



## High-Level Panel 3: "Digital Sovereignty: Mastering Data to Connect Territories"

**Wednesday, November 5, 2025 – 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM GMT**

Digital sovereignty refers to the ability of states and territories to develop and control their own technological infrastructures, protect their data, regulate digital usage, and design solutions aligned with their development priorities. On a continent undergoing rapid digital transformation, this sovereignty becomes a strategic lever for territorial development. Accordingly, this third high-level panel will discuss digital strategies aimed at mastering infrastructures, data, and platforms at the local level. It will address issues related to artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data protection, and data governance. The panel will also explore the opportunities presented by smart cities, the digitization of public services, and the conditions for a digital transition that serves citizens while respecting cultural identities and local specificities.



### Breakout Sessions

**Wednesday,  
November 5, 2025 –  
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
GMT**

#### **Session 5: "Public Data and Territorial Intelligence: Governing with Digital Technology"**

This session will explore various digital governance initiatives that support the transition of cities and territories into smart cities. It will showcase experiences in digitizing administrative procedures, opening budget data, creating citizen feedback platforms, and deploying digital decision-support tools.

The session will also highlight the opportunities offered by the gradual integration of artificial intelligence in territorial management, while emphasizing critical challenges related to cybersecurity and data sovereignty.

#### **Session 6: "Digital Inclusion: Connecting Territories and Citizens to the Digital Revolution"**

This session will examine policies and initiatives aimed at ensuring equitable access to digital technologies for territories and populations. It will address challenges related to internet access, strengthening local digital skills, protecting personal data, and strategies to reduce the digital divide—especially in rural areas. Special attention will be given to the inclusion of marginalized groups to ensure that the digital transition promotes equity, citizen empowerment, and technological justice.