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*Centre for Intellectual Property and
Information Technology Law*

Data Privacy and Governance Society of Kenya (DPGSK) Annual Conference and Research Day

Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya

Date: 22 October 2025

[Virtual attendance](#)

Conference Description

The Data Privacy and Governance Society of Kenya (DPGSK) Annual Conference and Research Day brings together experts from academia, government, civil society and the private sector to exchange insights, strategies, and innovations that shape the future of responsible and effective management of data in ways that promote the public good, ensuring accountability, transparency, fairness, and accessibility, while protecting individual rights in Africa.

Featuring lightning talks from experts and presentations of selected works in progress, the Conference offers attendees the chance to explore how data governance can advance the public interest across Africa. Participants will gain actionable strategies, build networks, and shape ethical, equitable policies that address regional priorities and challenges.

Theme: Data Governance in the Public Interest.

Program		
Time	Agenda Item	Details
8:00am - 8:30am	Arrival	Registration
8:30am - 8:45am	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Melissa Omino, Director, CIPIT
8:45am - 9:00am	Opening Remarks	Dr. Mugambi Laibuta, Chairperson, DPGSK
9:00am - 9:50am	Lightning Talk 1: Data Privacy and Governance Society of Kenya (DPGSK)	Session: Emerging Jurisprudence Shaping Data Governance in Kenya Moderator: Kennedy Mutua, Advocate
9:50am- 10:40am	Lightning Talk 2: Amnesty International Kenya	Session: The Algorithmic State: Data Governance, Citizens and Social Welfare Moderator: Mr Victor Ndede
10:40am- 11:00am	Tea and Coffee Break	
11:00am - 12:00pm	Panel 1: Security and Resilience in Data Systems (Transcentury Auditorium) Moderator: Sally Ngugi <u>Panel</u> <i>Security and Resilience in Data Systems</i> Shedrack Mwiine- Business Analyst, IDH The Sustainable Trade Initiative <i>Fortifying the Digital Frontier: An Analysis of Legal and Technical Frameworks for Enhancing Data System Resilience in Kenya</i> Martin Mungai- Head of ICT at Bob Morgan Services Ltd.	Panel 2: Balancing Legal Grounds and Public Benefit in Data Processing (G.K Room 1st Floor) Moderator: Nancy Kisangau <u>Panel</u> <i>Insight into the Balance between “Legitimate Interest” as a Legal Basis for Data Processing where Processing is for Public Benefit and Privacy Rights of Data Subjects</i> Edwiiq Musundi - Senior Legal and Data Protection Officer, Teachers Service Commission <i>Nothing About Us Without Our Data: A Public-Interest Data Governance</i>

	<i>Security and Resilience in Data Systems</i> Lyne Achieno Munyolo-Lawyer <i>From Attack to Defense: Enhancing Security and Resilience with Offensive Insights</i> John Munene- Cyber Analyst, Deloitte <i>Data as Critical Infrastructure</i> Unyime Abasi Odong- PhD candidate at the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa	<i>Framework for Kenya and the Continent</i> Professor Otinga Mare - Founder and CEO, Madaraka University Corporation Limited <i>Public Safety or Pervasive Surveillance? A Data Protection Perspective on CCTV Systems</i> Bob Lamech Ogola- Senior ICT Security Officer, University of Nairobi, DPO office <i>Advancing the Public Interest through Legislative Data Governance</i> Brian Kimurgor- Pupil, County Assembly of Turkana <i>From Huduma Namba to Surveillance: The Indeterminacy of Public Benefit in Kenyan Data Jurisprudence</i> Zahira Ninah- Associate J. Oyombe & Company Advocates <i>Balancing Legal Grounds and Public Benefit in Data Processing</i> Sospeter Mong'are - Software Engineer
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Panel 3: Regulatory Compliance in African Contexts (Transcentury Auditorium) Moderator: Valerie Waswa <u>Panel</u> The Costs of Regulatory Compliance in Africa: A	Panel 4: Transparency and Accountability in Data Governance (G.K Room 1st Floor) Moderator: Wendy Kuyoh <u>Panel</u> Transparency and Accountability in Data Governance in the Public Sector

	<i>Comparative Analysis of Data Protection Frameworks and their Economic Impact on Data Subjects</i> Ms. Tamanda Delisa Kamundi- Data Protection Enforcement Officer, Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority <i>Determinants of Data Protection Regulatory Compliance by Startups: A Conceptual Framework</i> Loise Ochanda- Program Officer, International Development Research Centre (IDRC) <i>Hide My ID: An Analysis of the Efficacy of Data Protection Laws in Kenya in Governing User Generated Content</i> Jentrix Wanyama- Associate, Kiptinness & Odhiambo Associates LLP <i>Bridging Worlds: How Traditional African Information Governance Systems Can Strengthen Contemporary Data Protection Frameworks</i> Watson Ndethi- Data Protection Officer, Network Support and Software Engineer at Pharo Foundation	Joyce Wandia Kihara- Legal Officer at the Commission on Administrative Justice (Office of the Ombudsman) <i>A Question of Transparency and Accountability in Data Governance: Are we there yet?</i> Chebet Kirui- Proprietor, Chebet Kirui & Company Advocates <i>Data Subjects as Data Stakeholders: Advancing Participatory Data Governance in Kenya</i> Alfred Nyaga Musyoki- Commonwealth Scholar <i>Consent Without Choice: Forced Data Processing and the Chilling Effect on Privacy and Expression in Kenya</i> Isaya Hawi Alot- Legal and Policy Consultant <i>Paper Tigers or Protectors? Independent Oversight of State Data Governance in Africa</i> Felistas Kaveni Kyalo
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	<i>Bridging the Divide: Cross-Sector Collaboration in Shifting Kenyan Data Governance from Litigation to Legislation</i> Marvin Imbera-Holding-Over Associate at the Firm of Waweru Gatonye & Co. Advocates	
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch break	
2:00pm - 2:50pm	Lightning Talk 3: Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law (CIPIT)	Session: Rethinking Image Rights in Cultural Contexts: An Intellectual Property and Governance Perspective Moderator: Chebet Koros, Research Fellow, CIPIT
2:50pm - 3:50pm	Panel 5: Governing Image Rights within Cultural Contexts (Transcentury Auditorium) Moderator: Florence Ogonjo <u>Panel</u> <i>Likeness in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Rethinking Image Rights through African Legal and Philosophical Frameworks</i> Cynthia O. Igodo - Senior associate, George Ikoli & Okagbue <i>Lens and the Law: Governing Image Rights in Cultural Contexts through Intellectual Property and Beyond</i> Tendai Mikioni- Doctoral Researcher, South African Research Chair in Intellectual	Panel 6: Data Governance and Participatory Governance (G.K Room 1st Floor) Moderator: Jane Ngurumi <u>Panel</u> <i>Data Rights and Participatory Governance in Kenya's Digital Transformation</i> Stephen Larzen Juma- Senior Public Education and Engagement Officer, National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) <i>Navigating the Labyrinth: Digital Identity, Data Protection and the Quest for Contextual Compliance in Africa</i> Dr. Elvis O. Ogah- Founder and Executive Director, African Centre for Geo-Economics

	Property, Innovation and Development (SARChI-IP) <i>Reconciling Custom and Privacy: Image Rights in African Cultural Contexts</i> Mothiba Randy Sekokotla- Bachelor of Laws (LLB) student at the University of Fort Hare, South Africa <i>“Who Owns the Face?” Rethinking Image Rights in Kenya’s Cultural Context</i> Renee Tikolo- Trainee Advocate <i>From Archives to Algorithms: Protecting Cultural Image Rights in the Rise of AI in Kenya ROM</i> Beryl Musenya- Bachelor of Laws Candidate, University of Nairobi	<i>African Data Governance Approaches: Governing Biometric Voter Data in High-Risk Cyber Environments</i> Waridah Makena- Policy Analyst, Center for AI and Digital Policy <i>Data Protection and Rural Agricultural Finance: Privacy by Design, Minimization, and Lending Vulnerabilities</i> Victor Muthui Mulwa- Managing Partner, Muthui Mulwa Advocates <i>Compliance by Design or Exploitation by Default? A Systematic Audit of Kenyan Digital Lending Apps under the Data Protection Act (2019)</i> Derrick Kinyua- Research Analyst
3:50pm - 4:50pm	Panel 7: Data Protection Impact Assessments for Public Benefit Processing (Transcentury Auditorium) Moderator: Ruguru Kago <u>Panel</u> <i>Public Oversight in Data Governance: Rethinking DPIAs Conducted by State Organs under Kenya’s Data Protection Act</i> Michelle Wandia- Risk and Compliance Trainee, Jubilee Asset Management Limited	Panel 8: Individual rights and Public Interest in Data Governance (G.K Room 1st Floor) Moderator: Ian Olwana <u>Panel</u> <i>Posthumous Data Privacy Vacuum Echoes: Dead Men tell no Tales in Kenya</i> Tim Ayuo- Data Privacy Expert, PrivacyPulse Consulting Inc. <i>The Right to Be Forgotten and Its Limits: A Critical Analysis of Regulation 12(4)(d) of the Data Protection (General) Regulations and Digital Exclusion</i>

	<i>Reframing Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs) for Public Benefit in Kenya's Digital Ecosystem</i> Brian Ogando-Risk and Compliance Officer, Signon Group <i>Embedding Rights in Public Interest Technologies: A Critical Review of DPIAs for Large-Scale Data Processing</i> Adamma Chigozie Isamade-Assistant Manager, Nigeria Data Protection Commission <i>Building a Sustainable Data Management Framework for Kenyan Public Research Institutes in the Era of Big Data</i> Dr. Kenneth Goga Riany-Head of ICT at the Kenya Medical Training College <i>Edge Computing: A New Initiative to Drive Data Protection Compliance</i> Ian Makambu Mong'are-Lawyer	Chao Natasha- Trainee Advocate at Wandai Matheka & Co. Advocates <i>Consent Redefined</i> Shiroya Veronica & Moreen Wagiita-Public Policy Specialists <i>The Illusion of Consent - A Feminist Analysis of Power Imbalances in African Digital Spaces</i> Elizabeth Waiteiyo- Lawyer <i>Governing AI Child-Safety Monitoring in Kenya: Balancing Public Interest and Data Protection</i> Douglas Amenity Ong'era - Consultant in Research and Development, Detatracks Research Limited
4:50pm- 5:00pm	Closing Remarks at Transcentury Auditorium	Mr. Victor Ndede, Technology and Human Rights Manager, Amnesty International Kenya
5:00pm - 5:30pm	Networking and Evening Tea	Guests may leave at their own pleasure
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