

Press Release: South Sudan IGF 2026

South Sudan to Host 2026 Internet Governance Forum to Drive Inclusive Digital Growth and Resilience

JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN — The ICT Society South Sudan, in collaboration with national, regional, and international stakeholders, has officially announced that the South Sudan Internet Governance Forum 2026 (SS-IGF-26) will take place on July 2, 2026, at the Gelila Hotel Apartments in Juba. Convening under the central theme, “Digital Governance for Inclusive Growth and Resilience,” this year’s forum will map out a secure, inclusive, and people-centered digital ecosystem for the nation.

As South Sudan accelerates its transition toward a robust digital economy, the expansion of mobile connectivity, digital financial services, and public infrastructure brings both massive opportunities and urgent policy challenges. SS-IGF-26 will serve as the premier national multistakeholder platform to address these critical issues, bringing together approximately 200 delegates from government ministries, regulatory bodies, the private sector, civil society, academia, and youth innovation groups.

The 2026 forum will structure its high-level plenaries, interactive workshops, and roundtable dialogues across four core thematic tracks:

Track 1: Cybersecurity, Data Protection, and Digital Trust – Focusing on cyber resilience, online safety, and protecting critical infrastructure.

Track 2: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Emerging Technologies – Examining ethical frameworks, risks, and practical AI applications.

Track 3: Digital Inclusion and Digital Rights – Addressing meaningful connectivity, digital literacy, and accessibility for women, youth, and persons with disabilities (PWDs).

Track 4: Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and Financing Digital Economy – Exploring interoperability, e-governance, digital ID systems, and regional trade protocols like the AfCFTA.

Call for Media Coverage

Media houses, journalists, and broadcasters are formally invited to cover this landmark national event. Accredited media will gain access to high-level plenary sessions, panel discussions, and interviews with key digital policy leaders, regulatory authorities, and regional experts. Press passes, media kits, and designated interview areas will be arranged at the venue. Interested media representatives are requested to register their intent by contacting Denilson Deneki Saniki using the details below.

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