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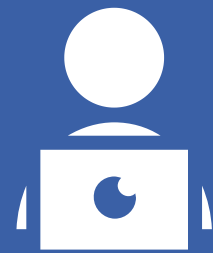
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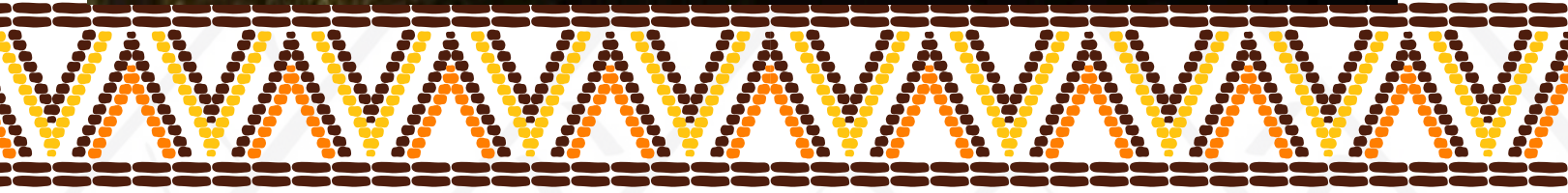
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ABOUT US

Bloggers of Zambia is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that was established in the year 2017. Our thematic areas of work are; Digital Rights, Press Freedom, Civic Tech and Media and Information Literacy.

Our mission is to create an open society where digital rights and the rights-based offline and online media platforms are guaranteed and protected
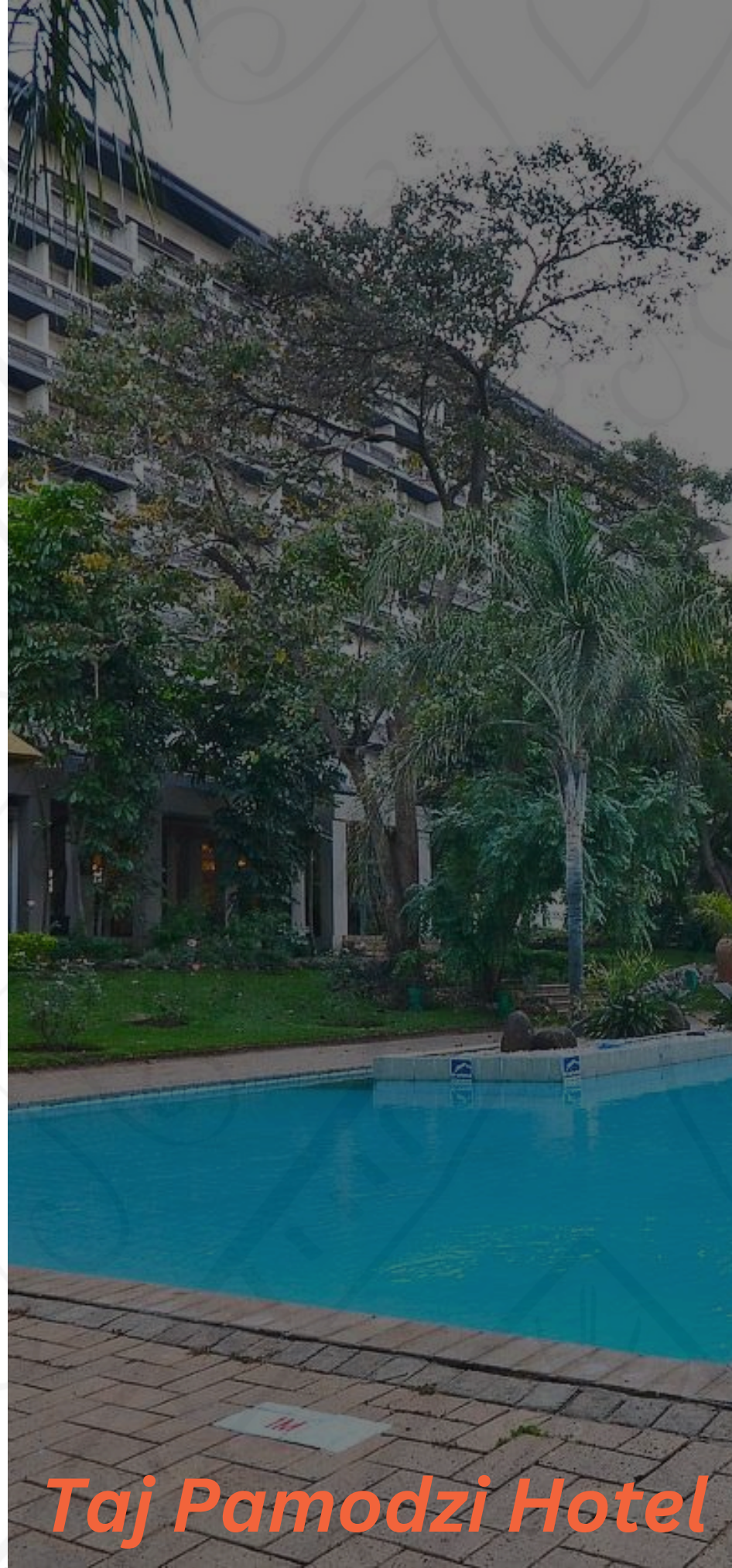
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INTRODUCTION

Bloggers established the Lusaka Internet Meet-Up in 2019. This is an in-country, annual, multistakeholder signature event that convenes different groups who are interested in the area of digitalisation in Zambia. The event is meant to promote an affordable, free, open, resilient, and inclusive internet for all in line with global best practices. The stakeholders include civil society, academia, regulators, media, law enforcement, lawyers, policymakers, legislators, service providers, technologists, government agencies and ministries etc to share experiences, policy directions, and legislative processes and to network on issues of digitalization. The Lusaka Internet Meet-Up is also open for participation from interested groups and partners from abroad who are keen on supporting the in-country event.

The Lusaka Internet Meet-Up also looks at how various stakeholders can exchange ideas, knowledge and establish collaborations on how we all can amalgamate our efforts and make recommendations on how to harness the digital transformation in terms of law and policy processes, regulations, education and awareness etc. The Lusaka Internet Meet-up is an opportunity to advance conversations and collaborations regarding the challenges and opportunities of the digital transformation that is rapidly taking place in Zambia.

The Lusaka Internet Meet-up is a platform for capacity building and an opportunity to galvanize important legal and policy recommendations for consideration by policymakers, legislators, regulators and law enforcement on key Digital Rights and Internet Governance issues.

The 2024 Lusaka Internet Meet-Up will be held at Lusaka's Taj Pamodzi Hotel on July 17 and 18 2024 under the theme, **"Leveraging Zambia's Digitalization Agenda in the Age of AI".**

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CONFERENCE DETAILS

Date: 17, 18 and 19 July 2024

Venue: Taj Pamodzi Hotel, Lusaka

Sub-themes;

- Emerging Technologies and Artificial Intelligence
- Infrastructure and Connectivity
- Digital Rights and Inclusion
- Cybersecurity and Data Protection
- Technology and Electronic Services

EVENT OBJECTIVES

- **To enhance understanding of the challenges and opportunities in Zambia's internet landscape**
- **To enhance understanding of the legal and policy provisions governing digitalisation in Zambia**
- **To mobilize stakeholders to participate in formulating Internet policy and legal recommendations**
- **To provide a platform for knowledge exchange and networking among stakeholders**

ATTENDEES

- **Government ministries and specialized agencies**
- **Legislators (parliamentarians)**
- **Embassies**
- **Internet Service providers**
- **Telecommunications Service providers**
- **Cybersecurity private companies**
- **Human Rights Commission**
- **Zambia Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU)**
- **Consumer Protection Agencies**
- **ICT Association of Zambia and Independent Cyber security experts**
- **Lawyers**
- **Media bodies and associations**
- **Local civil society organisations**
- **International NGOs**
- **Bloggers and social media influencers**
- **Academia, college and university students**

EVENT STRUCTURE

DAY 0

Zambia Digital Rights Akademie: July 17, 2024

- Full-day training (To train and equip participants with essential tools, practices, and capacity to protect citizens from digital rights violations.)

DAY 01

Lusaka Internet Meet-Up 2024: July 18, 2024

- Full-day sessions (Official opening, side events, panels, performances, exhibitions)
- Mixer (Meet and Greet Networking Session)

DAY 02

Lusaka Internet Meet-Up 2024: July 19, 2024

- Full day Sessions (Official opening, side events, panels, performances, exhibitions, closing ceremony)

AGENDA

ZAMBIA DIGITAL RIGHTS AKADEMIE

This is the second edition of the Zambia Digital Rights Akademie. The 2024 edition is a partnership with Paradigm Initiative (PIN). Attendance is by invitation. The Akademie aims to enhance the digital rights skills and knowledge of staff of the Human Rights Commission, Legal Aid, journalists, College and university students, young lawyers and Civil society actors in Zambia. These organisations are meant to be the key point of call for digital rights protection and inclusion in Zambia. The overall goal of the training is to equip participants with essential tools, practices, and capacity to protect citizens from digital rights violations.

Faculty
- Adeboye Adegoke - **Paradigm Initiative (Nigeria)**
- Chiti Mutati - **Paradigm Initiative (Zambia)**
- Gbenga Sesan - **Paradigm Initiative (Nigeria)**
- Thobekile Matimbe - **Paradigm Initiative (Zimbabwe)**
- Richard Mulonga - **Bloggers of Zambia (Zambia)**

OPENING CEREMONY   # ROOM: BAOBAB

Time	Session	Responsibility
06.00 - 12.00	Hot FM Live Radio Broadcast on different Interview segments	Minister/ Ambassadors/ Board Chairperson/ CEO/ PIN/ Internet Society
08.30 - 09.00	Arrival /Registration/ Speed Networking/ Meet & Greet	All
09.00 - 09.30	Hot FM Live Radio Interviews/ Networking	Minister/ Ambassadors/ Board Chairperson/ CEO/ others
09.00 - 09.10	**Welcome/ Background** The moderator will start the programme and give context exploring details and methodology for the two-day agenda	**Moderator**- Chinyota Msimuko

OPENING CEREMONY

ROOM: BAOBAB

Time	Session	Responsibility
09.10 - 09.20	**Context Setting** The Bloggers of Zambia CEO will give background to the Lusaka Internet Meet-Up and its objectives, including the future vision for the event.	**Richard Mulonga- Bloggers of Zambia CEO**
09.20 - 09.40	**Digital Rights Song Performance (Title- Cyber Soldier).** The song was produced with support from the GIZ- EnAct programme as an advocacy tool and also for education and awareness raising on digitalisation issues.	**Maiko Zulu- Reggae Artist**

OPENING CEREMONY

ROOM: BAOBAB

Time	Session	Responsibility
09.40 - 11.00	**High-Level Opening Panel on Zambia's Digitalization Agenda in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.** **Hon. Felix Mutati**- Minister of Technology and Science **Johan Hallenborg**- Swedish Ambassador to Zambia **Meral Karan**- USAID Democracy, Rights and Governance **Matthias Reusing**- Chargée d'Affaires EU of Delegation to Zambia and COMESA **Wamundila Waliuya**- Director Disability Rights Watch **Gbenga Sesan**- Director Paradigm Initiative Nigeria	**Adeboye Adegoke- Moderator (Paradigm Initiative)** The panel discussion will be preceded by opening speeches from **Bloggers of Zambia Vice Board Chairperson - Misozi Tembo, Paradigm Initiative Executive Director Gbenga Sesan, Swedish Ambassador to Zambia Johan Hallenborg and Science and Technology Minister Felix Mutati.**

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Time	BAOBAB ROOM	MOPANI-2 ROOM
11.00 - 11.30	**HEALTH BREAK** (Delegates return and join break-away sessions in Baobab and Mopani-2 Rooms)	
11.30 – 12.30	**Navigating the Digital Shift: Evaluating the Role of Technology in Zambia's Elections** The presentation will look into the integration of technology in Zambia's electoral process, examining the various digital tools and systems implemented to enhance the efficiency, transparency, and security of elections. Alinani Simuchimba – Information Systems Manager (Electoral Commission of Zambia)	**Ensuring Digital Rights and Inclusion in Zambia's AI Era** This panel discussion will host persons with disabilities working in digital rights and inclusion. **Panelists** Deborah Chilinda - Secretary at Chongwe City Council Ridith Namusukuma - Worker at Ministry of Information and Media Ian Banda - Disability Advocate and Founder of a Disability Movement Mike Chivumo - Government Worker and Business Owner **Grace Musigwa - Moderator**

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12.30 - 13.00	**The Future of Work in the Advent of AI** This session will explore the changing nature of work due to the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The session will explore the opportunities and challenges introduced by AI, and provide guidance to organizations and individuals on how to adapt and leverage AI to enhance their work in the rapidly changing job market. **Pendo Manjele**	**Cybersecurity and AI Mitigating AI** Risks and Enhancing Cybersecurity Measures. The presentation will delve into the dual facets of artificial intelligence: Its transformative potential and the inherent risks it poses, particularly in terms of data privacy, algorithmic bias, and security vulnerabilities. **Elisha Gerrad**
13.00 - 14.00	**LUNCH BREAK**	

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Time	BAOBAB ROOM	MOPANI-2 ROOM
14.00 - 15.00	**Worker's Rights are Digital Rights!** Trade Union/ CSO Coalition Workshop **Solidarity Centre- Southern Africa** This session focuses on worker's rights in the digital age. The session will introduce trade union representatives to digital rights issues, including law and policy and how emerging issues such as AI are shaping the future of work and influencing trade union business. **Speakers: Michelle Mwiinga, Richard Mulonga and Muleka Kamanisha**	**Artistic Rights and Expression Online** The session will explore the Zambian Cyber Laws and discuss how they affect the expression of Artists online. Artists will share experiences, in terms of their interactions with the online space, especially when it comes to expression of divergent views from the state. **Panelists: Mwiza Zulu (Moderator) B'Flow, Vanessa Chisakula and Maiko Zulu Kantu**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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Time	BAOBAB ROOM	MOPANI-2 ROOM
15.30 – 16.30	**Zambian Startups Leveraging AI: Innovating for the Future** Showcasing innovative ways Zambian startups are leveraging artificial intelligence to tackle local challenges and stimulate economic growth. The panel discussion will feature founders of Zambia's most promising AI-driven startups. **Panelists: Tafadzwa Kalisto Munzwa - Founder of Dawa Health Cassandra Mtine - CEO of AgriPredict Vwanganji Amatende-Bowa - Founder and CEO - Mighty Finance Solution Doreen Mwape – Bongo Hive (Moderator)**	**Preparing Zambia for the Future: Integrating Blockchain and AI** A panel exploring the evolution of the internet from Web1 to Web3, **Panelists: Mulenga Kapwepwe - (co-founder and strategic relations lead at ETHZambezi and co-founder of the Women's History Museum of Zambia, LRDMND (NFT, generative and AI artist, co-founder and CTO at ETHZambezi) Elijah Zgambo - (ETHZambezi community member and developer) Liseli Akayombokwa - (Music NFT and AI artist, co-founder and project lead at ETHZambezi) (Moderator)**
16.30	**Closing/ Networking/ Departure**	*Taj Pamodzi Hotel*

COCKTAIL EVENT (STRICTLY BY INVITATION)

THURSDAY JULY 18 2024

18.00 TO 20.00

VENUE: STEAKS AND GRILLS PAMODZI HOTEL

DAY 2 – FRIDAY, JULY 19
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Time	Activity
08.30 - 08.45	Arrival /Registration/ Speed Networking/ Meet & Greet
08.45 - 09.00	Announcements/ Flashback of Day 1

Time	BAOBAB ROOM	MOPANI-2 ROOM
09.00 - 10.00	**Generative AI; A Threat to People's Jobs** The session is about generative AI and the future of jobs. It highlights how Generative AI can be for development or threaten people's jobs. Mutinta Masowe – Mcover Solutions	**Content Monetisation and Digital Platforms** This session will take a dive into content monetisation for digital content creators, especially those in the creative sector. **Panelists: Fumba Chama: Permanent Secretary (Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts) Adrian Chipindi – Director National Arts Council of Zambia Theresa Lyainga – Artist Tabita Lilungwe – People's Action for Accountability and Good Governance in Zambia (Moderator)**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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Time	BAOBAB ROOM	MOPANI-2 ROOM
10.00 - 10.30	**Leveraging Social Media and Artificial Intelligence as a Career in a Digital Era** The presentation will explore strategies for leveraging social media for personal branding, networking, and business growth, as well as opportunities in AI-driven industries such as marketing, customer service, and data analysis. **Morgan Nondo**	**How the UN in Zambia is harnessing the Internet for Good.** **Panelists:** **Exploring the work of the United Nations** **World Food Programme** **United Nations Development Programme** **UNICEF**

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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Time	BAOBAB ROOM	MOPANI-2 ROOM
10.30 - 11.00	**Data Protection and Privacy in Zambia** This session features the Data Protection Commissioner of Zambia who was appointed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2021. The session will answer questions and discuss matters pertaining to the role of the Data Protection Commissioner, functions. The session will also explore challenges and opportunities in personal data protection and how the future looks in view of emerging technologies, data localisation, technical skills and the effectiveness of legislation **Likando Luywa - Data Protection Commissioner**	**AI-Powered Software Development:** Streamlining Processes and Building Better Products The presentation will delve into the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on software development. **Joseph Chizongo - Pybot Tech Consultancy Services**

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Time	BAOBAB ROOM	MOPANI-2 ROOM
11.00 – 12.00	**Media Freedom and Access to Information in the Age of AI: A Closer Look at Emerging Issues and Opportunities** The session takes a dive into the emerging issues around media freedom and access to information the era of advanced technology such as machine learning (AI). These include new ethical challenges not typically encountered in the conventional space. **Panelists: Elastus Mambwe - University of Zambia Paul Shalala - ZNBC Mwazipeza Sakala - Digital rights enthusiast Kamufisa Manchishi (Moderator)**	**Strengthening Cybersecurity and Data Protection in the Digital Age** This workshop will delve into the critical aspects of cybersecurity and data protection, focusing on strategies and best practices to safeguard sensitive information in an increasingly digital world. **Chilufya Theresa Mulenga – Internet Society Zambia**

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12:00 - 12:30	**Digital Rights: A Drive for Inclusion to Promote Accountability** This panel discussion aims to explore the intersection of digital rights, inclusion, and accountability within Zambia's evolving digital landscape. **Laura Miti - Alliance for Community Action Mwila Musonda - Civil Society for Poverty Reduction Musenge Chocha - Zambia Activists and Rights Defenders Network Karma Jawara Bwalya - Chawama Constituency Councilor Jephason Kalengo - Moderator**	**Information Integrity using Technology-Based Initiatives** This session will explore the double-edged sword of digital platforms or AI technologies, highlighting their potential to empower while other technologies are also being exploited for misinformation and hate speech. **Brian Simpande – Panos Institute Southern Africa**

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Time	BAOBAB ROOM	MOPANI-2 ROOM
12:30 - 13:00	**Bridging the digital literary divide in Zambia** Zambia faces a significant digital literacy divide, hindering social and economic development. This presentation will explore strategies to bridge the gap, ensuring equal access to digital opportunities for all Zambians. **Dr. Victor Silumbwe - Literacy Association of Zambia**	**Integration of Emerging Technologies and Artific** Supporting the ethical and impactful use of AI in newsrooms, emphasizing transparency and accessibility. This presentation will focus on innovations in Accessibility considering AI for Democratizing Information. **Emsie Erastus - Digital Rights Specialist (Internews Network Zambia) Nyambe Jere – Programs Advocacy Officer (Internews Network Zambia)**
13:00 - 14:00	**LUNCH BREAK**	*Taj Pamodzi Hotel*

Time	BAOBAB ROOM	MOPANI-2 ROOM
14.00 - 14.50	**Understanding the Potential Pros and Cons of Cybersecurity and Data Protection in Digitisation** Designed to educate participants on the dangers and techniques of email hacking. Through interactive simulations, attendees will learn how to identify malicious hyperlinks and emails that could compromise personal or organizational security. **Alinase Nyirenda - AliTech**	**Safe Cities Presentation** This session explores the citizen perceptions on CCTV Camera (Safe City) projects and potential digital rights issues. The session uses research findings from Zimbabwe as a case study. **Paradigm Initiative: Thobekile Matimbe/ Adeboye Adegoke**

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Time	BAOBAB ROOM	MOPANI-2 ROOM
14.50 – 15.40	**Understanding the Potential Pros and Cons of Cyber⬜security and Data Protection in Digitisation** The panel will discuss the benefits and drawbacks of AI in cyber-security. **Shuko Chunga - Liquid Intelligence, Head Executive of Cloud and Cyber-security Martin Mwila - ABSA Bank Zambia, Head of Cyber-security and Governance Zeko Mbumwae - Infratel Zambia, Chief Information Officer James Basil Zulu - The Local Voice Literacy Network (Organizer)**	**Building Resilient Internet Infrastructure for Enhanced Connectivity** This workshop will focus on the development and maintenance of robust internet infrastructure to improve connectivity and support digital transformation in both urban and rural areas. **Chilufya Theresa Mulenga – ISOC Zambia**

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Time	BAOBAB ROOM	MOPANI-2 ROOM
15.40 – 16.30	**Understanding AI (Artificial Intelligence)** This workshop represents a unique opportunity to bridge the knowledge gap in AI and the skills to leverage AI tools like ChatGPT. We look forward to your support and partnership in making this event a success. **Chawezi Gift M'hango - Yako Foundation**	**Beyond Redundancy: Improving Customer Onboarding Processes in Zambia's Financial Sector** This session explores how banks/ governments can benefit from the use of centralized identification systems and other customer identification technologies to improve some of the operational challenges that are faced in the current state. **Mbuyu Makayi**

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Time	Closing Ceremony
16.30 - 17:00	**Kamufisa Manchinshi- Journalism Lecturer/ Researcher** **Gbenga Sesan- Executive Director Paradigm Initiative**
17:00	**Closing/ Networking/ Departure**

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

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