

Nairobi Call for a Safer Digital Future in Africa

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We, members of the **National Coalition on Freedom of Expression & Content Moderation in Kenya (FECOMO)**, the **Catalyst Forum** and the **Bamako Forum on Digital and Social Cohesion** gathered at the Cross-Regional Conference on Interregional Partnerships for Digital Peacebuilding, affirm our shared vision to shape Africa's digital future as a force for **peace, inclusion, resilience, and prosperity**. We call on Africa's leaders, governments, civil society, academia, digital platforms, private sector, and international partners to seize the transformative opportunities of the digital era while addressing its urgent risks.

Our 10 Priority Calls to Action

1. **Bridge the digital divide** by expanding affordable internet access and digital infrastructure particularly in rural and marginalized areas. Ensuring millions gain access **unlocking inclusive** opportunities in education, health, and employment.
2. **Strengthen digital literacy and resilience by** promoting awareness on benefits and harm on digital platforms. Through integrating digital media skills **into curricula and community programs to** citizens, and transforming them into responsible creators and critical consumers, strengthening society's resilience against digital harms.
3. **Harmonise and localize key legal frameworks by** working collaboratively with relevant authorities and stakeholders at both regional and national levels. Ensuring alignment of digital governance mechanisms to safeguard privacy, promote responsible use of technology, and create confidence for digital economies to thrive.
4. **Advance platform accountability** by promoting prosocial platform governance mechanisms to shape fairer digital spaces through advocating for regulation, transparency in algorithms design, considerations for nuances in African languages, and reinvestment in local communities ensuring digital platforms adapt to Africa's needs.
5. **Counter harmful digital content** by supporting fact-checking initiatives, amplifying positive narratives, ensuring protection against hate speech, misogyny, and extremism towards transforming digital spaces into engines of peace and fostering social cohesion.
6. **Foster meaningful Multi-stakeholder collaboration** between governments, civil society, academia and the private sector through sustained partnerships to generate inclusive policies and accelerate Africa's digital transformation.

7. **Empower youth and invest in innovators** through the establishment, development and scaling of innovation hubs, fellowships, and support for startups to harness and channel the creativity of Africa's youth in solving local problems with global impact.
8. **Amplify voices for peace and inclusion to foster cohesion** by elevating journalists, influencers, and community leaders who promote peace and inclusivity to counter toxic narratives with stories of hope and resilience.
9. **Leverage digital transformation for social impact by using digital tools** to strengthen social cohesion, promote peace, foster public trust, uphold human rights, and promote inclusive prosperity to maximize social benefits.
10. **Mobilize Sustainable Resources and ensure shared responsibility** both from governments, funding partners and philanthropists to provide long-term investments for digital literacy, inclusive digital infrastructure, effective regulation, and local innovation.