



TANZANIA YOUTH INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM

2025 REPORT

Meeting Date: 22nd November 2025 **Location:** Dar es Salaam and Online





Introduction

The 4th Edition of the Tanzania Youth Internet Governance Forum (Youth IGF) 2025 was convened alongside the Dig-Lit East Africa Sub-Regional Program on **22nd November 2025** in **Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**, with a hybrid participation model combining in-person engagement and virtual attendance via Zoom.

The forum brought together young people from across the **East African region**, including Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, South Sudan, and Burundi, with the aim of strengthening youth capacity in **digital literacy, online safety, digital rights, and Internet governance**.

Organized by the **Africa Youth IGF**, with support from **Paradigm Initiative**, the event was hosted by **Tanzania Youth IGF** and co-organized by Youth IGFs from **Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, and Burundi**. The 2025 edition emphasized practical digital skills, youth-led dialogue, and regional collaboration to promote a **safe, inclusive, and rights-respecting digital future** for young people in East Africa.

Event Overview

- **Theme:** *Empowering East African Youth for a Safe and Inclusive Digital Future*
- **Date:** 22nd November 2025
- **Location:** Dar es Salaam, Tanzania & Online (Zoom)
- **Mode:** Hybrid
- **Target Audience:** Youth (15–30), students, youth leaders, early-career professionals, marginalized groups, and youth with disabilities

Participation Summary

- **In-person participants:** 26
- **Virtual participants:** 30
- **Gender breakdown:**
 - Onsite: 17 Females, 19 Males
 - Online: 16 Females, 14 Males



Multistakeholder Organizing Committee

This event was organized by a Multistakeholder Organizing Committee composed of youth leaders and partners from across the East African region. The committee was responsible for the overall coordination, program design, and implementation of the forum.

S/N	Name	Role	Stakeholdergroup	Country
1.	Millenium Anthony	Chairperson	Civil Society/Technical Community	Tanzania
2.	Brian Sisti	Committee Member	Private Sector	Tanzania
3.	Matilda Mashauri	Committee Member	Civil Society	Tanzania
4.	Alembe Joseph	Committee Member	Technical Community/Academia	Tanzania
5.	Kuruthum Kasenya	Committee Member	Civil Society	Tanzania
6.	Keith Andere	Committee Member	Technical Community	Kenya
7.	Jesse Nathan Kalange	Committee Member	Technical Community	Uganda
8.	Denaya Dennis	Committee Member	Technical Community	South Sudan
9.	Armel Gihimbare	Committee Member	Civil Society	Burundi

Agenda Overview:

TIME	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER/RESPONSIBLE PERSON
08:30-09:00am	Registration	All
09:00-09:05am	Welcome Note	MC
09:05-09:15am	Open Remarks	Chris Odu , <i>Africa Youth IGF</i>



09:15-10:00am	Keynote Speech and Q&A	Dr. Eliamani Laltaika , <i>Judge at the High Court of Tanzania</i>
10:00-10:15am	Group Photo	All
10:15-10:30am	Icebreaker #1: Speed Dating	All
10:30-11:15am	Session 1: Understanding Your Digital Rights	Ms. Millenium Anthony , <i>Coordinator Tanzania Youth IGF</i>
11:15-12:00pm	Health Break/Lunch	All
12:00-12:30pm	Session 2: Privacy & Data Protection Hands-On Workshop	Emmanuel Oruk , <i>Uganda (Online)</i>
12:30-12:50pm	Activity 1: Digital Footprint Hunt	Revinah Remigius , <i>GC Youth Envoy at ITU</i>
12:50-01:20pm	Session 3: Freedom of Expression & Inclusion Online	Nelly Nyadzua , <i>Cyber security Consultant and a Digital Security Trainer (Kenya)</i>
01:20-02:00pm	Panel Discussion: Youth as digital rights Advocates	Moderator: Matilda Lyka Panelists: Conrad Keya (Kenya) Hassan Ally, Farqan Foundation Alembe Joseph, Tanzania Youth IGF
02:00-02:30pm	Activity 2: Digi Cafe Roundtable	All participants
02:30-02:50pm	Activity 3: Presentations from the Roundtable Discussion	All
02:50-03:00pm	Closing Remarks & Reflections	Ms. Millennium Anthony , <i>Coordinator of Tanzania Youth IGF</i>
03:00	Event Concludes - Participants Depart	All

Key Sessions and Outcomes from the Agenda

1. Opening Session & Keynote Reflections

The program opened with keynote reflections from **Dr. Eliamani Laltaika**, Judge of the High Court of Tanzania, who emphasized the importance of youth participation in digital governance, ethical engagement online, and the protection of fundamental digital rights in an increasingly connected society.



2. Digital Literacy and Online Safety Modules

Sessions on **Digital Literacy Awareness, Online Safety & Cyber Hygiene, and Introduction to Internet Governance** equipped participants with practical knowledge on safe online behavior, responsible digital citizenship, and digital inclusion.

Outcome:

Youth participants demonstrated increased awareness of online risks, safe digital practices, and the importance of informed engagement in the digital ecosystem.

3. Digi-Café Roundtable Discussions

Facilitated by **Matilda Mashauri** and **Millennium Anthony**, participants engaged in thematic group discussions on:

- Privacy & Data Protection
- Freedom of Expression
- Digital Inclusion
- Online Safety & Cyber Hygiene

Each group identified key insights, challenges, and actionable solutions relevant to the East African context.



Outcome:

The discussions highlighted common regional challenges such as limited awareness of digital rights and uneven access to digital resources, while proposing youth-led advocacy and community education as solutions.

4. Digital Footprint Hunt

Facilitated by **Revinah Remigius**, this interactive session enabled participants to explore their online presence by examining publicly available personal data using tools such as search engines and digital security platforms.



Outcome:

Participants developed a clearer understanding of digital footprints and adopted strategies to better manage their online identities.

5. Privacy & Data Protection Hands-On Workshop

Led by **Emmanuel Oruk**, the workshop focused on:

- Threat modelling
- Phishing identification
- Device hygiene and cybersecurity best practices

Outcome:

Participants gained hands-on skills to assess risks, protect personal data, and secure their devices against cyber threats.

Challenges Faced

- Intermittent connectivity issues affected a few virtual participants.
- Additional accessibility support was required for participants with disabilities, including sign language interpretation.

Lessons Learned & Recommendations

- Allocate more time for interactive group discussions, as participants were highly engaged and eager to contribute.
- Introduce additional icebreakers between sessions to sustain energy and encourage networking.
- Explore opportunities for travel support to increase in-person participation in future regional programs.

Social Media Links

LinkedIn Tanzania Youth IGF:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/youth-igf-tanzania/?viewAsMember=true>

LinkedIn Africa Youth IGF:

<https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/africa-youth-igf/posts/?feedView=all>

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