

## **Background Information of organizers**

**Jonah Silas Sheridan** is founder and Principal Consultant at Information Ecology, LLC, a permaculture-inspired consultancy that builds technology capacity in non-profit organizations. With a BS in Computer Science from Amherst College and over 20 years of experience in IT planning, management, implementation, security and support for a range of nonprofit organizations, businesses and foundations Jonah is delighted to partner with organizations to help them build successful, impactful and secure information systems. Jonah leads projects across a range of topics including cybersecurity, strategic assessment as well as leading Information Ecology's emerging community programming. He is both a certified Urban Permaculture Designer and also a Certified Community Coach both of which he synthesizes with his technical skills and practical experience help him offer an empowering and participatory approach to technology capacity building. Jonah has presented and facilitated at a range of conferences including Aspiration Tech's Non-profit Developer's Summit, AccessNow RightsCon and the Internet Freedom Festival

**Stéphane Labarthe** has been working as an expert in digital security and privacy for Karisma Foundation in Colombia, attending civil society needs and emergencies (<https://web.karisma.org.co/stephane-labarthe/>). Before, he had been worked as auditor and Chief Information Security officer from Franch Data protection Authority (CNIL) for 7 years. He studied cryptology an digital security (Master Degree). Ha had been digital integrity fellowship from Open Technology Fund (2017-2018) and part of International Visitor Leadership Program (USA, 2021). He is also working with Koguis indigenous people of Colombia, beeing the founder of La Semilla Foundation ([www.lasemilla.org](http://www.lasemilla.org)).

**Poncelet O. Ileleji** is a Computer Scientist by Profession with over 25 years in the field; he has been involved with the use of ICT as a tool for sustainable development both as the Lead / CEO of Jokkolabs Banjul([www.jokkolabs.net](http://www.jokkolabs.net)), in The Gambia and on the board of the Jokkolabs global network. He has also served as consultant for several projects in Africa covering ICT for D, Learning / Digital Technologies and Education, Internet Governance and Health Informatics. He also ran the YMCA Computer Training Centre and Digital Studio from inception in 1996. He served also as an International Coordinator for the International YMCA of New York, International Camp Counselor Program. He has served as the country coordinator for the World Links project in the Gambia during the program life cycle in The Gambia from 2001 to 2005, The program was funded and initiated by the World Bank and it adopted a constructivist approach to teaching with ICT.

He is an active member of the Association for Progressive Communication [www.apc.org](http://www.apc.org) He is a founding member of the Information Technology Association of the Gambia and was elected second president of the Association in March 2010 is term ended in April 2014 ([www.itag.gm](http://www.itag.gm) ). He is also the national resource person for the West African Internet Governance Forum [www.waigf.org](http://www.waigf.org) the Gambian Chapter and former board member of Africa ICT alliance [www.aficta.org](http://www.aficta.org) he is also a member of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) [www.icann.org](http://www.icann.org) Not for profit operational constituency(NPOC) [www.npoc.org](http://www.npoc.org) where he served as Policy Chair representing NPOC on the Policy Committee of the Non Commercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG) of ICANN he also volunteers on various ICANN working groups and also served on the Standing Selection Committee of ICANN Generic Name Supporting Organization (GNSO) . He also served on the Working Group for WG 3 – Privacy and Transparency Online for Freedom Online Coalition, <https://www.freedomonlinecoalition.com/how-wework/working-groups/working-group-3/> and also represents is organization in the International Open Data Charter as a Steward on the implementation committee, <http://opendatacharter.net/> .He also leads is organization partnership with the Global

Partnership for Sustainable Development Data <https://www.data4sdgs.org/partner/jokkolabs-banjul> and was a Board member of the San Francisco, USA based Technology not for profit Net Freedom Pioneers [www.netfreedompioneers.org](http://www.netfreedompioneers.org) (2018 to 2021).  
He is visiting lecturer at the Business University in Dakar, Senegal [www.bem.sn](http://www.bem.sn)