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## Executive Summary

The **MRU IGF 2025**, hosted in Monrovia, Liberia from **9–11 December 2025**, marked the second edition of the Mano River Union Internet Governance Forum and represented a major step forward in regional digital cooperation. Building on the foundational milestone achieved during the maiden 2024 edition in Freetown, Sierra Leone, the 2025 forum moved decisively from dialogue to implementation. The focus shifted toward practical regional harmonization, policy coordination, and youth-driven digital transformation — reflecting a growing maturity of the platform within the MRU region.

The level of national involvement in Liberia was particularly remarkable. The forum convened senior government officials, members of parliament, regulatory authorities, international partners, civil society leaders, private sector representatives, and youth delegates. Over **250 participants** attended in person, with additional stakeholders joining virtually from across the region. High-level participation included senior officials from the Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications of Liberia, the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA), members of the Liberian Senate and House Committees on ICT, and prominent regional actors from Sierra Leone and Guinea. The presence of the Executive Director of Internews Liberia, representatives from civil society organizations combating misinformation, and regulatory delegates from Guinea and Sierra Leone underscored the growing credibility and influence of the MRU IGF as a regional policy platform.

The 2025 edition served a critical purpose at a time when MRU member states face shared digital challenges — from connectivity disruptions and cybersecurity threats to digital inclusion gaps and emerging technology governance. Discussions were structured around tangible outcomes rather than abstract debates, reinforcing the forum’s role as a coordination mechanism for regional digital policy.

Key achievements of MRU IGF 2025 include:

- **Strengthened political commitment to a Regional Roaming Framework**, aimed at reducing cross-border communication costs and enhancing regional integration.
- **Formal endorsement of National AI Policy development** across MRU member states, recognizing the urgency of coordinated governance for emerging technologies.
- **Agreement to enhance CERT-to-CERT cybersecurity collaboration**, laying the groundwork for improved regional resilience against cyber threats.
- **Adoption and integration of the MRU Youth Communiqué 2025** into the main forum outcomes, ensuring youth perspectives directly shape regional policy.
- **Calls for harmonized data protection and privacy enforcement**, addressing trust deficits within the digital ecosystem.
- **Expanded parliamentary engagement on ICT legislation**, signaling stronger alignment between digital policy and legislative oversight.

Most significantly, the forum transitioned from being primarily a dialogue platform to becoming a structured mechanism for regional coordination and follow-up. Working groups, implementation timelines, and cross-border collaboration pathways were identified, signaling that MRU IGF 2025 was not merely a conference, but a turning point toward institutionalized digital cooperation within the Mano River Union.

## Introduction

The Mano River Union Internet Governance Forum (MRU IGF) is a recognized **National and Regional Initiative (NRI)** under the global United Nations Internet Governance Forum (UN IGF) framework. As an NRI, the MRU IGF operates as a neutral, multistakeholder platform that brings together governments, parliamentarians, regulators, civil society, academia, private sector actors, youth, and international partners to address internet governance challenges specific to the Mano River Union member states — Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Côte d’Ivoire.

The inaugural edition held in **Freetown, Sierra Leone in 2024** laid a strong foundation for regional digital cooperation. That maiden forum successfully introduced the concept of structured MRU-wide dialogue on connectivity, cybersecurity, digital rights, and regional roaming. It generated consensus around the need for policy alignment, proposed a regional digital cooperation framework, and formally elevated youth participation into the core architecture of the platform.

Building directly on those commitments, **MRU IGF 2025 in Monrovia represented a decisive shift from conceptual dialogue to structured implementation and political consolidation.** The second edition strengthened institutional ownership, deepened parliamentary engagement, and advanced concrete policy coordination mechanisms first discussed in Freetown.

MRU IGF 2025 was convened under the theme:

**“Building Regional Digital Trust and Connectivity for Inclusive Development.”**

This theme was intentionally forward-looking and implementation-focused. It reflected both the progress achieved since Freetown 2024 and the urgent realities facing the region in 2025. The Monrovia edition reinforced that digital transformation in the MRU must be built on trust, resilience, affordability, and inclusion.

The theme directly responded to regional priorities, including the need to:

- **Strengthen infrastructure resilience**, particularly following the 2024 undersea cable disruptions that exposed vulnerabilities in regional connectivity;
- **Enhance digital trust, data protection, and rights-based governance**, ensuring that innovation does not outpace safeguards;
- **Promote inclusive access**, especially for youth, women, and underserved rural communities;
- **Accelerate regional integration**, particularly through harmonized roaming frameworks, cybersecurity cooperation, and emerging technology governance.

The Monrovia forum demonstrated measurable progress from the Freetown agenda. Political endorsement of roaming harmonization advanced from proposal to structured roadmap discussion. Youth engagement evolved from participation to formal integration into the final Communiqué. Parliamentary actors played a stronger role in aligning ICT legislative reforms across borders. Furthermore, emerging issues such as AI governance, platform regulation, and digital economy coordination were elevated to the regional policy level.

In this regard, MRU IGF 2025 did not merely continue the Freetown dialogue — it institutionalized it. The Monrovia edition solidified the MRU IGF as a credible regional policy convergence platform within the broader UN IGF ecosystem and positioned the Mano River Union as an increasingly coordinated actor in Africa’s digital governance landscape.

## **Background and Rationale**

The Mano River Union (MRU) member states — Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Côte d’Ivoire — face interconnected digital challenges that require coordinated sub-regional responses rather than isolated national solutions.

MRU countries face shared digital challenges, including:

- Fragile connectivity highlighted by the **March 2024 West Africa undersea cable outages**
- Rising cyber threats targeting public and private infrastructure
- Low 5G penetration and uneven broadband access
- Weak enforcement of data protection and privacy regimes
- Persistent digital inclusion gaps affecting youth, women, and rural communities
- Growing concerns around misinformation and online harms

These realities underscore the need for coordinated regional responses rather than isolated national approaches.

## **Infrastructure Vulnerability & Connectivity Gaps**

The March 2024 undersea cable disruptions that affected several West African countries, including Liberia and Sierra Leone, exposed the fragility of regional digital infrastructure. Liberia and Sierra Leone remain heavily dependent on limited submarine cable landing points, with insufficient redundancy and limited terrestrial fiber interconnection between MRU states. Guinea, while connected to multiple international cables, still faces internal backbone constraints and rural connectivity gaps. Côte d’Ivoire has comparatively stronger infrastructure but remains a critical transit node for regional traffic.

These vulnerabilities underscore the urgent need for:

- Regional infrastructure redundancy planning
- Cross-border fiber interconnection agreements
- Shared emergency response mechanisms
- Infrastructure investment coordination through the MRU Secretariat

## **Cybersecurity & Institutional Capacity Gaps**

Across the MRU region, cyber threats targeting government systems, financial institutions, and telecommunications networks have increased. While Liberia and Sierra Leone are advancing cybersecurity frameworks, institutional capacity remains limited. Guinea is strengthening regulatory systems, but coordination across borders remains weak. CERT structures exist in varying stages of development, and there is no formalized MRU-level cybersecurity cooperation mechanism.

Key regional actions required:

- Formal CERT-to-CERT collaboration framework
- Joint cyber simulation exercises
- Capacity building for regulators and digital forensic units
- Regional threat intelligence sharing platform

## **Internet Penetration & Digital Divide**

Internet penetration rates remain uneven. Liberia’s internet penetration is approximately 32–35%, Sierra Leone’s is slightly higher but still below continental averages, while Guinea faces persistent rural access disparities. Côte d’Ivoire has comparatively higher urban connectivity but continues to face rural access gaps.

Common challenges include:

- High data costs relative to income levels
- Limited rural broadband infrastructure
- Low digital literacy among underserved communities
- Gender gaps in digital access

This requires regional collaboration on:

- Infrastructure sharing models
- Affordable access frameworks
- Universal service best-practice exchange
- Regional digital literacy coordination

### **Limited 5G & Emerging Technology Readiness**

5G penetration across the MRU region remains below 2%, reflecting broader continental constraints. Spectrum harmonization, investment readiness, and regulatory frameworks for advanced technologies such as AI and IoT remain underdeveloped in most MRU states.

The region risks falling behind in:

- AI governance preparedness
- Cross-border digital trade readiness
- Digital public infrastructure coordination

MRU-level action must include:

- Spectrum coordination dialogue
- AI policy alignment principles
- Digital innovation ecosystem strengthening
- Regional research and development collaboration

### **5. Weak Data Protection & Privacy Enforcement**

While some MRU countries have enacted or drafted data protection laws, enforcement mechanisms remain inconsistent. Regulatory authorities face capacity constraints, and cross-border data governance remains fragmented.

Regional priorities include:

- Harmonization of data protection standards
- Regulatory cooperation mechanisms
- Capacity building for national data protection authorities
- Promotion of encryption and trust frameworks

### **Youth Unemployment & Digital Skills Mismatch**

With over 70% of the population under 35 in several MRU countries, youth unemployment remains a major socioeconomic challenge. Despite growing digital opportunities, skills gaps persist, and structured pathways from digital skills to employment remain weak.

Youth challenges include:

- Limited access to structured ICT training
- Weak startup ecosystems
- Lack of cross-border youth innovation collaboration
- Insufficient policy inclusion in digital decision-making

The MRU IGF Youth Track directly responds to this gap by linking skills, policy engagement, and entrepreneurship.

### **Objectives of MRU IGF 2025 Meeting**

The forum aimed to:

- Strengthen regional cooperation on digital policy and regulation
- Advance practical solutions for connectivity, trust, and inclusion
- Integrate youth perspectives into regional internet governance
- Promote rights-based, people-centered digital transformation
- Align MRU digital priorities with continental and global IGF processes

### **Overview of the MRU Youth IGF 2025 (Day 0 – 9 December)**

The MRU Youth IGF convened over **100 young participants** from Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Côte d'Ivoire. Sessions focused on:

- Digital skills and employability
- Cyber hygiene and online safety
- AI literacy and emerging technologies
- Media literacy and misinformation
- Youth entrepreneurship and innovation

A ministerial engagement with the **Ministry of Youth & Sports of Liberia** highlighted government commitment to youth digital empowerment. The Youth IGF concluded with the adoption of the **MRU Youth Communiqué 2025**, formally presented during the main forum.

## DAY -1 : MAIN MRU IGF PROCEEDINGS (10 DECEMBER)

### Opening Ceremony

High-level remarks were delivered by senior government officials, parliamentarians, regulators, and international partners, reaffirming Liberia's leadership and the regional importance of the MRU IGF.

### Plenary and Panel Sessions

Sessions examined policy, technical, and social dimensions of internet governance through inclusive, evidence-based dialogue.

Hon. Ellen Attoh-Wreh Member of the West Africa Parliamentarian Network (WAYPING) and current Representative of District #7 Margibi County, and Chairperson, delivered a **Special Remarks** at the opening of the MRU IGF 2025, setting a strong political and institutional tone for the second edition of the forum hosted in Liberia. Her address underscored the importance of parliamentary leadership, gender inclusion, and regional cooperation in advancing sustainable and rights-based digital governance across the Mano River Union (MRU).

As Chairperson of the Local Organizing Committee, Hon. Attoh-Wreh welcomed delegates from Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Côte d'Ivoire, as well as international partners and representatives of the UN IGF ecosystem. She emphasized that Liberia's hosting of the MRU IGF 2025 was both **symbolic and strategic**, reflecting the country's founding role in the MRU and its renewed commitment to regional digital integration. In her remarks, Hon. Attoh-Wreh highlighted the evolving role of **parliaments in digital governance**, noting that legislative institutions must move beyond oversight to become proactive enablers of inclusive digital transformation. She stressed that issues such as connectivity, data protection, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and digital inclusion require laws that are adaptive, forward-looking, and grounded in human rights.

Drawing from her leadership as Head of the Women's Legislative Caucus of Liberia, Hon. Attoh-Wreh placed particular emphasis on **gender-responsive digital policy**. She noted that women and girls remain disproportionately affected by digital exclusion, online abuse, and limited access to digital skills and economic opportunities. She called on MRU member states to mainstream gender considerations into national ICT policies, cybersecurity strategies, and digital literacy programs. Hon. Attoh-Wreh further reflected on the growing relevance of **parliamentary networks on internet governance**, referencing her active engagement within both the West Africa Parliamentarian Network on Internet Governance and the MRU Parliamentarian Network. She underscored that these platforms provide critical avenues for harmonizing legislative approaches across borders, particularly on emerging issues such as cross-border roaming, platform regulation, and digital trade.

Addressing the youth dimension of the forum, the Chairperson commended the integration of the MRU Youth IGF into the overall program and reaffirmed the responsibility of lawmakers to create enabling environments for young innovators. She stressed that youth are not merely beneficiaries of digital policy but essential partners in shaping resilient digital economies.

In concluding her remarks, Hon. Attoh-Wreh reaffirmed the commitment of the Local Organizing Committee to ensuring that the outcomes of MRU IGF 2025 translate into **practical policy action**. She urged governments, regulators, civil society, the private sector, and development partners to sustain collaboration beyond the forum and to support the implementation of the recommendations captured in the MRU IGF 2025 Communiqué. Her intervention reinforced the central message of the Monrovia forum: that **regional digital trust, inclusion, and resilience can only be achieved through coordinated leadership—where parliaments play a decisive and visible role**.

### Opening Remarks – Purpose of the Gathering & NRI Roll Call

#### **Peterking Quaye-Regional Convener & Head of Secretariat, MRU IGF**

Distinguished Ministers, Honorable Parliamentarians, Regulators, Development Partners, Civil Society Leaders, Technical Community, Youth Representatives, and colleagues from the UN IGF NRI network—good morning.

On behalf of the MRU IGF Secretariat, I warmly welcome you to MRU IGF 2025 in Monrovia, convened under the theme “Building Regional Digital Trust and Connectivity for Inclusive Development.” This gathering marks a critical progression from our maiden edition in Freetown, Sierra Leone, where we established the MRU IGF as a credible regional platform and secured early commitments on roaming, cybersecurity cooperation, and youth inclusion. Today, in Liberia, we move decisively from foundation to implementation.

Our purpose is clear: to align policy and practice across MRU member states—**Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Côte d'Ivoire**—so that connectivity is resilient, digital economies are inclusive, rights are protected, and trust underpins innovation. The lessons from recent infrastructure disruptions and the rapid rise of emerging technologies make regional coordination not optional, but essential.

I am pleased to acknowledge our partners in the **UN IGF NRI ecosystem**, national IGFs, regulators, operators, civil society, academia, and our international collaborators whose participation strengthens this forum's outcomes. Your presence affirms our shared responsibility to deliver practical solutions.

Let us use these two days to finalize actionable roadmaps—on **regional roaming, data protection, cybersecurity resilience, and youth skills-to-jobs pathways**—and to commit to timelines that benefit our citizens. Welcome to Monrovia, and to a forum focused on results.

## **Liberia's Legislative Progress on Digital Transformation: State of ICT Bills, Policy Reforms & Regional Alignment**

### **Hon. Francis Saidu Dopoh II**

*Senator, River Gee County | Chair, Senate Committee on Post & Telecommunications  
The Liberian Senate, Republic of Liberia*

In his keynote address, **Hon. Francis Saidu Dopoh II** highlighted Liberia's steady legislative progress toward a modern, inclusive digital ecosystem. Speaking from his role as Chair of the Senate Committee on Post & Telecommunications, he underscored the importance of **timely ICT legislation**, regulatory clarity, and parliamentary collaboration to keep pace with rapid technological change. Senator Dopoh emphasized ongoing and proposed ICT-related bills aimed at strengthening **connectivity, cybersecurity, data protection, and digital innovation**, noting that effective digital transformation depends on close coordination between lawmakers, regulators, and the private sector. He reaffirmed the Senate's commitment to **accelerating the passage of priority digital laws** through bipartisan cooperation and evidence-based policymaking.

Linking national efforts to regional goals, he called for **greater alignment among MRU member states** on roaming, cross-border connectivity, and digital trade frameworks, stressing that harmonized laws will reduce costs, attract investment, and improve services for citizens. His remarks reinforced the role of parliaments as enablers of regional digital integration and practical implementation—turning policy intent into measurable impact across the Mano River Union.

### **Opening Ceremony #1 – Plenary Session**

**Hon. S. Mohammed Massaley**, Deputy *Minister for Technical Services, Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications, Republic of Liberia*

Representing the Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications, Hon. S. Mohammed Massaley delivered the Opening Plenary remarks at MRU IGF 2025, emphasizing the forum's growing importance as a **regional platform for coordinated digital policy action**. He noted that the MRU IGF provides member states with a practical space to align national ICT priorities with regional objectives, particularly in areas such as **connectivity, infrastructure resilience, cybersecurity, and digital inclusion**.

Hon. Massaley highlighted Liberia's commitment as host country to advancing **regional cooperation on ICT development**, stressing that challenges faced by MRU states—ranging from network disruptions to affordability and skills gaps—require **collective solutions rather than isolated national responses**. He further underscored the role of government leadership in enabling collaboration between regulators, operators, civil society, and youth.

In closing, the Deputy Minister reaffirmed the Ministry's support for the outcomes of MRU IGF 2025 and encouraged participants to translate the forum's discussions into concrete policies, partnerships, and implementation frameworks that will strengthen digital transformation across all MRU member states.

## **REMARK FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY**

### **Key Interventions – Selected Speakers (MRU IGF 2025)**

#### **Amara Kargbo – MRU Youth IGF Lead (Sierra Leone)**

Amara Kargbo emphasized that youth must move beyond participation to active leadership in shaping regional digital policy, stressing the importance of linking digital skills development to real employment and entrepreneurship opportunities across MRU member states. She called for stronger cross-border youth collaboration platforms to drive innovation and inclusive growth, and reaffirmed that youth perspectives must be formally integrated into decision-making processes, as demonstrated through the adoption of the MRU Youth Communiqué.

#### **CIPESA (Collaboration on International ICT Policy for East and Southern Africa) – Remote Contribution**

CIPESA underscored the importance of rights-based digital governance, highlighting the need to protect freedom of expression and access to information in the digital space. Drawing on experiences from East and Southern Africa, the intervention emphasized practical approaches to combating misinformation and strengthening digital resilience, while encouraging MRU countries to adopt evidence-based policymaking and deepen civil society engagement. The organization also highlighted the critical role of regional platforms like the MRU IGF in advancing inclusive, transparent, and accountable internet governance.

### **Anja Ajengo – UN IGF Secretariat (Remote Special Remark)**

Anja Ajengo provided a strategic update on the WSIS+20 Review Process, emphasizing its global importance in shaping the future of digital cooperation. She encouraged MRU member states to actively participate and align their national priorities with broader global digital governance frameworks. Her remarks stressed the need for inclusive, transparent, and multistakeholder engagement in defining the post-WSIS agenda, while recognizing the MRU IGF as an important regional platform that ensures the voices and priorities of Liberia and the wider MRU region are reflected in global internet governance discussions.

## **PLANARY SESSIONS**

### **Panel 1: Regional Digital Infrastructure for Shared Prosperity**

#### **Moderator: Samuel Kpator – MRU IGF Secretariat**

The session on *Regional Digital Infrastructure for Shared Prosperity* focused on the urgent need to strengthen broadband access, cross-border connectivity, and public-private partnerships (PPPs) across MRU member states. Discussions were grounded in the region's realities, including low internet penetration rates (as low as ~26–35% in some MRU countries), high cost of data, weak rural connectivity, and limited infrastructure redundancy. The panel emphasized that without coordinated infrastructure investment and policy alignment, the region risks widening its digital divide despite growing mobile adoption and digital demand.

#### **Phil Dixon – Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA), Legal Counsel**

Phil Dixon highlighted the critical role of regulatory frameworks in enabling infrastructure expansion, emphasizing that Liberia and MRU countries must strengthen legal environments to attract private sector investment. He noted that fragmented policies across borders continue to slow infrastructure deployment and called for harmonized regulatory standards, particularly for cross-border fiber networks and spectrum management. He also stressed the importance of public-private partnerships (PPPs) in bridging last-mile connectivity gaps, especially in rural and underserved areas where commercial returns are limited.

#### **Sullivan T. Doeblah – Technology Consultant to the Senate Committee on Telecommunications**

Sullivan Doeblah focused on the need for strong legislative support for digital infrastructure development, noting that parliaments must accelerate ICT-related laws to enable investment, innovation, and cross-border integration. He emphasized that infrastructure challenges in MRU countries are not only technical but also policy-driven, requiring coordinated legislative action on issues such as infrastructure sharing, digital taxation, and universal access frameworks. He further highlighted the importance of aligning national ICT laws with regional priorities to support sustainable digital economies and regional trade integration.

#### **Edward Williams – Sierra Leone IGF Representative (Civil Society & Academia)**

Edward Williams emphasized the importance of inclusive infrastructure development, noting that connectivity must go beyond urban centers to reach rural and marginalized communities. He highlighted challenges such as high data costs, unreliable power supply, and limited rural broadband access, which continue to affect meaningful internet use in Sierra Leone and across the MRU region. He called for stronger collaboration between governments, civil society, and academia to promote affordable access models, digital literacy, and community-based connectivity solutions, ensuring that infrastructure investments translate into real socio-economic impact.

### **Session Outcome**

The panel concluded that achieving shared prosperity in the MRU region requires a shift from isolated national infrastructure projects to coordinated regional digital infrastructure strategies. Key recommendations included advancing cross-border fiber interconnections, strengthening PPP frameworks, harmonizing regulatory policies, and prioritizing rural connectivity. The discussion reinforced that digital infrastructure is not only a technical issue but a foundation for economic integration, youth empowerment, and regional development across the Mano River Union.

### **Panel 4: FinTech, Digital Innovation & the Future of Youth Entrepreneurship in the MRU Region / Cybersecurity, Internet Resilience, and Trust in the MRU Region**

#### **Moderator: –/ Youth Leader ( Sierra Leone )**

This session explored the intersection of financial technology, youth innovation, and cybersecurity resilience within the MRU region, emphasizing the need for interoperable systems, enabling regulations, and inclusive digital ecosystems. Discussions highlighted rapid growth in mobile money across West Africa, alongside persistent challenges such as low financial inclusion in rural areas, limited interoperability between providers, weak cybersecurity frameworks, and gaps in digital literacy, particularly among women and youth. The panel reinforced that trust, security, and policy alignment are essential for scaling digital innovation and entrepreneurship in the region.

### **Julateh Mulbah – Data Science Expert**

Julateh Mulbah emphasized the importance of data-driven innovation in strengthening FinTech ecosystems, noting that access to reliable data is critical for designing inclusive financial solutions. She highlighted the need for robust data governance frameworks and cybersecurity safeguards to build user trust, particularly as digital financial services expand. She also stressed that leveraging data analytics can support credit access, risk management, and financial inclusion, especially for underserved communities and small enterprises.

### **Edward Williams – ISOC Chapter Sierra Leone (Civil Society & Academia)**

Edward Williams underscored the role of policy and regulatory alignment in enabling FinTech growth, particularly around interoperability and cross-border digital payments. He highlighted the need for consumer protection, digital rights, and secure platforms to ensure that innovation does not compromise user safety. He also emphasized that civil society and academia must play a key role in promoting digital literacy, awareness, and accountability within the digital financial ecosystem.

### **Sekou Sheriff – Youth ICT Advocate, Liberia / President, LITSU**

Sekou Sheriff focused on the critical link between youth entrepreneurship and access to digital tools, noting that many young innovators face barriers such as limited funding, inadequate infrastructure, and lack of mentorship. He called for targeted investment in youth-led startups, digital skills training, and innovation hubs, as well as stronger government support to create enabling environments. He also highlighted the importance of integrating cybersecurity awareness into youth programs to build a generation of responsible digital users and innovators.

### **Amara Kargbo – Youth Program Team, WAICTANet (Sierra Leone)**

Amara Kargbo emphasized the importance of gender inclusion and rural access in digital innovation, noting that women and rural youth remain underrepresented in FinTech and technology ecosystems. She called for inclusive policies that support women-led innovation, expand access to digital tools, and promote cross-border youth collaboration. She also highlighted the need to address misinformation and digital safety challenges, ensuring that innovation is built on a foundation of trust, security, and inclusion.

### **Session Outcome**

The panel concluded that the future of FinTech and youth entrepreneurship in the MRU region depends on strong regulatory frameworks, interoperable systems, and inclusive digital policies. Key recommendations included promoting cross-border digital payment systems, strengthening cybersecurity and consumer protection, expanding digital literacy programs, and investing in youth and women-led innovation ecosystems. The session reinforced that building trust and resilience is essential for unlocking the full potential of digital innovation across the Mano River Union.

## **DAY -2 : MAIN MRU IGF PROCEEDINGS ( 11 DECEMBER)**

### **Day 2 – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Main Forum Continued**

#### **Opening Remark – MRU Overview & Day 1 Recap**

Peterking Quaye – Regional Convener & Head of Secretariat, MRU IGF

In his opening remarks on Day 2, Peterking Quaye provided a concise recap of Day 1 proceedings, highlighting the strong momentum built around regional cooperation, policy alignment, and youth inclusion. He noted that discussions across sessions demonstrated a clear shift from dialogue to practical implementation, particularly in areas such as regional roaming, digital infrastructure, cybersecurity collaboration, and data governance. He emphasized that one of the most significant outcomes from Day 1 was the growing consensus on the need for National AI Policy development across MRU member states, reflecting the region's readiness to engage with emerging technologies in a structured and responsible manner.

He further underscored the importance of multistakeholder collaboration, noting the active participation of government, parliament, civil society, youth, and international partners as a key strength of the forum. He encouraged participants to use Day 2 sessions to deepen commitments, align regional priorities, and translate discussions into clear action points and implementation pathways, ensuring that MRU IGF 2025 delivers measurable impact beyond the conference.

## **Welcome Remark**

Hon. Jeneba Passawe – Deputy Minister for Operations, Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications, Liberia  
Delivering the official welcome on behalf of the Government of Liberia, Hon. Jeneba Passawe reaffirmed Liberia’s commitment to advancing digital transformation and regional ICT cooperation within the Mano River Union. She emphasized that hosting MRU IGF 2025 reflects Liberia’s strategic priority to strengthen connectivity, regulatory frameworks, and inclusive digital access, particularly for youth and underserved communities.

She highlighted the importance of collaboration between governments, regulators, and the private sector in addressing shared regional challenges such as infrastructure gaps, cybersecurity risks, and affordability barriers. Hon. Passawe also noted that Liberia remains committed to supporting policy alignment, investment in digital infrastructure, and innovation-driven growth, positioning the country as an active contributor to regional digital integration. In closing, she welcomed all delegates to Monrovia and encouraged continued engagement toward building a secure, inclusive, and resilient digital future for the MRU region.

## **Community Remark #2 (10 Minutes)**

### **Mr. Lucien Gator – C-Squared Liberia Representative**

Mr. Lucien Gator highlighted the critical role of private sector investment in advancing digital infrastructure and connectivity across the MRU region. He emphasized that achieving reliable and affordable broadband requires sustained collaboration between governments, regulators, and infrastructure providers. Drawing from C-Squared Liberia’s experience, he noted the importance of open-access fiber networks, infrastructure sharing, and strategic partnerships in expanding connectivity, particularly in underserved and rural areas. He further stressed that resilient infrastructure is foundational to supporting digital economies, innovation ecosystems, and cross-border integration, aligning with the broader objectives of MRU IGF 2025. Mr. Gator also received an Award for Madam Maria Harrison , for her long-term role and dedication in the MRU telecommunication sector and her contribution to MRU region as a technocrat.

## **MRU IGF – NRI : Role & Country IGF Report Presentations (Summary)**

### **Sierra Leone IGF 2025**

The Sierra Leone IGF report highlighted progress in digital inclusion, media literacy, and youth engagement, with increased focus on combating misinformation and strengthening digital rights. The country emphasized ongoing efforts to improve connectivity infrastructure and regulatory frameworks, while reinforcing its commitment to regional collaboration through the MRU IGF platform.

### **Guinea IGF 2025**

Guinea’s presentation focused on strengthening regulatory systems, digital capacity building, and infrastructure expansion, particularly in rural areas. The report underscored the need for cross-border policy alignment and regional cooperation, while reaffirming Guinea’s growing engagement in the MRU IGF process and its interest in hosting future regional activities.

### **Liberia IGF 2025**

Liberia’s report emphasized national efforts toward digital transformation, policy reform, and stakeholder coordination, including progress in ICT regulation, youth empowerment, and digital skills development. The presentation highlighted Liberia’s leadership in hosting MRU IGF 2025 and its commitment to advancing regional integration, cybersecurity resilience, and inclusive digital access.

## **Special Presentation – Message**

“Legislative Leadership in Advancing Digital Transformation and Regional Connectivity”

Hon. Ivar Kokulo Jones – Representative, District #2, Margibi County

*Chair, Committee on Post & Telecommunications, House of Representatives, Republic of Liberia who was represented by his Chief of Office Staff, XXXX* spoke on emphasized the central role of legislative leadership in shaping an enabling environment for digital transformation. He noted that parliaments must take proactive steps to develop and pass forward-looking ICT laws that support innovation, investment, and cross-border connectivity. He highlighted the importance of aligning national legislation with regional priorities, particularly in areas such as digital infrastructure, data protection, and telecommunications regulation. He further stressed that effective regional integration depends on harmonized legal frameworks and sustained parliamentary collaboration across MRU member states. Hon. Jones reaffirmed the commitment of Liberia’s legislature to supporting policies that promote affordable connectivity, digital trust, and inclusive economic growth, while ensuring that legislative processes keep pace with emerging technologies and evolving digital realities in the region.

## **Panel 5: Digital Rights, Expression, Internet Freedom & Combating Misinformation / Media Literacy**

**Moderator: Edward Williams – Vice President, Internet Society Chapter Sierra Leone**

This session addressed the growing challenges around online rights, freedom of expression, misinformation, and digital trust within the MRU region. Panelists highlighted that while digital platforms have expanded access to information and civic participation, they have also increased exposure to disinformation, online harassment, and weak content governance frameworks. Across MRU countries, limited media literacy, fragile regulatory enforcement, and low public awareness continue to undermine trust in digital ecosystems. The discussion emphasized the need for a balanced approach that protects fundamental rights while promoting responsible digital engagement.

### **Jerry Gaye – Local Voices Liberia**

Jerry Gaye highlighted the role of community-based media platforms in amplifying credible information and countering misinformation at the grassroots level. He stressed that misinformation often spreads rapidly in underserved communities due to limited access to verified sources. He advocated for localized media literacy programs, community engagement strategies, and support for independent media outlets to strengthen public trust and informed participation.

### **Mr. Taweh Johnson – Executive Director, Campaigners Against Misinformation & Disinformation in Liberia (CAMDL)**

Mr. Johnson focused on the urgent need to address disinformation through coordinated national and regional strategies, noting that the absence of structured response mechanisms has allowed harmful narratives to spread across digital platforms. He emphasized the importance of digital literacy, public awareness campaigns, and multi-stakeholder collaboration, including partnerships with civil society, tech platforms, and regulators to build resilience against misinformation.

### **Samuka Konneh, Country Director – Liberia -Internews Liberia**

The Internews Liberia representative underscored the importance of media development, digital safety, and access to credible information as key pillars of internet governance. They highlighted ongoing efforts to support journalists, fact-checkers, and civil society actors in strengthening information integrity. The intervention also emphasized the need for policy frameworks that protect freedom of expression while addressing harmful online content, ensuring a balanced and rights-based approach.

### **Session Outcome**

The panel concluded that strengthening digital rights and combating misinformation in the MRU region requires a holistic approach combining policy, education, and community engagement. Key recommendations included expanding media literacy programs, supporting independent journalism, enhancing fact-checking mechanisms, and promoting regional collaboration on information integrity. The session reinforced that building trust in digital spaces is essential for democratic participation, social cohesion, and sustainable digital development across the Mano River Union.

## **Panel 6: MRU Digital Economy Stakeholder Dialogue & Platform Governance / Content Regulation**

**Moderator: Peterking Quaye – MRU IGF Convener & Head of Secretariat**

This high-level stakeholder dialogue examined the evolving digital economy landscape in the MRU region, with a focus on regional roaming, harmonized regulatory frameworks, digital trade, and the governance of digital platforms. The session highlighted that while digital economies are expanding across West Africa, MRU countries still face structural challenges including fragmented policies, limited cross-border interoperability, weak enforcement of platform regulations, and increasing concerns around content moderation and algorithmic transparency. Panelists emphasized that achieving a resilient and inclusive digital economy requires coordinated regional policy action, strengthened regulatory institutions, and balanced governance of big tech platforms.

### **Madam Ajara Maire Bomah – President, Sierra Leone IGF**

Madam Bomah emphasized the need for regional policy harmonization to unlock the full potential of the digital economy within the MRU. She noted that inconsistent regulations across member states continue to hinder cross-border digital trade and innovation, particularly for startups and SMEs. She called for stronger alignment on roaming frameworks, digital taxation, and data governance, while stressing that regional platforms like the MRU IGF must serve as a bridge between national priorities and collective regional action.

### **Alpha Kamara – Sister Hand (Liberia)**

Alpha Kamara focused on the role of digital inclusion and community empowerment within the digital economy. She highlighted that marginalized groups, including women and rural communities, often face barriers to participating in digital markets. She advocated for inclusive digital policies, targeted capacity-building programs, and equitable access to digital platforms, ensuring that the benefits of digital transformation are widely distributed across society.

### **Phil Dixon – Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA)- Regulator , Liberia**

Phil Dixon emphasized the regulatory perspective, noting that effective platform governance requires clear, adaptive, and enforceable legal frameworks. He highlighted the need for MRU countries to strengthen regulatory coordination on issues such as data protection, cross-border data flows, and digital market oversight. He also stressed that regulators must balance innovation and consumer protection, ensuring that digital platforms operate transparently while supporting economic growth.

### **Samuel Kpator – Youth Representative / MRU Youth Leader**

Samuel Kpator underscored the importance of youth participation in shaping the digital economy, noting that young people are both the primary users and emerging innovators within digital ecosystems. He emphasized the need for accessible digital platforms, startup support systems, and cross-border opportunities that enable youth-led enterprises to scale regionally. He also highlighted concerns around online safety, misinformation, and platform accountability, calling for policies that protect users while enabling innovation.

### **Session Outcome**

The session concluded that advancing the MRU digital economy requires a coordinated regional approach to platform governance, regulatory harmonization, and digital trade facilitation. Key recommendations included accelerating regional roaming implementation, aligning digital economy policies, strengthening oversight of digital platforms, promoting algorithmic transparency, and ensuring inclusive access to digital markets. The dialogue reinforced that building a trusted and inclusive digital economy is essential for regional integration, economic growth, and sustainable development across the Mano River Union.

### **BEYOND ROAMING: EXPANDING THE REGIONAL AGENDA**

While regional roaming harmonization was strongly championed during the Freetown 2024 edition, MRU IGF 2025 recognized that roaming alone cannot drive full digital integration.

Monrovia 2025 broadened the sub-regional agenda to include:

- Digital infrastructure resilience
- AI governance readiness
- Cybersecurity institutional cooperation
- Parliamentary alignment on ICT legislation
- Digital economy coordination
- Data protection harmonization
- Youth-led digital policy integration

### **Engagement with the MRU Secretariat**

To ensure sustainability and institutionalization, MRU IGF 2025 resolved to deepen engagement with the MRU Secretariat in Freetown through:

1. Establishing a Regional Digital Coordination Working Group
2. Developing a draft Regional Digital Cooperation Roadmap
3. Formalizing cybersecurity collaboration dialogue
4. Supporting roaming framework negotiation processes
5. Aligning MRU IGF outputs with MRU ministerial and parliamentary mechanisms

The MRU IGF will continue serving as the multistakeholder policy dialogue arm that feeds structured recommendations into formal MRU governmental and intergovernmental processes.

These shared challenges and collective ambitions confirm that regional progress in digital governance cannot be achieved through isolated national efforts. Coordinated sub-regional action, supported by political leadership and multistakeholder collaboration, is essential to build a resilient, inclusive, and competitive digital future for the Mano River Union.

## Participation & Stakeholder Composition

Stakeholder Group	Representation
Government	Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Regulators
Parliament	Senate & House Committees on ICT
Civil Society	National & Regional NGOs
Technical Community	ISPs, ICT Experts
Private Sector	Telcos, Innovation Hubs
Youth Delegates	MRU Youth IGF Representatives
International Partners	UN IGF Secretariat, ISOC, CIPESA

## Participation & Stakeholder Composition – MRU IGF 2025

### 1. Overall Participation Overview (Total: 250 Participants)

Category	Number	Percentage
In-Person Participants	210	84%
Online Participants	40	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 2. Participation by Member State & Region

Country / Region	In-Person	Online	Total	% of Total
<b>Liberia (Host)</b>	135	10	145	58%
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	30	8	38	15%
<b>Guinea</b>	15	12	27	11%
<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>	5	3	8	3%
<b>Other International (UN IGF, CIPESA, ISOC, etc.)</b>	5	7	12	5%
<b>Regional/Observers (West Africa)</b>	0	20	20	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100%</b>

Liberia recorded the highest participation as host country, followed by Sierra Leone and Guinea, reflecting strong sub-regional engagement.

### 3. Stakeholder Group Breakdown

Stakeholder Group	Number	% of Total
<b>Government (Ministers, Regulators)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Parliament (Senate &amp; House)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Civil Society Organizations</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Technical Community (ISPs, ICT Experts)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Private Sector (Telcos, FinTech, Hubs)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Youth Delegates (Youth Track &amp; Main IGF)</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>International Partners</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100%</b>

Youth participation represented the largest stakeholder block (30%), reflecting the strong emphasis on youth inclusion in the 2025 edition.

### 4. Gender Representation

Gender	Number	Percentage
<b>Male</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Non-binary / Prefer not to say</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100%</b>

Efforts were made to promote gender inclusion, including representation from women parliamentarians, youth leaders, and civil society actors.

## 5. Age Distribution

Age Group	Number	Percentage
18–24 (Youth)	60	24%
25–35 (Young Professionals)	75	30%
36–50	70	28%
51+	45	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100%</b>

Participants under 35 years represented 54% of total attendance, reinforcing the youth-driven focus of MRU IGF 2025.

## 6. Additional Participation Indicators

Segment	Representation
<b>Women in Leadership Roles (Speakers/Moderators)</b>	<b>35% of speakers</b>
<b>Youth Speakers &amp; Panelists</b>	<b>40+</b>
<b>Parliamentarians</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Regulators</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>International &amp; Regional Experts</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Media Representatives</b>	<b>15</b>

### Key Participation Highlights

- Strong host country engagement from Liberia (58%)
- Significant cross-border youth presence
- Balanced multistakeholder representation
- High-level government and parliamentary participation
- Hybrid format enabled broader regional engagement
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### Statistical Analysis – MRU IGF 2025 Participation Overview

The 2025 MRU IGF recorded 250 total participants (including online), representing a significant increase from the inaugural 2024 Freetown edition (estimated ~180–200 participants). This reflects an approximate 25–35% growth in overall engagement, demonstrating rising regional credibility and institutional confidence in the platform.

#### 1. Leadership & Gender Representation

- 35% of speakers and moderators were women, indicating improved gender inclusion compared to typical regional tech forums, where female representation often averages below 25–30%.
- This signals measurable progress in advancing gender-responsive digital governance within the MRU region.

#### 2. Youth Participation

- Over 40 youth speakers and panelists participated actively.
- Youth constituted approximately 30% of total participants (75 out of 250).
- Compared to 2024, where youth engagement was present but less structurally integrated, the 2025 edition showed a stronger pipeline from Youth IGF Track to Main Plenary.
- This reflects institutionalization of youth policy influence.

#### 3. Parliamentary & Government Engagement

- 3 parliamentarians participated, marking a notable increase in legislative engagement compared to 2024.
- 15 regulators were present, demonstrating stronger regulatory alignment efforts.
- Parliamentary representation strengthened the link between dialogue and legislative action.

#### 4. International & Regional Expertise

- 20 international and regional experts participated (including UN IGF-linked partners and cross-regional organizations).
- **This expanded the platform’s cross-border relevance beyond MRU boundaries.**

#### 5. Media & Public Information Engagement

- **15 media representatives attended.**
- **This reflects improved public communication strategy compared to 2024, increasing transparency and public awareness of digital governance discussions.**

## Comparative Growth Indicators (2024 vs 2025)

Indicator	2024 (Freetown)	2025 (Monrovia)	Growth Observation
Total Participants	~180–200	250	+25–35% increase
Youth Integration	Structured but limited	Fully integrated + Communiqué adopted	Institutionalized
Parliamentary Engagement	Moderate	Strong (3 MPs)	Significant growth
Gender Representation	~25–30% est.	35% leadership	Improved inclusion
Regulatory Coordination	Initial dialogue	Structured alignment discussions	Progression to implementation

### OVERALL INTERPRETATION

The data indicates that MRU IGF 2025 transitioned from a foundational regional dialogue platform (2024) to a more mature, policy-oriented, and institutionally supported regional coordination mechanism in 2025.

Key statistical trends show:

- Increased national ownership (Liberia as host with 58% participation)
- Stronger youth-policy integration
- Higher-level political and parliamentary presence
- Expanded multistakeholder diversity
- Improved gender balance in leadership roles

These figures demonstrate measurable progress in regional digital governance engagement and confirm that MRU IGF 2025 achieved deeper structural participation compared to its inaugural edition.

### Youth IGF 2025 – Day 0

The Youth Track convened 100 youth from MRU states.

Key Sessions:

- Digital Skills → Jobs
- AI Literacy for Youth
- Cyber Hygiene & Online Safety
- Media Literacy & Misinformation
- Youth Entrepreneurship

Outcome: Adoption of the **MRU Youth Communiqué 2025**, presented during the main plenary.

### Day 1 – Main MRU IGF Proceedings

#### Opening Ceremony

- Special Remarks by Hon. Ellen Attoh-Wreh (LOC Chair)
- Keynote Address by Senator Francis Saïdy Dopoh II
- Opening Plenary by Hon. S. Mohammed Massaley
- Intervention by IIC Executive Director Madam Lorpu P. Page

#### Panel Highlights:

- Regional Roaming & Infrastructure
- Digital Rights & Media Freedom
- FinTech & Digital Innovation
- Platform Governance & Content Regulation

## Day 2 – Strategic Dialogue & Working Groups

### Focus Areas:

- Cybersecurity & CERT Collaboration
- AI Governance & Ethical Frameworks
- Data Protection Alignment
- Parliamentary Cooperation
- Regional Digital Trade

Guinea expressed interest in hosting MRU IGF 2026.

### Thematic Discussions & Outcomes

#### 1. Regional Roaming

Commitment to draft a harmonized roaming policy roadmap.

#### 2. Cybersecurity

Agreement to formalize CERT coordination mechanisms.

#### 3. AI & Emerging Technologies

Call for development of National AI Policies across MRU states.

#### 4. Data Protection

Support for harmonized regulatory frameworks.

#### 5. Youth Inclusion

Youth Communiqué formally annexed to the final report.

### Special Recognitions

Awards presented to:

- Senator Francis Saidu Dopoh II , *Senator, River Gee County | Chair, Senate Committee on Post & Telecommunications*  
*The Liberian Senate, Republic of Liberia*
- Hon. Ivar Kokulo Jones – Representative, District #2, Margibi County  
*Chair, Committee on Post & Telecommunications, House of Representatives, Republic of Liberia*
- *Ambassador Maria Harrison, Former Secretary General, MRU Secretariat, Sierra Leone*
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### 12. Key Resolutions & Commitments

1. Establish MRU Technical Working Group on Roaming (90-day timeline)
2. Develop Regional AI Policy Principles (mid-2026 target)
3. Convene MRU CERT Exercise (2026)
4. Integrate Youth Advisory Panel into MRU IGF governance
5. Strengthen collaboration with UN IGF and African IGF platforms

### FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ

The MRU IGF 2025 Communiqué reaffirms:

- Commitment to regional digital trust
- Affordable cross-border connectivity
- Cyber resilience cooperation
- Rights-respecting internet governance
- Youth-centered digital transformation

Liberia's hosting strengthened MRU cooperation and advanced implementation mechanisms.

### Alignment with UN IGF & NRI Framework

MRU IGF 2025 adhered to UN IGF NRI principles:

- Multistakeholder participation
- Open dialogue
- Bottom-up agenda setting
- Youth integration
- Gender inclusion
- Policy-neutral facilitation

Outcomes will feed into the global UN IGF process.

### Monitoring & Follow-Up

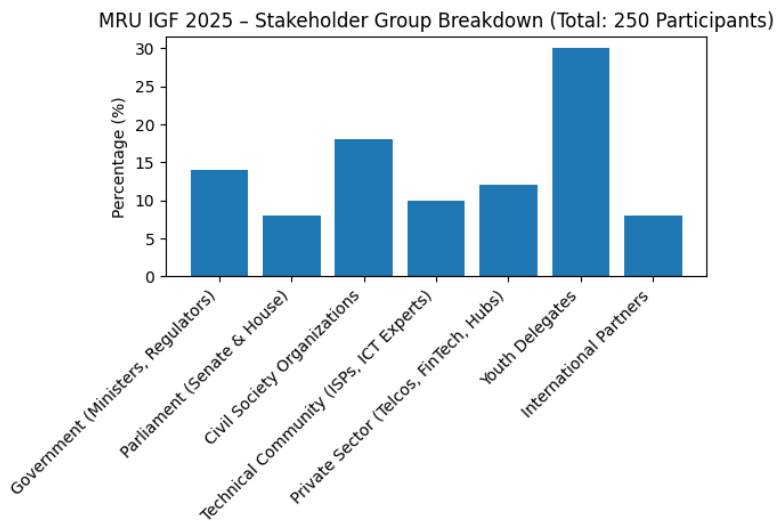
- Secretariat to publish Implementation Tracker
- Working Groups to report quarterly
- Follow-up consultations with MRU Secretariat
- Preparation for MRU IGF 2026

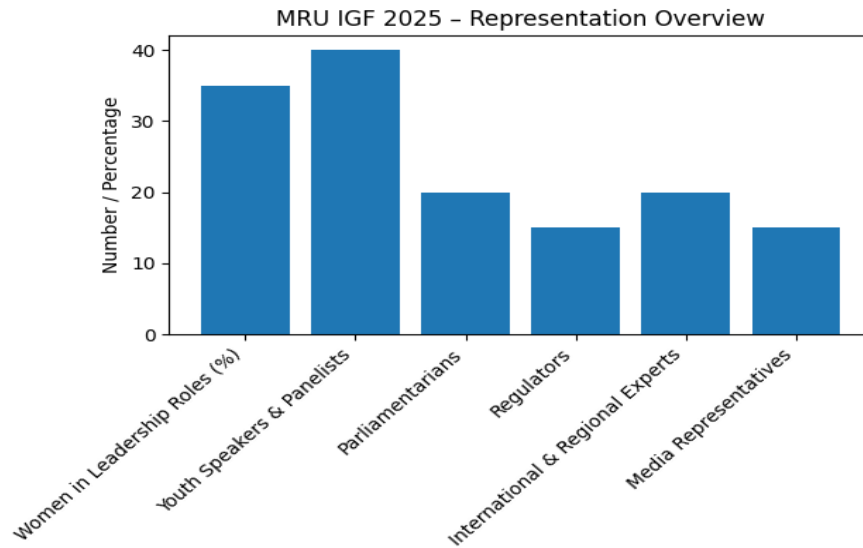
### Conclusion

MRU IGF 2025 marked a decisive shift from conversation to coordinated regional action. Liberia’s hosting reinforced its founding leadership within the MRU and demonstrated that digital cooperation is essential for inclusive growth.

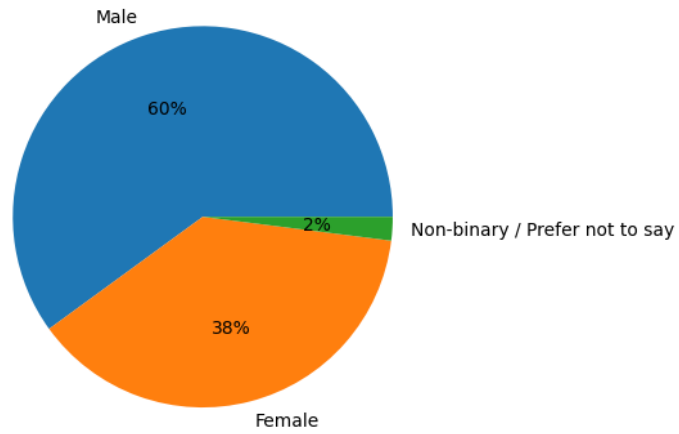
The forum concluded with renewed commitment to build a secure, resilient, and inclusive digital future for the Mano River Union.

### Annex

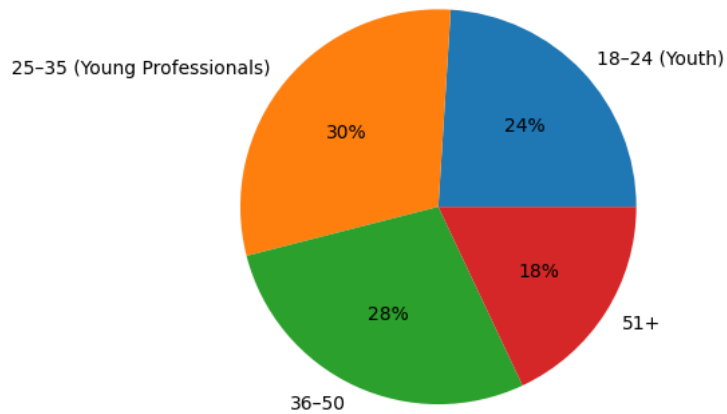




MRU IGF 2025 - Gender Representation (Total: 250 Participants)



MRU IGF 2025 - Age Distribution (Total: 250 Participants)





# MRU IGF 2025 -AGENDA



**Theme:** "Building Regional Digital Trust and Connectivity for Inclusive Development."  
**Venue:** Liberia Learning Center-Conference Hall Paynesville Town Hall Road – Paynesville - Monrovia, Liberia  
**Date:** December 9–11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 9:00 am to 3 :00 pm prompt daily || **Host Country:** Republic of Liberia  
**Day 0 – 9<sup>th</sup> December ,2025 & Pre-Event Activities**

Time	Session Title / Activity	Description / Speakers
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Pre-Event Registration	Badge collection, info desk open
4:00 – 5:30 PM	MRU Youth IGF: Orientation & Networking	Youth engagement overview, icebreaker, expectations
	Panel 1: <i>Youth Power in a Connected Future</i>	Topics: Youth-led innovation, Internet governance participation, digital skills hubs
6:00 – 7:30 PM	Welcome Reception	Hosted by MRU IGF Secretariat & Partners

**Day 1 – 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2025: Main Forum**

Time	Session Title / Activity	Description / Speakers
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Registration & Arrival	Participant check-in
	Welcome Remark -	MC -
	Chairperson Special Remark 2025 MRU IGF (LIBERIA) & Head of LOC Organizing Committee	<b>Hon. Ellen Attoh-Wreh</b> Member of Parliament/Representation District #3 Margibi County Head of Women's Legislative Caucus of Liberia (WLCL) House Republic of Liberia & Member - West Africa Parliamentarian Network on Internet Governance & Leading Member MRU Parliamentarian Network on Internet Governance
	Opening Remark – Purpose of Gathering & Roll Call - NRI	<b>Peterking Quaye</b> , Regional Convener & Head of Secretariat MRU IGF
	Keynote <b>Speaker</b> - Liberia's Legislative Progress on Digital Transformation: State of ICT Bills, Policy Reforms & Regional Alignment.	<b>Hon. Francis Saidu Dopoh, II</b> -Senator, River Gee County Chair, Committee on Post & Telecommunications -The Libertain Senate, Republic of Liberia
	Opening Ceremony # 1 – PLANERY SESSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministry of Post &amp; Telecommunication Republic of Liberia Rep</li> <li>MRU Parliament Rep-Special Message from House of Rep – Foreign Affair Committee Head</li> <li>MRU Secretary General/Rep (Local Office)</li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Opening Ceremony # 2 <b>Special Remark</b>	<b>Special Remark from Community /Stakeholders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IIC Rep- Madam Lorupu P. Page , Executive Director</li> <li>Liberia IGF Rep. -Shadrack Mentowah -MAG Member (Civil Society)</li> <li>ISOC Chapter Liberia-President – Mr. Matthew Roberts</li> <li>Internet Society Chapter -Sierra Leone - President Madam Ajara Marie Bomah</li> <li>Mr. Sankoumba KOUROUMA-President, Internet Society (ISOC) –Chapter Guinea-Remote</li> <li>PCC Youth Dept Rep &amp; Youth Team Member (Liberia) – Lawrence <del>Dayougar</del></li> </ul> <b>Remark from INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MRU Youth IGF Lead (Sierra Leone ) -Amara Kargbo</li> <li>MRU Youth IGF Lead (Guinea ) **s</li> <li>Collaboration on International ICT Policy for East and Southern Africa (CIPESA) -Remote</li> <li>Special Message from MAG Chair – UN IGF, Madam Carol Roche (VIDEO Message)</li> <li>UN IGF Secretariat – Anja Ajengo, Focal Point UN IGF Secretariat ( Remote )</li> </ul>



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SPECIAL REGONITION AWARD # 1 PRESENTATION		
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11:00 – 12:00 AM	Panel 2: <i>Regional Digital Infrastructure for Shared Prosperity</i>	Broadband access, cross-border connectivity, PPPs Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LTA, Rep. -Phil Dixon, Legal Counsel /Legal Expert</li> <li>• Sullivan T. Doeblah -Technology Consultant to the Senate Committee on Telecoms</li> <li>• Sierra Leone IGF Rep – Edward Williams ( Civil Society &amp; Academia ) ,</li> <li>• Augie Barry ( Guinea IGF – Technical Community Member -Guinea )</li> </ul> <b>Moderator: Samue Kpator , MRU IGF Secretariat</b>
12:20 PM– 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
1:00 PM– 1:15 PM	Special Presentation: <i>“Cybersecurity &amp; Data Protection in the Mano River Union: Strengthening Regional Preparedness for an Evolving Threat Landscape.”</i>	Dr. Martin Koyaba, Cybersecurity Expert GC3B (JK) GC3B Africa Hub , UK
1:00 PM– 1:15 PM	Special Presentation: <i>“Advancing Digital Infrastructure and Technical Capabilities in the Mano River Union: Opportunities, Challenges, and Regional Pathways.”</i>	<b>Hon. S. Mohammed Massaley</b> -Deputy Minister for Technical Services Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications
1:15 PM – 1:45 PM	Panel 4: -Panel Session Topic: <i>FinTech, Digital Innovation &amp; the Future of Youth Entrepreneurship in the MRU Region. &amp; Cybersecurity, Internet Resilience, and Trust in the MRU Region.”</i>	Interoperability, regulations, mobile money growth & Digital literacy, gender inclusion, rural access, inclusive policy Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julateh Mulbah, Data Science Exprt</li> <li>• ISOC Chapter SL – Edward Williams, Civil Society &amp; Academia</li> <li>• Sekou Sherrif – Youth ICT Advocate -Liberia/Govt -LITSU President</li> <li>• Amara Kargbo – Youth Program Team WAICTANet (Sierra Leone)</li> </ul> <b>Moderator: Samuel Kpator /Youth Leader</b>
4:30 – 5:30 PM	MRU Cultural Night & Welcome Speech	Traditional performance and remarks by Liberia Minister of ICT



Day 2 – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Main Forum Continued

Time	Session Title / Activity	Description / Speakers
	Registration #2	MRU IGF Secretariat Team
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Opening Remark	MRU & Recap Day 1– Peterking Quaye, Regional Convener & Head of Secretariat - MRU IGF
10:15 – 10:25 AM	Welcome Remark	Govt. Hon. Jeneba Passawe – MOPT – Deputy Minister for Operations, Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications, Liberia
10:25 – 10:30 AM	Community Remark (10 min.)	Community Remark #2
10:30 – 11:00 AM	MRU IGF, NRI Roll & Country IGF Report Presentation– Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Lucien Gator - C- Squared- Liberia Rep.</li> <li>• Sierra Leone (Sierra Leone IGF 2025 )</li> <li>• Guinea (Guinea IGF 2025.)</li> <li>• Liberia (Liberia IGF 2025 )</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:10 AM	Special Presentation – Message: “Legislative Leadership in Advancing Digital Transformation and Regional Connectivity.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hon. Ivar Kokulo Jones Representative, District #2 Chair, Committee on Post &amp; Telecommunications House of Representatives Republic of Liberia</li> </ul>
<b>SPECIAL REGONITION AWARD # 2 PRESENTATION by MRU IGF Secretariat Head</b>		
<b>GROUP PHOTO – ALL DELEGATES AND SPEAKERS</b>		
11:10 – 11:30 AM	Panel 5: <i>Digital Rights, Expression and Internet Freedom &amp; Combating Misinformation &amp; Media Literacy</i>	<p>Online rights, privacy, freedom of expression &amp; Digital journalism, online safety, disinformation responses and Disinformation prevention and fact-checking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Malcom Jospeh -CESMP</li> <li>• Jerry Gaye - Local Voice Liberia Rep</li> <li>• Mr. Taweh Johnson Executive Director (CAMDL)</li> <li>• Internews Liberia official</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Edward William (Internet Society Chapter SL Vice President)</b></p>
11:30 AM– 11:45 AM	Special Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIPESA Rep.</li> </ul>
11:30 – 12:00 PM	Panel 5: <i>MRU Digital Economy Stakeholder Dialogue &amp; Platform Governance &amp; Content Regulation</i>	<p>Regional roaming, harmonized laws, digital trade &amp; regulating big tech, content moderation, algorithm accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Madam Ajara Maire Bomah - SL IGF – President (Sierra Leone.)</li> <li>• ISOC Liberia President *</li> <li>• Alpha Kamara – Sister Hand (Liberia)</li> <li>• LTA Rep -Phil Dixon</li> <li>• Youth Rep – Samuel Kpator /Youth Leader</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator: Peterking Quaye, MRU IGF Convener</b></p>
12:00 – 1:00 PM		<b>Lunch Break</b>
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Closing Ceremony & Communique Reading	Summary of outcomes, adoption of communique, closing remarks

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April 8, 2025

Mr. Peterking Quaye  
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Dear Mr. Quaye:

I present my compliments and wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication Reference: **MRUIGF/ORC-PG/102/24-023** dated March 19, 2025, in which you indicated that your maiden edition of the MRU IGF 2024 held in Freetown, Sierra Leone, declared Liberia as the venue for the 2025 annual event and at the same time seeking for our support and intervention in some areas.


Let me register that we are delighted by your decision to hold the annual event of the Internet Governance Forum in Liberia. Your decision comes at a time when Liberia is working with other global partners to ensure that Liberia becomes a key player in digital literacy programs governance in the subregion.

However, let me assure you that your request is being studied so as to be duly informed in areas we can possibly extend some assistance in this regard. Notwithstanding, the doors of my Office remains opened to the public, including your Institution to contact me at your convenient time to discuss some of the issues that we need to know for further prompt decision making.

Please accept the assurances of my highest esteem.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

  
Sekou M. Kromah  
Minister/Postmaster General



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