Fifth African Science, Technology and Innovation Forum Niamey (Niger)

Agenda of the session organized by UNESCO/PAX/AFR

Capacity building in digital skills, AI and emerging technologies in Africa

Official Launch of the UNESCO - Ai movement/ Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P) "African Women in Tech and AI" Project

Sunday, 26 February 2023 – 2 to 4 p.m.

We live in a world that is increasingly shaped by digital and emerging technologies. In Africa, those technologies have the potential to be a great lever for development if they are accessible and used to develop inclusive and sustainable solutions to local and regional challenges. In this context, and in the framework of its Operational Strategy for Priority Africa 2022-2029, UNESCO has developed strategic partnerships and large-scale international capacity building initiatives aiming at strengthening digital and AI capacities in Africa. The session will serve as a platform for sharing results of on-going projects and forging new synergies at the regional and local levels, with a special focus on South-South collaboration, as well and African youth and African women.

Moderator: Dr Magalie Lebreton-Traoré, Expert-consultant, Sector for Priority Africa and External Relations, UNESCO

Part 1: The UNESCO – CODEMAO Youth Coding Initiative

- Mr Zhan Tao, Director, UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education
- Mr Tianchi Li, CEO, CODEMAO (China)
- Mr Abdoulaye Ibrahim, Head, Unit of Contextual Analysis and Foresight for Priority Africa, UNESCO

Part 2: Focus on the African Youth

- Ms Malebogo Bowe, Liaison Officer, Unit for Relations with African Member States and Partnerships, UNESCO
- Ms Houda Saffi, First Prize Winner of the 2022 Hackathon on "AI for Women Empowerment & Gender Equality" organized by Ai movement/UM6P and UN Women
- Mr Ibrahim Abdou, Pan-African Youth Network for a Culture of Peace (PAYNCoP)
- Ms Amina Issa Ado, entrepreneur

Part 3: Official Launch of the UNESCO - Ai movement/UM6P Project "African Women in Tech and AI"

- Prof. Amal El Fallah Seghrouchni, Executive President, Center Ai movement of the Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (Morocco)
- Mr Abdoulaye Ibrahim, Head, Unit of Contextual Analysis and Foresight for Priority Africa, UNESCO