

# STATE OF AFRICA'S DIGITAL AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 20 OCT 2021

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## PROGRAMME

**12:40 – 1:00**

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**1:00 – 1:05**

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Olumide Abimbola - Executive Director, Africa Policy Research Institute

**1:05 – 1:30    Session 1: Paper presentation**

Bhaso Ndzendze, PhD - Senior Lecturer and Head of Department, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg

**1:30 – 1:40    Session 2: Reflecting on highlights from the presentation**

Moderator - Faten Aggad, Advisor, International Negotiations and CEO, Afriprism

**1:40 - 2:10    Panel discussion**

Panelists

**Prof. Alison Gillwald (PhD)** - Executive Director of Research ICT Africa (RIA)

**Aliyu Aboki** - Executive Secretary, West Africa Telecommunications Regulators Assembly (WATRA)

**Ibraheem Sanusi** - Senior Advisor, Citizens Participation and Innovative Data Use for Africa's Development at GIZ/African Union Office, Nigeria

**Treasure Maphanga** - Director, AeTrade Group at African Electronic Trade Group (AeTrade Group)

Moderator

Faten Aggad, Advisor, International Negotiations and CEO, Afriprism

- What ingredients are needed to ensure the successful implementation of digital policies in African countries?
- How should African countries collaborate towards a true African position on digitalization?
- What roles can and should foreign partners play in Africa's digital space?

**2:10 – 2:30    Key Take-aways, Recommendations, and Next Steps**

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