FORUM ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN AFRICA
Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Benguérir, Morocco
12-13 December 2018

AGENDA

Wednesday 12 December 2018

8am – 8:30am	Registration of participants
8:30am - 9am	Welcoming Coffee
9am - 10:30 am *(Ibn Rochd Hall)*	**Plenary session "Artificial intelligence in Africa: issues, challenges and opportunities"**

<u>Moderator</u>: **Ms Maryline Baumard**, Editor-in-chief, Le Monde Afrique
<u>Panelists:</u>
Mr Gilles Babinet, Digital Champion at the European Commission
Mr Nathnael Gossaye, Co-founder of LangBot
Mr Paulo Kuester Neto, Senior Chief Analyst, Brazilian Internet Steering Committee
Ms Rimini Makama, Government Affairs Director, Microsoft Nigeria & Ghana
Mr Hassan Radoine, Director, School of Architecture, Planning & Design, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University
Ms Bouchra Rahmouni Benhida, Senior Fellow, OCP Policy Center
Mr Haruo Takeda, Corporate Officer (Corporate Chief Engineer), Hitachi
Mr Juanle Wang, Vice-Director of the Department for Geo-data Science and Sharing, Chief of the Disaster Risk Reduction Section of the International Knowledge Center for Engineering Sciences and Technology

10:30 am - 11am	**Coffee break**
11am - 12pm *(Ibn Rochd Hall)*	**Opening Ceremony**

<u>Masters of Ceremony</u>: **Ms Maryline Baumard**, Editor-in-chief, Le Monde Afrique, and **Mr Frank Eleanya**, Journalist, Business Day Nigeria
<u>Welcoming Address</u>: **Mr Hicham El Habti**, Secretary General, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University
<u>Speeches:</u>
Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO
Mr Saïd Amzazi, Minister of National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Scientific Research of Morocco
Mr Yuxiang Long, Executive Chairperson, China International Cultural Communication Center
Mr Ibrahim Youssry, Regional General Manager, North, West, East, Central Africa, Levant & Pakistan, Microsoft
H. E. Ms Zohour Alaoui, President of the General Conference, UNESCO

12 pm - 1pm *(Ibn Rochd Hall)*	**Plenary session "What future for Artificial intelligence in Africa?"** Moderator: Panelists: **Ms Bunmi Banjo**, Former Head of Brand & Ecosystem Development, Google Africa, CEO, Kuvora Inc **Ms Betelhem Dessie**, Project Manager, iCog - Labs **Ms Narjis Hilale**, Writer and Professor, International University of Geneva **Mr Gabriel Malka,** Director of Training and Research in Biotechnology and Biomedical Engineering, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University **Mr Ibrahim Youssry**, Regional General Manager, North, West, East, Central Africa, Levant & Pakistan, Microsoft
1 pm - 2:30 pm	**Lunch break**
2:30 pm - 4pm *(Ibn Rochd Hall)*	**Plenary session "Universal Access to Information and Knowledge, and Artificial intelligence in Africa"** Moderator: **Mr Moez Chakchouk**, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO Panelists: **Mr Mohammed Ben Abdelkader**, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government responsible for the reform of the Administration and the Civil Service of Morocco **Ms Hawa Ba**, Programme Director, OSIWA **Ms Chrystele Dumont**, COO & CMO for Microsoft Africa, Levant and Pakistan, Microsoft **Mr Abdelouahid Lyhyaoui**, Full Professor, ENSA of Tangier, University Abdelmalek Essaadi **Mr Davor Orlic**, Senior Project Manager, Jozef Stefan Institute, Chief Operating Officer, K4ALL foundation **Ms Ruhiya Kristine Seward**, Senior Program Officer, Technology and Innovation, International Development Research Centre **Mr Jonathan Stever**, Co-founder, Impact Hub Kigali, Lead, I4policy
4pm - 4:30 pm	**Coffee Break**
4:30 pm - 6pm *(Ibn Rochd Hall)*	**Plenary session "Artificial intelligence, a lever for development of youth in Africa"** Moderator: **Mr Frank Eleanya**, Journalist, Business Day Nigeria Panelists: **Ms Ikram Chairi**, Teacher and Researcher Fellow, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University **Mr Ekene Johnpaul Ikwelle**, Chairperson, Pan-African Youth Network for Culture of Peace **Mr Tomoyuki Naito**, Senior Advisor for ICT and Development, Japan International Cooperation Agency **Mr Ebenezer Njoh Mouelle**, Representative of Cameroon to the Executive Council, Permanent Delegation of Cameroon to UNESCO
6:30pm	**Diner Cocktail**

9:30 am - 11am
(Ibn Rochd Hall)

Plenary session "Ethics and Artificial intelligence in Africa: What is at stake?"

Moderator: **Ms Dorothy Gordon**, Chair, Information For All Programme
Panelists:
Mr Anantha Duraiappah, Director, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development
Mr Eugène C. Ezin, Professor of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, University of Abomey-Calavi, Member of the IEEE Computer Science Society
Ms Monique Morrow, President and Co-Founder of the Humanized Internet, Associated Researcher at Alexander Humboldt University Institute of Internet and Society
Mr Takashi Egawa, Senior Manager, Standardization Promotion Department, Corporate Technology Division, NEC
M. Hicham Iraqi Houssaini, Country Manager, Microsoft French Speaking Africa
Mr Abdoulaye Sene, Professor, Environmental Sciences Institute, Faculty of Science and Technology, Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar, Vice-chairperson, World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology

11am - 11:30 am

Coffee break

11:30 am - 1pm

Parallel thematic sessions

UNESCO Sessions (no interpretation)

(Fatima Al Fihria Hall)

"Artificial Intelligence: The Future of Monitoring World Heritage Sites and Biosphere Reserves in Africa?"

Panelists:
Mr Otch Otto, Environmental Asset Protection, Security and Law Enforcement Consultant, African Parks
Mr Naruki Morimura, Associate Professor, Wild Animal Research Center, Kyoto University
Mr Méryas Degbemabou Kouton, Former Manager of the Pendjari Biosphere Reserve, GIS Expert, Spatial Observation of Central and West African Forests

(Hall Ibn Sina)

"Building capacity in AI in Africa: from fundamental research to applications"

Panelists:
Mr Tapiwa Chiwewe, Manager, Advanced and Applied Artificial Intelligence Group, IBM Research - Africa
Mr Antonello Scardicchio, Professor of Physics, Research Staff, UNESCO Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics
Mr Fernando Vega-Redondo, Professor, Department of Decision Sciences, University Bocconi

(Hall Al Khawarizmi)

Partners Sessions

"Smart technology and its applications in cities, agriculture and industry" - Mohammed VI Polytechnic University

Panelists:
Ms Nadia Bufardi, Researcher, Laboratory of Innovative Technologies, Abdelmalek Essaadi University
Mr Laurent Deshayes, Fablab Manager, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University
Mr El Khadir Lamrani, Senior data scientist, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University

(Hall Ibn Khaldoun)

"Transforming Society with Microsoft AI" - Microsoft

Panelist:
Mme Rimini Makama, Directrice des affaires gouvernementales, Microsoft Nigeria et Ghana

(Hall Ibn Tofail)

"Creating Impact through A.I. Applications" - R2 Social Ltd**.**

Panelists:
Ms Shirley Do, Global Operations Director, R2 Social Ltd
Mr Christopher Mikkelsen, Founder & Co-CEO, Refunite
Mr Ritesh Singh, CEO**,** Eckovation
Ms Annie Tay, Managing Director, Cubic Risk Solutions

1pm - 2:30 pm   **Lunch break**

2:30 pm - 4pm   **Plenary session "UNESCO and AI in Africa: what vision, what strategies?"**
(Hall Ibn Rochd)

Moderator: **Mr Firmin Edouard Matoko**, Assistant Director-General for Priority Africa and External Relations, UNESCO
Panelists:
Ms Golda El-Khoury, Director, Rabat Office, UNESCO
Mr Hervé Huot-Marchand, Head of the Bamako Office, UNESCO
Ms Ann Therese Ndong-Jatta, Director, Multisectoral Regional Office for Eastern Africa, UNESCO
Mr Khaled Salah, Director, Multisectoral Regional Office for Central Africa, UNESCO
Ms Ana Elisa Santana Afonso, Director, Liaison Office with the African Union and with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and National Office for Ethiopia, UNESCO
Mr Ydo Yao, Director, Multisectoral Regional Office for West Africa, UNESCO

4pm - 4:30 pm   **Coffee Break**

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm   **Closing Ceremony**

(Hall Ibn Rochd)

Moderator: **Mr Serge Koffi**, Journalist, AfricaNews
Presentation of the Forum Report/Proceedings

Mr Hicham El Habti, Secretary General, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University
H. E. Mr Oumar Keita, Chairperson of the African Group, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the Republic of Mali to UNESCO
Mr Firmin Edouard Matoko, Assistant Director-General for Priority Africa and External Relations, UNESCO