Côte d'Ivoire*

Moderator: Nanjira Sambuli, *ICT Researcher, Analyst and Consultant,*  
*Media Policy Research Centre Trust*

13h45 - 15h00

**Closing Luncheon**

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Omobola Johnson** is Chairperson of the Alliance for Affordable Internet (A4AI) and a Partner at TLcom Capital, a venture capital firm with recent focus on deal flow generation, investment and value generation in technology companies in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Before joining TLcom, Omobola was Minister of Communication Technology, Nigeria from 2011 to 2015, focusing on the launch and execution of the National Broadband Plan, and the support of the Nigerian technology industry, including the pioneering involvement of the government in a local VC fund and a network of startup incubators. Prior to serving in the Nigerian government, she gained over 25 years of consulting experience with Accenture, including five years as Country Managing Director, working with companies in a variety of industries, transforming them into more competitive and dynamic organizations. Omobola serves on the board of a number of leading Nigerian and multinational corporations and is a Trustee of the World Economic Forum's Future of the Internet Initiative, as well as Founding Chairperson and Trustee, Women in Management and Business.

Omobola has a Bachelor's in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the University of Manchester, a Master's in Digital Electronics from King's College, London, and a Doctorate in Business Administration from the School of Management of Cranfield University.



**Ebele Okobi** leads Facebook's policy and stakeholder engagement across Africa. Ebele was previously Global Head of Human Rights at Yahoo, a lawyer at Davis Polk & Wardwell (New York, Paris and London); a consumer rights policy fellow at Consumers Union (San Francisco); a senior director at Catalyst (Amsterdam) and MDP in Nike's EMEA headquarters (Amsterdam). She was a founding board member of the Global Network Initiative and is a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She attended the University of Southern California, Columbia Law School and HEC-Paris.



**Julie Owono** is a lawyer, and Head of the Africa Desk at Internet Sans Frontières, where she focuses on Rights and Freedoms in the digital space, and cyber development in Africa. She regularly writes columns for various publications, including Al Jazeera English and Quartz, on issues related to politics, law and innovation in the Gulf of Guinea. She often appears as a Gulf of Guinea expert on International Radio and TV channels, including France24, RFI, DW, BBC World, Russia Today.

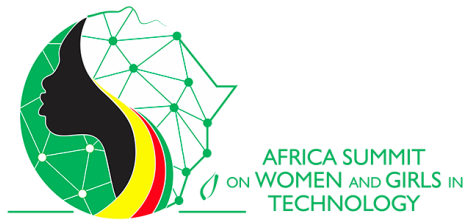


**Clara Pinkrah-Sam** is a resourceful, diligent and achievement-oriented person with several years of extensive hands-on experience in training, operations, strategic planning, design and implementation of ICT related development projects. She has over 10 years' experience as a Consultant in the ITES/BPO industry in Ghana and internationally. She has directed both private and public sector projects to their successful end and has facilitated and supervised the implementation of ICT innovation and entrepreneurship programs using international best practices, leading to successful commercialization of ICT products and services.

She has several years provided support to the private IT/ICT industry in Ghana in terms of their infrastructural needs and ensured the growth of the industry association into a vibrant one. She has been able to place Ghana on the global BPO market as the preferred destination of outsourcing in the sub-continent.

Clara has also worked closely with the Ghana Investments Promotion Council, (GIPC), Ghana Export Promotions Authority (GEPA), Ghana Free Zones Board (GFZB) and many students including some from the Ghana Technology University College (GTUC) and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in creating a number of ICT related jobs locally in the ITES/BPO industry.





**Busayo Obisakin.** I am the CEO/Founder of Women Inspiration Development Center, an initiative designed to create a safe place for Nigerian women and girls in challenging life circumstances to envision and create new possibilities for their lives, families and communities.

In 2009, I participated in the program Voice of our Future Correspondence (VOF) organized by World Pulse, USA. <http://worldpulse.com/user/1463> I am also part of International Initiative called IMAGINE after my Empowerment Certification. I am the Nigeria Program

Manager of this initiative and I won Josie Maran IMAGINE Award 2016. [www.imagineprogram.net](http://www.imagineprogram.net)

Through World Pulse, I became part of A4AI coalition group in Nigeria and I have since then been propagating the inclusion of women in the web world through several programs sponsored by Web foundation.

I am convinced beyond reasonable doubt that “access to internet is access to life”. My most important project now is to have “Female only” cybercafés in all the states in Nigeria, an affordable and safe place for disenfranchised women and girls to have access to internet without fear or intimidation so that they can discover their potentials and maximize them.



**Racheal Nakitare**, is a seasoned broadcast journalist with over 25 years experience in media and communication. She holds a Master’s in Communication studies from the University of Nairobi. She studied New Media and Conflict Transformation at Philip Merrill School of Journalism, University of Maryland under the prestigious Hubert Humphrey fellowship.

She is the Chief TV Producer at the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation and has worked extensively on addressing hate speech in and through the Media as well as on Advocacy for women’s rights online. She is the immediate former President of International

Association of Women in Radio and Television (IAWRT) and currently sits on the Ethical Journalism Network board.



**Marième Jamme** is a Senegalese-born British business-woman in technology. Her consultancy company Spotone Global Solutions helps technology companies to set a foothold in Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. She has supported many organisations such as Google, Ernest & Young, HSBC Private Banking, The Office of Gordon and Sarah Brown, The Africa Progress Panel chaired by Kofi Annan, The Obama Administration, and multiple African governments through their STEM policies. Often called the diplomat of technology, Marième was named one of the 100 most influential Africans by the African Business Magazine and 20 youngest powerful women in Africa by Forbes. Marième newly became Advisory Board Member of Data Pop Alliance, a global coalition promoting a people-centered Big Data revolution

and a judge and Academy member of the Prestigious Global Teachers Prize Academy.

Marième was honoured as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum for her activism work in empowering and investing in young girls and women in Africa through Creative learning, entrepreneurship, science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics and Design (STEAMD). Co-Founder of Africa Gathering, one of the leading platform in Europe that enable businesses, governments, investor and entrepreneurs to share ideas about Africa for positive change, she also recently joined forces with a group of African leaders to create [Accur8Africa](#), a new platform aiming at enabling governments, businesses, entrepreneurs and the civil society in Africa at measuring the success of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 with Accurate Data. Marième's latest venture includes the launch of [IAMTHECODE](#), a new movement aiming at mobilising governments, businesses and investors to support girls and young women in STEAMD (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics, and Design).



**Aminata A. Garba** is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University in Rwanda. She previously served as the Director General of the Multi-sector Regulatory Authority of Niger and worked on engineering, management, research and teaching in telecommunications at Orange (Niger), the National Institute for Scientific Research (Montreal), the National Center for Scientific Research (France) and the Telecommunication and Signal Processing laboratory and McGill University (Montreal).

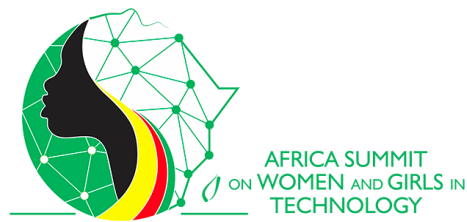
She also served as a Director at the African Network Information Center, chair of the West African Telecommunication Regulatory Assembly (WATRA), member of the executive board of the African Water Association, member of the consultative committee of the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Regulation Authority, member of the Informal Experts Group for preparation of the 2013 World Telecommunication/ ICT Policy Forum and member of the national Steering Committee for the Africa Higher Education Centers of Excellence Project.

Aminata received the Master and Ph.D. degrees in telecommunications from McGill University (Canada). She co-authored several journal articles, conference papers, invention disclosures and patent applications. Her interests include ICT infrastructure, technologies and policies, Internet of things, emergency communications, cybersecurity, ICT4D (e.g., women empowerment), high data rate transmission, capacity building and higher education.



Named one of the Top 5 Women impacting IT in Africa, **Ethel Cofie** is CEO and Founder of EDEL Technology Consulting, an IT Consulting and Digital Products Company in West Africa and Europe who was recently named IT Consulting Firm of the year by the Telecoms and IT Industry. She is also Founder of Women in Tech Africa, Africa's largest women in tech group with members in over 30 Africa countries and physical chapter in Ghana, Kenya and London and growing.

She is Mandela Fellow for President Obama's Young African Leaders initiative (YALI) and a High caliber IT



Professional with a wealth of technical and commercial skills acquired across a wide range of demanding roles and over 12 years' experience working in the UK, Ghana, Nigeria and Sierra Leone on projects for organizations like Bill and Melinda Gates Mobile Technology for Health project, the Ford Foundation's Election Monitoring project for Nigeria and as Head of Commercial Solutions for Vodafone conceptualizing, executing and working with teams to align Corporate strategy to IT strategy and to develop and manage creative technology solutions.

She has been featured in BBC and CNN for work in technology and women leadership. She also sits on numerous boards of numerous companies in Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa and has ambitions to grow EDEL Technology Consulting to the whole of Africa.



**Moses Owiny** is the Program Manager for Information Sharing and Networking at WOUGNET. His most recent work regarding women in the online space includes the Universal Periodic Review document "*Women's Rights and the internet in Uganda*" co-authored with CIPESA and the Association for Progressive Communications (APC) and a policy brief entitled: "*Cyber infrastructure; A women's Issue too! – Advancing a gender sensitive approach to ICT policy and decision making in Uganda*" which highlights internet freedoms and cyber security issues as relates to women and girls and why participation of women and girls in the internet governance discourse is

significant.



**Edith Brou** is a Tech-entrepreneur. She founded *La Digitale*, a creative agency that produces digital content for brands and personalities and manages relationships with bloggers and influencers.

During Four (4) years, she was Country and Digital Manager for People Input Côte d'Ivoire, an African digital agency. She directed the business development, many web design projects, mobile application development, SMS, e-reputation and social networking services for many in regional companies.



Since 2009, she leads a technology and business watch blog: L'Actu Web d'Edith. It is a true passionate of ICT, web and social media. Also as web-activist, she puts her energy and self-sacrifice in the service of the spread of positive and innovative use of the Web in Francophone Africa. Founding member of the Organization Akendewa web, she was Secretary General from 2009 to 2010, to its credit, the organization of Barcamp Abidjan 2010 with Google's presence in Abidjan. She is also the co-founder of the African women's site [www.ayanawebzine.com](http://www.ayanawebzine.com), 1 women's magazine in Ivorian line. In October 2014 - invited by the International Union of Telecommunications (ITU) - she participated in the program for 3 weeks YOUNG LEADERS ICT POLICY. In February 2015, Jeune Afrique Magazine ranked her among the 50 personalities who make the Ivory Coast.

Edith graduated in economics from the University Felix Houphouet Boigny sciences. Since December 22th, 2015, she was elected President of the Association of Ivory Coast Bloggers (ABCI)



**Nanjira Sambuli** is a Nairobi-based researcher and analyst interested in and works on understanding the unfolding impacts of ICT adoption and how those impact governance, innovation, entrepreneurship and societal culture, in her native Kenya, and also across Africa. Some of her research outputs include an assessment of the [ICT and Governance Landscape in East Africa](#) (iHub Research), [Cybersecurity and Cyber-resilience in East Africa](#) (CIGI) as well as [Challenges and opportunities for advancing Internet access in developing countries while upholding net neutrality](#) (Journal of Cyber Policy). She is also a columnist for the [Daily Nation](#) newspaper in Kenya.



**Fungai Machirori** is the founder of Her Zimbabwe, a women's web-based platform using digital tools for activism and storytelling. She created the platform in 2012 as a direct solution to one of the recommendations her Masters thesis posited. In 2009 – still one of a very few female Zimbabwean bloggers – she set up her personal blog, Fungai Neni, which in 2011 was runner-up in the World Summit Youth Awards. Active in various areas of women and girls' organising, Fungai has conducted various research, documentation and evaluation projects around HIV, AIDS, SRHR and social change.



**Mavis Ampah** is the Africa Regional Coordinator and Lead ICT Policy Specialist for Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in the Transport and ICT Global Practice of the World Bank. Mavis has led the Bank's ICT programs in several countries in Africa and the Caribbean regions. Her areas of expertise include telecommunications policy and infrastructure development, IT industry, e-government, and public-private partnerships. Mavis led the World Bank and Ghana Government efforts to modernize revenue generation, business registration, and immigration systems and create jobs in Ghana through the eGhana project. Mavis has held various senior level positions in the telecommunications and finance sector in Africa and is passionate about improving access for underserved communities. She has a Master's degree from

Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and a Bachelors in Economics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.



**Regina Honu** is the CEO of Soronko Solutions.

She runs a mentorship program called Tech Needs Girls which has trained over 3000 girls in 8 regions in Ghana and Burkina Faso to code and create technology. She is the 2016 Vlisco Brand Ambassador.

Regina has won several awards including Startup Entrepreneur of the year, JCI Ghana Outstanding Young Person for scientific and technological advancement and finalist for the ITU African Digital Woman of the Year. She was featured on CNN as an inspirational women who rocks STEM and named a woman making an impact in Tech in Africa. She is part of the

advisory board on a project to amend the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to include Digital rights of a child.