

## Sensitive Data Sovereignty Conference

Venue: Tangaza University, Langata S Rd, Nairobi, Kenya

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Organisers: Tangaza University, University of Nairobi,

Africa University on FAIR Open Science (AUN-FOS), EEPA, VODAN, CPIT

### Conference Programme

- 9.30 Opening prayer by **Rev. Dr. Simon Leo Mwenda**, DVC-Administration, planning and Finance, Tangaza University.
- Opening by **Rev. Prof. Dr. Patrick Mwanja**, Vice-Chancellor Tangaza University, Host of the Africa University Network on FAIR Open Science
- 9.55 Opening and Welcome by **H.E. Moses Wetangula**, EGH, Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya
- 10.15 High-Level Opening Address by **H.E. Fortune Charumbira**, President of the Africa Union Pan African Parliament and **H.E. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf**, former President of Liberia, Patrons of the Africa University on FAIR Open Science, *The imperative of Data Sovereignty in Africa*
- 10.45 Opening Address by **H.E. Bert van Megen**, Apostolic Nuncio, *Ethical considerations on Data Sovereignty in Africa*
- 11.00 Opening Address by **Hon. Dr. Frederick Ouma Oluga**, Cabinet Secretary/PS, Ministry of Health, Kenya
- Short Video 1*
- Break 11.15 – 11.45**
- 11.45 *Short Video 2*
- 12.00 Key-note Address by **Prof. Dr. Khama Rogo**, *Data Sovereignty and Improved Health Care in Africa*
- 12.15 Key-note Address by **University of Nairobi**: *Academic perspectives on scientific Data Sovereignty*

**Lunch break 12.30 – 14.00**

14.00 – 14.20 Key note address by **Dr. Edris Omondi**, Esq., Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, Governance & Crime Prevention Expert: *Data, Dignity, and Sovereignty: Securing Africa's Future in Health and Humanitarian Systems*.

14.30 – 15.30 Workshops (break-out rooms)

- Digital Fraud Prevention in Humanitarian and Health Data Ecosystems  
Session Chair: **Nicholas Migot**, Head of Program Technology and Innovation CPIT
- Ethical AI Governance and the Protection of Vulnerable Populations  
Session Chair: **Dr. Bishop Charles Ware**, Director-Cyber Crime and Anti Fraud-CPIT
- Africa-Led Certification Framework for Sensitive Data Handling  
Session Chair: **Ms. Alivitsa Kituku**, Director Strategic Planning and Program Development-CPIT
- Edge Computing for Data Autonomy in African Health and Humanitarian Systems  
Session Chair: **John Ochieng Auma**, Director Governance and Procurement Integrity-CPIT
- Community Consent and Data Ownership Considerations  
Session Chair: **Kevin Obware**, Head of Election Programs and Data

**Break 15.30 – 16.00**

16.00 Feedback of workshops in plenary and preparation of final Conference Statement

16.30 Closing address on operationalisation of the African Humanitarian & Health Data Space by **Kokob Gebru Kidanu**, Mekelle University: *Data Sovereignty for sensitive data in Africa*

16.45 Adoption of the Conference Statement

Closing statement by **Dr. Eyasu Yazew**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Mekelle University, Chair Africa University Network on FAIR Open Science

17.00 Closing statement by **Prof. Dr. Mouhamad Mpezamihigo**, Vice-Chancellor of Equator University of Technology and Science, Masaka, Uganda, Chair VODAN

17.15 Closing prayer, **H.E. Bert van Megen**, Apostolic Nuncio.

**Drinks**