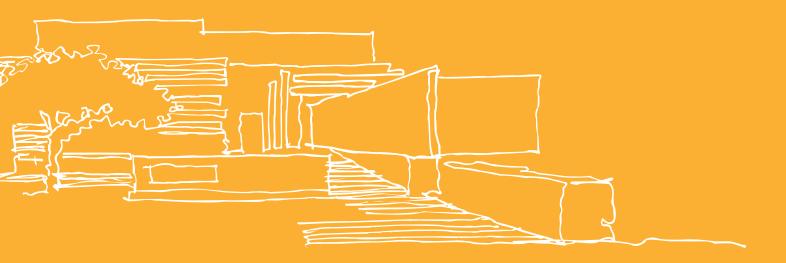
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DAY 1: TUESDAY, 8 JULY			
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome addresses by STIAS & Point Sud		
9:15 - 9:40	Convener plenary		
9:40 - 10:00	Participants' round of introduction		
10:00 - 10:15	Coffee Break		
10:15 - 11:45	PANEL A: AI, Connectivity, and Development	Chair: Tevin Tafese	
	A. Digital Inclusion and Sovereignty in Digital Public Infrastructures in Africa: Examining the Socio-Material Basis of Claim-Making in Practice	Bidisha Chaudhuri	
	B. Preserving African Linguistic Diversity in AI: Addressing Digital Exclusion, Bias, and Regulatory Gaps	Tsosheletso Chidi	
	C. Smarter justice: Rethinking Equitable and Sustainable Smart Cities in the age of Urban AI	Mennatullah Hendawy	
11:45 - 12:45	PANEL B: Geopolitical Aspects of Digital Sovereignty	Chair: Alena Thiel	
	A. Multipolar Digital Cooperation: Assessing Africa's Strategy in an Increasingly Fragmented Digital Sphere	Raymond Onuoha	
	B. A Comparative Analysis of Ethiopia's AI Regulatory Framework: Gaps, Challenges, and Global Insights	Habtamu Woldeyohanis (Virtual presentation)	
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch Break		
14:00 - 15:30	PANEL C: Human Rights and Digital Freedoms	Chair: Maxine Rubin	
	A. Guaranteeing digital freedoms in West Africa : challenges in the context of the fight against violent extremism	Ayite Sewa-Nyo	
	B. Le code du numérique au Bénin : un instrument efficace de lutte contre la criminalité en ligne ou un outil de restriction des libertés ?	Hougnon Wilfried Serge Ouitona	
	C. Online participation and Crowdsourced Monitoring of Elections in Africa	Nobert Kersting	
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00 - 17:30	PANEL D: Digital Colonialism: Big Tech, Algorithmic Bias and Cultural Preservation	Chair: Georges Macaire Eyenga	
	A. The Perceived Digital Divide Constraints Towards Access to Digital African Indigenous Knowledge	Glen Maimela	
	B. Digital Colonialism and Algorithmic Bias in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Critical Analysis of Dominant Digital Platforms.	Gaudencia Mudada	
19:00	Welcome Dinner at Decameron Restaurant Stellenbosch		

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY			
09:00 - 10:30	PANEL E: Labor Markets and Digital Impacts	Chair: Achim Kemmerling	
A. The Digital Continent: Placing Africa in Planetary Networks of Work		Amir Anwar	
	B. The Algorithmic Plantation: Digital Colonialism and Kenya's Al Labor Force	Adio Dinika	
	C. Exploited and Unseen: Digital Colonialism, Outsourcing, and the Fight for Fair Tech Labor in Kenya	Kauna Ibrahim Malgwi	
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break		
11:00 - 12:30	PANEL F: Digital Skills and Education	Chair: Gift Mwonzora	
	A. Digital Revolution and the Knowledge Economy: Prospects and Challenges of Educational Applications of ICTs in Africa	Nnabugwu Oscar Uluocha	
	B. Critique of high technological modernism in education in Cameroon: The Paul Biya Higher Education Vision (PB HEV) Project	Durix Esronne Njiha Kouatchou	
	C. Artificial Intelligence and Copyright — Assessing the Opportunities and Challenges for Universities in Zambia	Chanda Nkholoma	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break		
13:30 - 17:30	VISIT A: Data Centre Brackenfell		
18:00	Joint Dinner		

DAY 3: THURSDAY, 10 JULY		
09:00- 10:30	PANEL G: Current Data and Al Regulation in Africa	Chair: Andrew Crawford
	A. How entrenched are we in Digital Entrapment?: A Critique of "Terms of Use" of most popular Digital Platforms.	Guidance Mthwazi
	B. Digitalization of Land Administration Service Delivery in Ghana: Implications for Accessibility, Inclusivity, and the Exclusion of Marginalized Groups	Zaid Abubakari
	C. The pacing problem in South Africa's mHealth regulation: Advancing adaptive mHealth regulation—from the "intended use" rule to a functionality-based framework	Johannes Machinya
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:30	PANEL H: Harmonisation of Digital Regulation in Africa: Desirable, Necessary or Neither?	
	A. Harmonised Digital Policies and Higher Education: Implications for African Universities and Research Institutions	Catherine Kiprop
	B. Harmonised AI Regulation in Africa: A critique of the Continental AI Strategy	Martin Munyoto
	C. Harmonizing the Regulation of Digital Labour Platforms (DLPs) in Africa: Lessons from the European Union	Bashman Mohammed
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 - 18:00	VISIT B: Fibre-Optic Cable Landing Station or Undersea Data Cable Repair Ship (circumstances permitting) & Waterfront Visit	
19:30	Return to Stellenbosch and Free Evening	

DAY 4: FRIDAY	Y, 11 JULY	
9:30 - 13:30	VISIT C: Philippi Village (Converted cement factory that is home to a diverse community of entrepreneurs and small business owners)	
	World Cafe: Small group conversations at Philippi Village with a mix of conference participants and digital entrepreneurs/digital rights activists	
Return to STIAS		
14:30 - 17:30	Ethnocharette: Reflection and ideas sharing to cross-fertilise ideas with a view to the special issue & Closing of the conference	
	Free Evening	

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