



East Africa Hybrid Cloud and Cybersecurity Summit - 2022



EMINENT PANELISTS

PANEL DATE: 25th July 2022
PANEL TIME: 16:45 PM to 17:30 PM Eastern Africa Time
PANEL TOPIC: Managing hybrid cloud infrastructure and Best practices



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Esther Gathigi - Kibugi
Country Director
Digital Opportunity Trust
Kenya

Esther Gathigi Kibugi is passionate about empowering young and aspiring entrepreneurs to develop the skills and insights they need to transition their startups into high-potential business ventures.

Background:

Esther Gathigi - Kibugi is the Country Director for Digital Opportunity Trust Kenya and a founding trustee of WECREATE Kenya an initiative of the U.S. Department of State and GriffinWorx that set up entrepreneurial community centers for women to gain access to the essential resources required for starting or growing businesses. She has over 14 years' experience spanning banking, project management and development sectors.

Esther is a Global Shaper Alumni and Former Curator (2016/17) of the Nairobi Hub. As a World Economic Forum Global shaper she engages in various projects with other young business leaders locally to impact the lives of those at the bottom of the socio-economic pyramid by being catalysts in three main pillars, Education, Environment and Entrepreneurship. She is also a mentor with the Africa Entrepreneurship Awards and a Consultant on a Refugee Livelihood program in Uganda.

She holds a B Comm. Finance from Nairobi University and a Masters in Banking and Finance from Moi University and is a member of the Institute of Directors (IoD) Kenya and the Kenya Gender Budget Network.



Benson Makale
Head of ICT Service
Operations
I&M Bank Ltd

An accomplished IT practitioner with over 12 years of relevant experience in the BFSI & FINTECH industry spanning more than 5 countries in the African region. Implemented and managed multiple mass-market financial systems running on diverse platforms both on-prem and on-the-cloud. Continues to perform leadership roles within high performing technology teams and a key player in the Digital transformation of people, processes and platforms. An avid dataops evangelist.



Omambia Dauglous
Founder & Chief
Technology Officer
NGENI IO LTD

Dauglous is a FinTech & Blockchain enthusiast and holds an excellent in understanding DeFi, Markets Trading, DevOps, and software Development in general.

His interest in DeFi & Markets trading draw his attention towards the new emerging Blockchain Technology and Cryptocurrency markets, becoming a full stack Blockchain developer at last. He is continuously in a learning process and keeps himself motivated by sharing his acquired knowledge. In free time he reads & trains friends in the above mentioned areas of interests.



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Mohamed Sharif Adan
Chief Information Officer
Bushra Business Bank

Senior, dynamic and results - oriented professional with verifiable year after year successful experience in Product development, Project Management, Pre-sales support and sales. Have worked in the corporate sector and startups and have been highly successful in building relationships with upper level decision makers, seizing control of critical problem areas and delivering on objectives.



Vipin Chawla
Group Chief Technology
Officer
Eat'n'Go Ltd

Vipin has over 30+ years of rich experience in Information Technology spanning across various countries and industries from hotels to manufacturing to food & beverage. Vipin started his journey from India in Manufacturing Industry moving to hospitality industry. He moved to Thailand in 1997 to spent next 13 years in hospitality industry working with international hotel chains. He started his own consulting company in 2010. Sold his company and moved to Indonesia heading the technology division for the leading pizza brand Domino's. In his capacity as Head of Technology for Domino's Pizza Indonesia he supported the company growth by 200% in a short span of 3 years. In 2019 he moved to Nigeria to work with Eat N' Go Africa. As part of Group Leadership his role involves setting up strategy and make executive technology decisions pan Africa on behalf of the organization including managing a technology budget and making the necessary investments to align the organization with its vision for its technological needs. Leading the digital transformation of the group and introducing the cutting edge technology like AI & ML with business first approach. He acts as both a technology and business expert, making decisions impacting current and future operations. Overseeing all technology and technological resources, establishing the tech vision, strategies and growth plans. He is also leading the system and quality assurance processes, data protection policies and processes ensuring the protection of customer privacy and confidential information.



Stephen Mukenya
Ag. Deputy Director - ICT
Agriculture and Food
Authority, Nairobi

Consummate ICT professional with 10 years of experience helping organizations reach their full technological potential. Adept in making key decisions and working with other professionals to achieve goals and solve problems. Strong organizational abilities with proven successes managing and implementing multiple ICT projects/systems



Sibusiso Walter Mhlango
Information Technology
Technical Consultant

I have been privileged to have worked for blue chip companies in Africa, Asia and Europe (IBM, AfroCentric, Vodacom, Safaricom, Roshan, The Coca-Cola Company). Over the years one has risen to C-Level managing various teams in Business Systems Development and Support, Cyber Security, Data Centre Operations, GSM Networks - 2/3/4/5G, IT Networking and User Support + Change Management. One has acquired vast experience in an array of technologies in the ICT domain in various sectors (Telcos, FSS, FMCG, Insurance, etc).

I have witnessed the various technology evolutions both compute and storage, networking, cyber security and various platforms-as-a-service. I have also deployed various Business Systems and managed multi-million dollars worth of projects.