

Chair's opening remarks

11:30 - 11:40
Video Exchange Africa

Participants

Russell Southwood - CEO, Balancing Act

Panel: New models for monetisation in Africa's content landscape

11:40 - 12:10
Video Exchange Africa

- Analysing the future of advertising, subscription and FTA against production output
- How has major production investment from global streaming giants impacted the industry?
- Building the content economy: from premium international content to quality local productions

Participants

Moderator: Russell Southwood - CEO, Balancing Act

Amman Fissehazion - Chairman at Association of Ethiopian Broadcasters & CEO, EBS TV

Paolo Rizzardini - Chief Commercial Officer and Executive Board Member, Mondia

Clare Kandola - Founder and CEO, The Vidya Collective

Streaming media on the continent

12:10 - 12:30
Video Exchange Africa

- Evaluating the importance of connectivity for a continent in lockdown and the impact on OTT subscription services and consumption behaviours.
- Creating compelling and intuitive user experiences across digital products
- Making quality of experience the next frontier for strategic differentiation

Participants

Izu Osuigwe - CEO, Forest Digital TV

Panel: Partnering for greater reach: where are African viewers to be found?

12:30 - 13:00
Video Exchange Africa

- Telco and OTT collaboration, accelerating affordable data pricing and unleashing the power of OTT
- Analysing the role of social media for user-generated content creation and online viewing habits.
- Understanding shifting consumer preferences through TV vs mobile viewing

Participants

Moderator: Russell Southwood - CEO, Balancing Act

Merlin Naicker - Group Executive: SABC Television, South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC)

Craig Kelly - CEO, AfricaXP

Joe Munene - Managing Director, Broadcast Division, The Standard Group PLC

Combating Internet Misinformation in Africa's Tech Ecosystem

13:00 - 13:45
Safe, Secure, Inclusive Tech Ecosystems

In Africa, digital misinformation and propaganda campaigns have begun to emerge on social media and messaging platforms. These practices could bring negative effects to the continent's politics and Covid-19 relief efforts. They could also adversely impact the rise of Africa's technology sector. This panel discusses past and current digital misinformation efforts in Africa and seeks speaker insights on steps that should be taken at the industry and policy level to out and combat online propaganda on the continent.

Participants

MODERATOR: Tomiwa Aladekomo - CEO, Big Cabal Media

Emmanuel Lubanzadio - Head of Public Policy for Sub-Saharan Africa, Twitter

Daniel Kimmage - Principal Deputy Coordinator - Global Engagement Center, U.S. Department of State

John Marshall - CEO, World Ethical Data Forum & Executive Director, World Ethical Data Foundation

One by One – Tackling Inequality and Empowering the Underrepresented

14:00 - 14:45
Safe, Secure, Inclusive Tech Ecosystems

- Discussing the biggest challenges of delivering genuine opportunities for all in South Africa, regardless of gender or financial status
- Highlighting the powerful potential of technology to connect and uplift those traditionally left behind
- Leveraging partnerships to reduce socioeconomic inequality
- Exploring the Kolisi Foundation's work during the COVID pandemic

Participants

Joel Smith - COO, The Kolisi Foundation

Rachel Kolisi - Co-Founder, The Kolisi Foundation

Siya Kolisi - Co-Founder, The Kolisi Foundation

Mahlitse Mashua - CEO, The Kolisi Foundation

Orange POESAM Awards Ceremony

14:40 - 14:55
Orange POESAM Awards

Participants

Speaker: Alioune Ndiaye - CEO - Middle East and Africa, Orange

Speaker: Elizabeth Tchoungui - Executive Director CSR, Diversity and Philanthropy, Orange. Deputy Chair for the Orange Foundation, Orange

Road to Return: The role of public-private partnerships in navigating a safe route back to business

15:00 - 15:45

Safe, Secure, Inclusive Tech Ecosystems

In the Covid-19 pandemic, lives and jobs will depend on safely opening economic activity. South Africa is now leading the way in electronic contact tracing and notification with its CovidConnect and CovidAlert apps, a partnership between the Department of Health, GovChat.org, Praekelt, Discovery Health, BCX and a number of other agencies. Globally, the Commons Project is a non-profit organisation leading the way in enabling safe cross-border travel with its recently launched CommonPass.

Participants

MODERATOR: Miriam Altman - Professor of Practice 4IR, School of Economics, University of Johannesburg & Commissioner, National Planning Commission, South African Presidency

Gaurang Tanna - Head, Policy Coordination and Integrated Planning, National Department of Health, South Africa

Paul Meyer - CEO, The Commons Project

Jean Philbert Nsengimana - Former Minister of Youth and ICT, Rwanda & Managing Director-Africa, The Commons Project

Ronald Whelan - Chief Commercial Officer, Discovery Health

Eldrid Jordaan - Founder & CEO, GovChat.Org

Roundtable: Digital connectivity for schools and learners

16:00 - 17:00

Ericsson Digital Roundtable

Giga, is an ambitious initiative driven by UNICEF and ITU and aims to secure wider public and private support to connect every school to the Internet, and every young person to information, opportunity and choice. As a supporter of the Giga initiative, Ericsson is proud to host this Round Table during AfricaCom 2020.

Participants

MODERATOR: Fida Kibbi - Head of Marketing & Communications, Ericsson Middle East & Africa

Speaker: Heather Johnson - Vice President for Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility, Ericsson

Speaker: Chris Fabian - Co-Founder, Giga; Senior Adviser, UNICEF Innovation; Co-Lead, UNICEF Ventures

Speaker: Alex Wong - Senior Strategy Advisor and Lead, Giga, ITU

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Informa Tech Welcome

09:00 - 09:05

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

Chair's Opening Remarks

09:05 - 09:10

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

Participants

Nitesh Singh - Managing Director and Lead for Communications, Media & Technology, Accenture Africa

Opening Keynote Address

09:10 - 09:30

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

Enhancing Digital Infrastructure for a Better Connected Africa

09:30 - 09:50

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

Participants

Kevin Zhang - CMO - ICT Infrastructure, Huawei

Panel: Mobilising Africa's tech industries to fight the COVID-19 outbreak

09:50 - 10:35

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

Panel: Mobilising Africa's tech industries to fight the COVID-19 outbreak

- Exploring how AI, IoT and other emerging technologies have helped trace, track and test across the continent
- Looking at the privacy concerns of wide-scale data gathering and tech deployment
- Examining the role technology has played in fighting the spread of misinformation
- Taking lessons from countries that have performed well during the outbreak

Participants

MODERATOR: Nitesh Singh - Managing Director and Lead for Communications, Media & Technology, Accenture Africa

Charles Molapisi - GCTIO, MTN Group

Dorothy Tembo - Executive Director, The International Trade Centre

Miriam Altman - Professor of Practice 4IR, School of Economics, University of Johannesburg & Commissioner, National Planning Commission, South African Presidency

Dr Ahmed Ogwel Ouma - Deputy Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

Better Africa Summit

10:30 - 11:30

Huawei Forums

Working together for Africa ICT development and economic recovery

Participants

Speaker: Leo Chen - President, Southern African Region, Huawei

Speaker: Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams - Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, Republic of South Africa

Speaker: John Omo - Secretary-General, African Telecommunications Union

Speaker: Sharoda Rapeti - Non-Executing Partner, FTI Consulting

Accelerating Africa's Digital Future

10:35 - 10:55

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

Participants

Fadi Pharaon - President - Middle East & Africa, Ericsson

Building a pan-African connectivity strategy to connect the next billion

10:55 - 11:10

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

Participants

Alioune Ndiaye - CEO - Middle East and Africa, Orange

Chair's Closing Remarks

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Nitesh Singh - Managing Director and Lead for Communications, Media & Technology, Accenture Africa

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Connecting the Next Billion

Participants

Dion Jerling - Managing Director, Connect Earth

Chair's Opening Remarks

11:30 - 11:35

Digital Infrastructure Investment

Participants

Tomwa Aladekomo - CEO, Big Cabal Media

5G Africa Chair's welcome and opening remarks: The global 5G state-of-play

11:30 - 11:40

5G Africa

Participants

Thecla Mbongue - Senior Research Analyst, Omdia

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

11:30 - 11:35

Mission Critical Technologies: Africa

Participants

Dr Amanat Hussain - Executive Chairman, Issured

Chair's opening remarks

11:30 - 11:40

Video Exchange Africa

Participants

Chair: Clare Kandola - Founder and CEO, The Vidya Collective

OPEX Optimization Forum

11:30 - 12:30

Huawei Forums

Saving site OPEX with digital power, site reform and operation optimization

Participants

Speaker: Peng Jianhua - President, Digital Power Product Line Site Energy Domain, Huawei

Speaker: Norman Nhizda - Group CEO, Distributed Power Africa

Speaker: Izak Phillippus Botha - Chief Expert, Digital Power Solution, Huawei

Speaker: Paolo Gemma - Chairman of ITU-T SG5 WP2 Environment, Energy Efficiency and the Circular Economy, ITU

Protecting critical connectivity during the COVID-19 pandemic

11:35 - 11:55

Connecting the Next Billion

- Understanding the vital role of internet connectivity during the COVID-19 outbreak
- Working with network providers to sustain critical services: government, e-healthcare, financial services
- Enhancing network resilience and additional spectrum resource

Participants

Steve Chege - Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Safaricom

Network models and infrastructure of the future

11:35 - 11:55

Digital Infrastructure Investment

- Improving infrastructure sharing to enhance business offerings
- Exploring strategies for increasing 5G Infrastructure investment

Participants

Clive Charlton - Head of Solution Architecture - Sub-Saharan Africa, Amazon Web Services

Case-study presentation: Delivering critical and lifesaving products where and when they are needed, safely and reliably

11:35 - 11:55

Mission Critical Technologies: Africa

Participants

Israel Bimpe - Director, Africa Sales & Customer Success, Zipline

5G Progress and Prospects in Africa

11:40 - 12:00

5G Africa

- The road to 5G: 4G performance is key for the future of 5G
- 5G consumer potential
- 5G deployment challenges
- Importance of connectivity during COVID-19

Participants

Chafic Traboulsi - VP and Head of Networks, Ericsson Middle East and Africa

Fireside chat: Celebrating and exploring the drama landscape

11:40 - 12:05

Video Exchange Africa

- How to cultivate local talent in film & drama series for theatres, TV and OTT
- What makes drama compelling for local and international appeal?
- What is the impact of the global streaming giants on the industry and local talent development?

Participants

Moderator: Clare Kandola - Founder and CEO, The Vidya Collective

Maropeng Vushangwe - Director & Cinematographer, TeddyBling Pictures

Steven Markovitz - Producer, Big World Cinema

Ericsson Keynote

11:55 - 12:15

Connecting the Next Billion

Next-Gen ICT Infrastructure Brings Connectivity for All Africa

11:55 - 12:15

Digital Infrastructure Investment

Participants

Chen Kuan-Hong - Chief Consultant, National Broadband and Full-fiber Analysis Office, Huawei

Wearable Technology for Public Safety: Promise, Principles and Practicality

11:55 - 12:15

Mission Critical Technologies: Africa

Participants

Michelle Hoogenhout - Senior Data Scientist & Co-founder Ingane Health, Galvanize Inc.

Panel Discussion: The 5G to the home opportunity; how FWA is changing the telco services landscape

12:00 - 12:30

5G Africa

- The evolution to remote working and reviewing how telcos have catered to this unprecedented market need
- Is uncapped home broadband the commercial way forward?
- Bundling a FWA strategy with content services
- When will 5G substitute broadband?

Participants

Jorge Mendes - Chief Officer: Consumer Business Unit, Vodacom Group

Moderator: Thecla Mbongue - Senior Research Analyst, Omdia

Herve Suquet - CTIO, Middle East and Africa, Orange

Giovanni Chiarelli - CTO, MTN South Africa

Panel: Exploring the growth of digital content creation

12:05 - 12:30

Video Exchange Africa

- Exploring the impact of social media, vloggers and branded content
- The power of digital to enable a generation of African content creators
- How mainstream content services are embracing mobile viewing in Africa

Participants

Moderator: Clare Kandola - Founder and CEO, The Vidya Collective

Paola Audrey Ndengue - Founder & Producer, Pannelle & Company

Stephen Horn - Director & Producer, Politically Awesh, Bouncing Biscuit Studios

Djo Moupondo - Chairman, La Clique Music Group

Neil Pursey, Hoorah Digital

Panel: The critical role of policy in creating competitive telecoms markets

12:15 - 12:55

Connecting the Next Billion

- How are governments and regulators addressing the biggest challenges in African telecoms: infrastructure, connectivity, inclusion, security, and shifting market patterns
- Exploring the process of how policy is created, implemented and monitored across African telecoms
- What potential does intra-African cooperation on policy hold for the continent's telecoms markets? Are there better ways to work together?
- Where is the African telecoms market heading and how will this shape the next generation of policy and regulatory challenges?

Participants

MODERATOR: Stephen Song - Fellow, Mozilla Foundation

Onica Makwakwa - Head of Africa, Alliance for Affordable Internet

Hossam Elgamal - Chairman, Africa Information & Communication Technologies Alliance & iken

Caecilia Nyamustwa - Director of Legal Services, Postal and Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe

Panel: Reform Roadmaps: Digital infrastructure governance and the role of policy

12:15 - 12:55

Digital Infrastructure Investment

- Creating and implementing ICT policy frameworks that are pragmatic, inclusive, flexible and market-driven
- Identifying and removing bottlenecks across business levels
- Devising policy that targets digital inclusion and increasing access to the continent's fourth industrial revolution
- Leveraging the power of international bodies such as the World Bank, International Finance Corporation, International Monetary Fund and World Economic Forum

Participants

MODERATOR: Aubrey Hruby - Senior Fellow, Africa Center. Co-founder, Africa Expert Network

Eleanor Sarpong - Deputy Director and Policy Lead, Alliance for Affordable Internet

George Njuguna - CIO, Safaricom

Siyabonga Mahlangu - Group Executive: Regulatory Affairs and Government Relations, Telkom

Fireside chat: How to integrate and deploy critical communications infrastructure to meet emerging network challenges

12:15 - 12:45

Mission Critical Technologies: Africa

Participants

Moderator: Dr Amanat Hussain - Executive Chairman, Issured

Ken Rehbehn - Directing Analyst, Critical Communications, Omdia

Immanuel Pillay - Senior Manager: Networks and Telecommunications, eThekweni Municipality

5G: Fast-Forward Connectivity in Africa

12:30 - 12:50

5G Africa

Participants

Dr Jinshan Liu - Senior Director, 5G Marketing and Solutions, Huawei

Panel: SES Industry Days Africa 2020 – Content and consumption: where are African viewers to be found?

12:30 - 12:55

Video Exchange Africa

- Exploring how and where African viewers are watching
- How does consumption change depend on viewing platform?
- Creating content that works for different environments
- How to measure the impact and success of multi-platform content

Participants

Moderator: Clare Kandola - Founder and CEO, The Vidya Collective

Amman Fissehazion - Chairman at Association of Ethiopian Broadcasters & CEO, EBS TV

Clint Brown - Vice President, Sales and Market Development, SES Video Africa, SES

Valentine Gaudin-Muteba - Managing Director Southern Africa & Regional Director Anglophone Africa, TRACE

Abdulai Awudu - General Manager, Multimedia Group (MultiTV & Adom Brands), Multimedia Group Ltd

Service Provider Keynote: Vodacom's 5G commercial launch

12:50 - 13:10

5G Africa

- Reviewing the Liquid Telecom partnership; How can industry collaboration accelerate a nation's digital transformation?
- What actions has Vodacom taken to cope with the data demand during the Covid-19 lockdown? What are the key learnings?
- What is the vision for Vodacom's FWA services?
- What is the consumer pick up of 5G services? Has it met expectations and what is the long-term vision for 5G services – both consumer and enterprise ones?

Participants

Dejan Kastelic - Group Chief Technology Officer, Vodacom Group

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12:55 - 13:50

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Digital Infrastructure Investment

5G Africa Speaker Live Q&A Session

13:10 - 13:20

5G Africa

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Chafic Traboulsi - VP and Head of Networks, Ericsson Middle East and Africa

Break

13:20 - 14:10

5G Africa

Panel: Rewriting the telco strategy handbook: What changing market conditions mean for African operators

13:50 - 14:30

Connecting the Next Billion

- Exploring adaptive strategies for telcos adapting to shifting African market trends: voice > data, bespoke package demands, disruptive tech integration (5G & IoT)
- Are non-traditional market entrants creating a saturated African telco market? How this drives operational excellence and diversified revenue streams
- Exploring the journey from a product- to customer-focused model: leveraging the power of data-driven customer insights to build a dynamic, targeted strategy
- Managing business operations to control capital expenditure and build ROI while building productive partnerships

Participants

MODERATOR: Paul Hjul - Managing Executive, Hjul Consulting

Selorm Adadevoh - CEO, MTN Ghana

Richard Ullenius - VP & Head of Global Solutioning, CSG

Matt Reed - Practice Leader - Middle East and Africa, Omdia

Panel: Implications of COVID-19 for African digital infrastructure investment

13:50 - 14:30

Digital Infrastructure Investment

- Exploring the importance of digital infrastructure: improved connectivity, AI-driven public health systems, the role of IoT and big data analyses
- Exploring mid- to long-term repercussions of the COVID outbreak: Impacts on open-access broadband investment, 4G & 5G rollouts, and the future of work
- How are governments and regulators dealing with the threat of reduced investment and competition? Exploring the importance of PPPs in a digital infrastructure context
- Can African infrastructure emerge stronger from the COVID-19 pandemic?

Participants

MODERATOR: Tomiwa Aladekomo - CEO, Big Cabal Media

Deemah Alyahya - Digital Economy & Innovation Advisor, Founder, WomenSpark

German Cufre - Global Head, Digital Infrastructure Investments, International Finance Corporation

Atsushi Yamanaka - Chief Advisor, Rwanda ICT Innovation Ecosystem Strengthening Project

Case study presentation from the City of Cape Town: How the future control room will help tackle today's threat

13:50 - 14:25

Mission Critical Technologies: Africa

Participants

Pierre DeWet - Group Health and Safety Officer, Digicall Group (Contractor managing the Transport Information Centre for the City of Cape Town)

Kobus Swanepoel - Head: Stakeholder Management of the Transport Directorate, City of Cape Town

Jaco Groenewald - Head: Operations, Public Emergency Communications Centre, City of Cape Town

Estelle-Mare Le Keur - Head: Service Quality, Public Emergency Communications Centre, City of Cape Town

Mobile Broadband Forum

14:00 - 15:00

Huawei Forums

Accelerating 4G and maximizing network value with 4G and 5G collaboration

Participants

Speaker: Mohamed Madkour - Vice President, Carrier BG Marketing and Solution Sales Dept., Huawei

Speaker: Zhengzhou - Director, Overseas Business Development, Unisoc

Speaker: Lin Ranhao - CEO, Tele1

Speaker: Cherine Magora - Strategic Partnership Director Middle East& Africa, TikTok

Speaker: Edwin Wang - Vice President, Wireless Network Marketing and Solution Sales, Huawei

Speaker: Yoyo Chen - Global VP, Tozed

Speaker: Shawn Yu - Vice President, Wireless Network Marketing and Solution Sales, Huawei

Panel: SES Industry Days Africa 2020 - Technologies that will Transform Telecoms and 5G

14:10 - 14:50

5G Africa

- Expectations for the 5G SA standards and when will it become a mainstream technology?
- The role of Open Networks technologies in 5G: market appetite, expectations, timelines and requirements
- Building technologies for specific use cases; Does one size fit all and what options are economically viable for telcos
- AI + 5G: Innovative applications and vision
- Deployment models and new services from commercial standalone and new core
- Dynamic spectrum sharing to achieve faster coverage
- The role and collaboration with hyperscalers for 5G
- Relieving network congestion and realising low latency edge computing

Participants

Sigal Barda - VP Product, Head of 5G Portfolio, Ribbon

Moderator: Thecla Mbongue - Senior Research Analyst, Omdia

Nicholas Naidu - Managing Executive: Technology Strategy, Architecture & Innovation, Vodacom

Schalk Visser - CTO, Cell C

Imran Malik - VP, Global Sales Fixed Data, SES Networks, SES

How the evolution and integration of mobile applications will optimise emergency response

14:25 - 14:45

Mission Critical Technologies: Africa

Participants

Lyndsey Duff - Senior Lead - Africa, what3words

Fireside Chat: The Journey of Building a Successful Emerging Market Telco

14:30 - 14:55

Connecting the Next Billion

Participants

MODERATOR: Adrian Ho - Practice Leader, Omdia

Malik Melamu - CEO, MTN Sudan

Fireside Chat: African Alliance - Deepening regional integration to close the infrastructure gap

14:30 - 15:10

Digital Infrastructure Investment

- Technology and intelligence sharing to provide under-developed countries with access to more efficient and advanced technologies
- Exploring the potential of power pooling and other electricity integration strategies

Participants

Eleanor Sarpong - Deputy Director and Policy Lead, Alliance for Affordable Internet

Kojo Boakye - Director, Africa Public Policy, Facebook

Fireside chat: Safer, Smarter Cities: How to improve public safety in the Fourth Industrial Revolution Era

14:45 - 15:15

Mission Critical Technologies: Africa

Participants

Moderator: Dr Amanat Hussain - Executive Chairman, Issured

Juma Assiagio - Head of Safer Cities Programme, UN-Habitat

Tracy Larkin Thomason - Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Transportation

SESSIONS

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Developing a practical deployment strategy for 5G-NR

14:50 - 15:10
5G Africa

- It is now over a year since initial commercial launch of sub-6 GHz 5G
- Initial deployments were undertaken with limited portfolios of available base station models
- Operators have had to overcome some practical deployment issue with this 1st generation product
- What lessons can be learned and what is need to develop a practical 5G deployment strategy

Participants

Colin Bryce - Director, Mobile Network Engineering, Commscope

Panel: Are integrated submarine-fibre-satellite strategies the future of African connectivity?

14:55 - 15:35
Connecting the Next Billion

- Creating cohesive strategy across connectivity routes to identify and meet deficits
- What are the benefits and pitfalls of integrated connectivity strategies? Are there protocols for working across connectivity mediums?
- Exploring case studies of successful African integrated connectivity projects

Participants

MODERATOR: Temidayo Oniosun - Managing Director, Space in Africa

Chair's Closing Remarks

15:10 - 15:15
Digital Infrastructure Investment

Participants

Tomiwa Aladekomo - CEO, Big Cabal Media

5G Africa Speaker Live Q&A Session

15:10 - 15:20
5G Africa

Join this interactive session and ask your questions to today's speakers, who will address them live!

Participants

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Imran Malik - VP, Global Sales Fixed Data, SES Networks, SES

Nicholas Naidu - Managing Executive: Technology Strategy, Architecture & Innovation, Vodacom

Schalk Visser - CTO, Cell C

Roundtable discussions on FWA and Private Networks

15:20 - 16:20
5G Africa

Available to all 5G Africa attendees, these informal, Chatham House Rule, interactive discussions give you the opportunity to reflect on today's presentations and engage in conversation with peers on a given topic, moderating by leading industry analysts. Please register for the roundtable of your preference by emailing Mark.Bentley@informa.com. The roundtables are limited to 8 attendees each and slots are allocated on a first come basis.

Roundtable 1: Fixed wireless strategies, pricing and marketing

Moderator: Dario Talmesio, Research Director, Omdia

Roundtable 2: Private networks in Africa

Moderator: Pablo Tomasi, Principal Analyst, Omdia

Participants

Moderator - Fixed wireless strategies, pricing and marketing: Dario Talmesio - Research Director - Service Provider Strategies, Regulation, 5G Accelerator, Ovum

Moderator - Private networks in Africa: Pablo Tomasi - Principal Analyst, Omdia

Chair's Closing Remarks

15:35 - 15:40
Connecting the Next Billion

Participants

Dion Jerling - Managing Director, Connect Earth

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14:00	<p>14:10 - Panel: SES Industry Days Africa 2020 - Technologies that will Transform Telecoms and 5G</p> <p>14:50 - Developing a practical deployment strategy for 5G-NR</p>		<p>14:30 - Fireside Chat: The Journey of Building a Successful Emerging Market Telco</p> <p>14:55 - Panel: Are integrated submarine-fibre-satellite strategies the future of African connectivity?</p>	<p>14:30 - Fireside Chat: African Alliance - Deepening regional integration to close the infrastructure gap</p>	<p>14:00 - Mobile Broadband Forum</p>	<p>14:25 - How the evolution and integration of mobile applications will optimise emergency response</p> <p>14:45 - Fireside chat: Safer, Smarter Cities: How to improve public safety in the Fourth Industrial Revolution Era</p>	
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Chair's Opening Remarks

09:00 - 09:05

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

Participants

Aubrey Hruby - Senior Fellow, Africa Center. Co-founder, Africa Expert Network

Smarter networks accelerating Africa's digital agenda

09:05 - 09:25

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

- Bringing down the cost of complexity with smarter networks
- The benefits of network automation in operation
- Mobile Financial Services as an enabler of economic growth
- Talent at the core of digital transformation

Participants

Lucky La Riccia - Head of Digital Services, Ericsson Middle East and Africa

Developing Consumer-Focussed Telco Business Models for Pan-African Growth

09:25 - 09:45

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

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Peter Ndegwa - CEO, Safaricom

accelerateHER Africa Take-Over: Driving Entrepreneurship across Africa for Women

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Intelligently navigating the COVID outbreak: striving for societal benefit over profit

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Shameel Joosub - CEO & Executive Director, Vodacom Group

Home Broadband Forum

10:30 - 11:30

Huawei Forums

Accelerating FTTx with 'Plan, Deploy, Operate, Install and Maintain' solutions

Participants

Speaker: Dean Yu - Vice President, Southern Africa Region, Huawei

Speaker: Charles Qiu - Vice Director, Access Network Marketing & Solution Sales Dept., Huawei

Speaker: Sunil Piyarlal - Technical Lifecycle Executive, South Africa Telkom

Speaker: Franklin Ocharo - HOD of Home business Dept., Kenya Safaricom

Speaker: Dikah Sylvester - GM of Fixed Network, Ghana Vodafone

Accelerating Africa's journey towards the 4IR

10:50 - 11:10

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

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Prof. Tshilidzi Marwala - Vice-Chancellor of the University of Johannesburg, Deputy Chair, Presidential 4IR Commission

Chair's Closing Remarks

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Virtual AfricaCom Awards Part I

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Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

1. Last Mile Connectivity Award
2. Most Innovative Product or Service Award
3. COVID-19 Response Award

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Connecting the Next Billion

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Aniel Jhingoei - Head of Platforms and Devices, Radisys

Nathan Smith - VP Product/Business Development, Reliance Jio

Chair's Opening Remarks

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Service Provider Technology

Participants

Lerato Mbele - Presenter - Business, BBC World News

Cloud & AI Forum

11:30 - 12:30

Huawei Forums

Huawei CLOUD, empowering industry digital transformation

Participants

Speaker: He Shi - Director, Southern Africa Cloud & AI Business, Huawei

Speaker: Michael Langeveld - Vice President, Huawei Cloud, Africa Region, Huawei

Speaker: Guy Zibi - Founder and Principal, Xalam Analytics

Speaker: Marcus Tay - Chief Tech Director, Huawei Cloud - Africa Region

Speaker: Lulu Wood - Co-Founded and CMO, Afrishop

Speaker: James Maina - Expert Intelligent Collaboration Sales Dept., Huawei

Telecom Infra Project: Breaking The Mould! - Going Open

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Digital Infrastructure Investment

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Pieter van der Westhuizen - Group Technology Executive, MTN

Razvan Ungureanu - Chief Technology Officer, Airtel Africa

Developing a telco digital transformation strategy for the 4IR

11:35 - 11:55
Service Provider Technology

- Developing a stepwise process for building and implementing a digital transformation strategy
- Tools for predicting and working with disruptive technologies and trends
- Understanding organisational and staffing requirements
- Exploring novel forms of ecosystem engagement

Participants

Charles Molapisi - GCTIO, MTN Group

5G Africa Chair's welcome and introductory remarks

11:35 - 11:40
5G Africa

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Service Provider Interview: 5G launches in small African island nations

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5G Africa

- Reviewing the business case and investment requirements for small island nations' 5G launches
- eMBB and FWA services: What is the so-far market pick-up, vision and next steps required to make these mainstream services?
- What are the socio-economic benefits for the nation from having access to such advanced technologies? What needs to be done from a regulatory, political, social and technology perspective for 5G to deliver its full benefits in small nations?

Participants

Interviewee: Shoab Khan - CTO, Cable & Wireless (Seychelles)

Interviewer: Danson Njue - Senior Research Analyst, Omdia

The value of connectivity in poor, marginalised and remote areas

11:55 - 12:20
Connecting the Next Billion

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MODERATOR: Mike Jensen - Managing Director, Independent ICT Consulting

Patrick Byamungu - Co-founder and Director, La Difference

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Hussain Nabee - Technology Executive, Vodacom

Abdou Dia - CEO, VTS

Panel: Protecting profit in a landscape of changing operator models

11:55 - 12:35
Service Provider Technology

- Diversification of revenue streams in light of disruptive technologies: 5G, IoT & AI
- Exploring digital trends: surging data use, growing video and financial service demand
- Building multidisciplinary teams to create agile development, functionalities and working practices
- Developing business models that consider customer XP and cost control

Participants

MODERATOR: Saint Doe-Tamakloe - CCO, MTN South Sudan

Matt Reed - Practice Leader - Middle East and Africa, Omdia

Raul Martinez - Chief Commercial Officer, Upstream

Simo Mkhize - CCO, Cell C

Dobek Pater - Managing Director, Africa Analysis

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Applying AI Automation Across the Entire Lifecycle of Network Operations

12:00 - 12:20
5G Africa

Analysing the applications of advanced intelligence in a series of critical telco operations:

- Planning
- Delivery
- Onboarding
- Monitoring
- Updating
- Decommissioning

Participants

Eva Andren - VP and Head of Managed Services, Market Area Middle East and Africa, Ericsson

Telecom Infra Project: OpenWi-Fi - Filling The Connectivity Gaps

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Panel: Universal ICT access by 2030: Africa's Digital Moonshot Initiative

12:20 - 13:00
Connecting the Next Billion

- Exploring the Digital Moonshot Initiative's key elements: infrastructure, investment, ecosystem development & inclusion
- Predicting the industry impacts of a truly connected continent - agriculture, healthcare, education, e-commerce
- Examining where African connectivity stands in comparison to the rest of the world

Participants

MODERATOR: Dion Jerling - Managing Director, Connect Earth
Sonia Jorge - Executive Director - Alliance for Affordable Internet & Head of Digital Inclusion Program, The World Wide Web Foundation
Nomso Kana - Commissioner for 4IR & Governor, Nuclear Energy Foundation Agency
Katherine Getao - CEO, ICT Authority, Kenya

Panel Discussion: Spectrum management for 5G

12:20 - 12:50
5G Africa

- Temporary spectrum; to invest or not, and contingency planning.
- Minimising the infrastructure investment required for new spectrum bands: from TowerCos, to sharing and wholesaling
- Reviewing innovative spectrum allocation models across the world

Participants

Akinwale Goodluck - Head of Africa, GSMA
Themba Phiri - Executive Head: Regulatory, Cell C
Moderator: Danson Njue - Senior Research Analyst, Omdia
Dr. Ing. Kenneth Ashigbey - Chief Executive Officer, Ghana Chamber of Telecommunications

Software-defined everything - managing complexity from core to edge

12:35 - 12:55

Digital Infrastructure Investment

New digital infrastructure is software defined, across many layers from multiple vendors, from central data centers and public cloud right to the cabinet or customer premises. Wrangling software complexity is a primary challenge for communications companies globally. Mark Shuttleworth, founder and CEO of Canonical, shares his insights on how to best tackle this challenge, through a comprehensive exploration of:

- Public clouds, private clouds and micro clouds
- Layers of software-defined infrastructure
- Application management and integration in a multi-vendor, multi-cloud world
- The new wave of IoT applications

Participants

Mark Shuttleworth - Founder & CEO, Canonical

Fireside chat: Enterprise purchasing trends and revenue opportunities in the next decade

12:35 - 13:00

Service Provider Technology

- Identifying investment planning and technology utilisation criteria
- Tracking plans for service provider technology deployments
- Which new products are on the service provider horizon? Which service provider technologies can power Africa's 4IR in to the next decade?
- Which countries and organisations are leading technological innovation?
- Where is new investment coming from on the continent, internationally?

Participants

Adrian Ho - Practice Leader, Omdia

Amos Mwangera Mutiga - Co-Founder and Director, Red Brick Africa

Service Provider Address: Telma Madagascar's 5G launch experience

12:50 - 12:55

5G Africa

Participants

Joel Randrianasolo - CTO, Telma Madagascar

5G Africa Speaker Q&A Session

12:55 - 13:05

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Connecting the Next Billion

Networking Lunch

13:00 - 13:45

Service Provider Technology

Break

13:05 - 14:00

5G Africa

Panel: OpenRAN: The journey from market potential to network deployment

13:45 - 14:25

Service Provider Technology

- Status check on the current position of OpenRAN tech and its likely rollout in Africa
- Unpacking the benefits for telcos, vendors and broader mobile infrastructure
- Understanding the challenges to OpenRAN technology roll-out – deployment and security

Participants

George Debbo - Independent Telecommunications Consultant, George Debbo Telecom

Alex Botting - Director, International Programs, Open RAN Policy Coalition

Amrit Heer - Head of Business for Europe & Middle East, Parallel Wireless

NETWORKING LUNCH

12:55 - 13:50

Digital Infrastructure Investment

PowerX 2025 Digitized Facility: New Era, New Power

13:50 - 14:10

Digital Infrastructure Investment

Participants

Dr Fang Liangzhou - CMO - Digital Power, Huawei

Panel: Public-private partnerships are key to connecting Africa

13:55 - 14:35

Connecting the Next Billion

- Understanding the importance of private-public partnerships to unlock internet access – who's involved and how are they created?
- Examining some of the planned large-scale broadband connectivity projects in Africa and how they will affect citizens and businesses
- Exploring the process of creating and bringing an African PPP project
- Lessons from countries where PPPs have successfully deployed transmission network infrastructure – India, China & Brazil

Participants

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Tunde Fafunwa - Lead Advisor, Digital Centre for Excellence at United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Onica Makwakwa - Head of Africa, Alliance for Affordable Internet

Private Networks in Manufacturing Interview: Ford's Experiences with Private Networks

14:00 - 14:20

5G Africa

In this session Tony Sceales will interview Chris White from Ford to deep-dive into Ford's private network journey.

Participants

Interviewee: Chris White - Electrification Manager - Europe, Ford

Interviewer: Tony Sceales - Head of Programme Development for the 5G Testbeds and Trials Programme, DCMS (UK Department for Culture, Ministry and Sports)

Digital Transformation Forum

14:00 - 15:00

Huawei Forums

Boosting user experience and improving operation efficiency with digital tools

Panel: What is the future of satellite broadband investment in Africa?

14:10 - 14:50

Digital Infrastructure Investment

- Exploring the role of satellite in closing infrastructure and connectivity gaps in Africa's underserved regions
- Examining the future of low-Earth-orbit satellite constellations considering the OneWeb and Sky & Space challenges
- Creating regulation that enables a reliable, cost-effective and secure service for African satellite connectivity

Participants

MODERATOR: Temidayo Oniosun - Managing Director, Space in Africa

Abimbola Alale - Managing Director, Nigerian Communications Satellite Limited

Jean-Claude Tshipama - Business Development Director, Konnect Africa

Dr Riad Hartani - Co-Founding Partner, Xona Partners

Panel Discussion: Debating the Viability and Opportunity for Private Networks in Africa

14:20 - 14:50

5G Africa

- Should enterprises be allocated spectrum resources?
- What role will service providers play in private 5G networks
- Business models for private networks
- Understanding the verticals' pain points
- How should a telco be structured to be positioned as the private networks' success partner?
- Security considerations and benefits for private networks

Participants

Moderator: Pablo Tomasi - Principal Analyst, Omdia

Paul Hjul - Managing Executive, Hjul Consulting

Alexey Vedin - Director, Nexign

Fireside chat: Building critical operator-OTT partnerships

14:25 - 14:50

Service Provider Technology

A market once limited to video consumption via satellite is now flourishing – connectivity has enabled new ways to deliver and engage audiences with content and as a result we are seeing many new relationships between content and service providers. In this session 3Vizion, a leading content firm talk to MGM about creating strategic OTT partnerships with telcos.

- The changing distribution landscape for MGM in the region over the last few years
- Opportunities for partnering with telcos and understanding the conditions necessary for a successful relationship – finance, marketing etc.
- Exploring what the advent of 5G on the African continent means for operator-OTT partnerships?
- Does size matter in the success of cooperative ventures?
- Telcos and video versus the incumbent Pay TV providers

Fireside Chat: Nigeria's National Broadband Plan 2020-2025

14:35 - 15:00

Connecting the Next Billion

- Exploring the link between internet connectivity and GDP growth in Africa's largest mobile telecommunications market
- What will successful execution mean for internet penetration and affordability
- What will the plan mean for Nigerian telcos?
- The role of submarine in getting Nigeria on-grid

Participants

Funke Opeke - CEO, MainOne

Olusola Teniola - President, Association of Telecommunications Companies of Nigeria (ATCON)

Chair's Closing Remarks

14:50 - 14:55

Service Provider Technology

Service Provider Keynote: Practical considerations for 5G

14:50 - 15:10

5G Africa

- How Telkom views 5G as an end-to-end ecosystem?
- How Telkom has used temporary spectrum, including 5G spectrum

Participants

Hugo van Zyl - Managing Executive for Mobile Network in Consumer, Telkom

5G Africa Speaker Q&A Session

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Roundtable Discussions on Mobile Edge Computing and 5G Cost Management

16:00 - 17:00

5G Africa

Available to all 5G Africa attendees, these informal, Chatham House Rule, interactive discussions give you the opportunity to reflect on today's presentations and engage in conversation with peers on a given topic, moderating by leading industry analysts. Please register for the roundtable of your preference by emailing Kasia.Berlinska@informa.com. The roundtables are limited to 8 attendees each and slots are allocated on a first come basis.

Roundtable 1: Cost management for 5G

Chris Nicoll, Senior Principal Analyst, Omdia

Roundtable 2: The mobile edge computing in Africa

Moderated by: Paul Hjul, Managing Executive, Hjul Consulting

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Moderator - The mobile edge computing in Africa:

Paul Hjul - Managing Executive, Hjul Consulting

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AfricaCom

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Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

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Jan Vermeulen - Editor At Large, MyBroadband

Cloud Computing: Exploring Africa's next digital frontier

09:05 - 09:25

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

Participants

Zubin Chagpar - Head of Public Sector, Middle East & Africa, Amazon Web Services

Panel: Africa's Digital Decade: exploring the big trends for the next 10 years

09:25 - 10:05

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

- Examining the most impactful tech trends in Africa over the next 10 years, and their impact for the continent's digital economy
- Exploring the opportunities and risks of exponential investment
- The transition from digital transformation concepts to implementation and impact
- How do governments and regulators keep pace with evolving tech ecosystems?

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Tunde Fafunwa - Lead Advisor, Digital Centre for Excellence at United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Jimmy Nguyen - Founding President, Bitcoin Association

Razvan Ungureanu - Chief Technology Officer, Airtel Africa

Fireside Chat: The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): implications for tech

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Dorothy Tembo - Executive Director, The International Trade Centre

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Virtual AfricaCom Awards Part II

10:30 - 10:40

Africa Tech Festival Headline Keynote

1. Building a Better, More Inclusive, Digital World Award
2. Female Innovator of the Year Award
3. Enterprise CXO of the Year Award
4. CXO of the Year Award

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IP Network Forum

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Huawei Forums

Leading intelligent IP networks, accelerating intelligent connectivity

Participants

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Speaker: Hugh Ujhazy - Vice President, IOT & Telecom, IDC

Speaker: Joachim Horn - Chief Technology and Information Adviser, Smart and PLDT

Speaker: Zoltan Miklos - General Manager of Network Planning, MTN South Africa

Speaker: Tony Hu - Vice President, Data Communication Product Line, Huawei

Terrestrial fibre connectivity is more important than ever to Africa's digital economy

11:30 - 11:50

Digital Infrastructure Investment

Participants

Yonas Maru - Managing Director, BCS Group

Panel: The impact of foreign investment in Africa's digital infrastructure journey

11:50 - 12:30

Digital Infrastructure Investment

- Status check in to current and predicted future trends of direct foreign investment in Africa's technological ecosystems
- Examining the increasing role of overseas businesses in Africa's tech boom
- Exploring the relationship between on-continent African businesses and multinationals investing in Africa's digital infrastructure

Participants

MODERATOR: Aubrey Hruby - Senior Fellow, Africa Center. Co-founder, Africa Expert Network

Mohamed Nasr - Assistant ICT Minister for Global Information Infrastructure (GII), Ministry of Communications & Information Technology (MCIT), Egypt

Linda Munyengeterwa - Director for Infrastructure for Africa and the Middle East, International Finance Corporation

Eric Osiakwan - Managing Partner, Chanzo Capital

Jane Coffin - Senior Vice President - Internet Growth, The Internet Society

NETWORKING LUNCH

12:30 - 13:15

Digital Infrastructure Investment

Fireside Chat: Smart Cities – transforming a metropolis through digital infrastructure

13:15 - 13:35

Digital Infrastructure Investment

- What are the objectives and benefits of a smart city? How does infrastructure fit into the matrix?
- Examining African smart city leaders and contextualising what the plans mean in a wider African context
- What else is happening across Africa: Accra, Lagos and Kigali? Can Konza Technopolis be Africa's 'Silicon Valley'?
- The early adopters – how are Toronto, Barcelona & other examples leading the way and what can others learn from them?
- Has the COVID-19 outbreak impacted smart city development?

Participants

MODERATOR: Dr Riad Hartani - Co-Founding Partner, Xona Partners

Omeshnee Naidoo - Director of Information Systems, City of Cape Town

SCHEDULE

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TIME	AFRICA TECH FESTIVAL HEADLINE KEYNOTE	DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT	HUAWEI FORUMS
09:00	<p>09:00 - Chair's Opening Remarks</p> <p>09:05 - Cloud Computing: Exploring Africa's next digital frontier</p> <p>09:25 - Panel: Africa's Digital Decade: exploring the big trends for the next 10 years</p>		
10:00	<p>10:05 - Fireside Chat: The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA): implications for tech</p> <p>10:25 - Chair's Closing Remarks</p> <p>10:30 - Virtual AfricaCom Awards Part II</p>		10:30 - IP Network Forum
11:00		<p>11:30 - Terrestrial fibre connectivity is more important than ever to Africa's digital economy</p> <p>11:50 - Panel: The impact of foreign investment in Africa's digital infrastructure journey</p>	
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