



### **28 October 2025**

**10h00 – 13h00: Panel Discussion: Foundations of a Secure Society: The Strategic Imperatives of Cybersecurity**

A discussion of the critical role of cybersecurity in society, highlighting its significance across government, finance, technology, and sustainable development. It sets the stage for the conference, emphasising cybersecurity as essential for building resilient, inclusive societies.

**13h00 – 14h00: Lunch**

**14h00 – 17h00: Africa Cert Workshop (A closed session for Africa CERT members)**

**14h00 – 17h00: Conference Registration**

**17h00 – 21h00: Cocktail Reception**

### **29 October 2025**

**09h00 – 11h00: Official Conference Opening and Invited Guest Speaker**

**11h00 – 11h30: Networking and Tea/Coffee**

**11h30 – 13h30: Session One: Cybersecurity as the Bedrock of Sustainable Development**

- Focus: How cybersecurity enables sustainable development goals (SDGs), from protecting critical infrastructure to supporting technological innovation.
- Topics:
  - o Integrating cybersecurity in SDG planning and implementation.
  - o Securing sustainable initiatives such as smart cities and digital health.
  - o Cybersecurity's role in protecting environmental data and preventing digital pollution.
- Objective: Demonstrate that sustainability in the digital era is inseparable from robust cybersecurity frameworks.

**13h30 – 14h30: Lunch**

## **14h30 – 16:30: Session Two: Financial Inclusion in a Hyper-Risk World: Securing Access for All**

- Focus: Explore the challenges and strategies for securing financial inclusion in a high-risk digital landscape.
- Topics:
  - o Mitigating Risks in Digital Financial Services.
  - o Protecting Vulnerable Populations from Cyber Exploitation.
  - o Building Trust and Resilience in High-Risk Financial Ecosystems.
- Objective: Address how cybersecurity can facilitate secure, inclusive financial services that empower communities.

## **30 October 2025**

## **08h30 – 10h30: Session Three: Responsible AI and Cybersecurity: Balancing Innovation with Safety**

- Focus: The intersection of AI and cybersecurity, examining the dual role of AI as both a cybersecurity tool and a potential threat vector.
- Topics:
  - o AI-driven threat detection and its applications in financial and critical infrastructure security.
  - o Mitigating AI-related risks, including ethical considerations and regulatory compliance.
  - o Future-proofing against AI-enabled cyber threats.
- Objective: Provide insights on harnessing AI responsibly within cybersecurity frameworks to strengthen societal security.

## **10h30 – 11h00: Networking and Tea/coffee**

## **11h00 – 13h00: Session Four: Navigating the Regulatory Landscape: Cybersecurity Policy and Compliance**

- Focus: The role of regulation in shaping secure digital environments and fostering trust in financial and technological systems.
- Topics:
  - o Key policies and emerging regulations in cybersecurity, data protection, and AI ethics.
  - o Harmonising international cybersecurity standards to protect cross-border digital flows.
  - o Compliance challenges in fintech, telecommunications, and public sectors.
- Objective: Explore regulatory frameworks as a means to establish accountability, resilience, and global cooperation.

## **13h00 – 14h00: Lunch**

**14h00 – 16h00: Session Five: Building Digital Societies: A Resilient Digital Public Infrastructure**

- Focus: Exploring the development of resilient digital public infrastructure that supports secure, accessible, and inclusive digital services for all.
- Topics:
  - Cybersecurity in Public Digital Infrastructure.
  - Creating Inclusive Digital Access in Public Services.
  - Resilient Design for a Hyper-Risk World.
- Objective: Emphasis on creating adaptable and sustainable systems that serve as the backbone for secure digital societies, supporting everything from digital identity to financial transactions and public services.

**16h00 – 16h30: Closing**