

Africa Forum Regulatory Roundtable #3

Data Sandboxes, Climate, and Sustainability Challenges in Africa

March 21, 2024 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm UTC | 5:00pm - 7:00pm EAT



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This roundtable will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders to discuss the potential of sandboxes as a tool for fostering experimentation and innovation in environmental data usage. Participants will delve into the unique challenges and opportunities that Africa faces in the context of climate change and sustainability, sharing insights and best practices on how data-driven solutions can be effectively regulated and implemented to promote environmental health and sustainable development.

Agenda (UTC & EAT)

2:00-2:10 pm UTC

5:00-5:10 pm EAT

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

- **Lorraine Porciuncula**, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative

2:10-3:00 pm UTC

5:10-6:00 pm EAT

DATA COLLABORATION TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHALLENGES

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Moderator:

- **Dena Montague**, Co-founder, ÉnergieRich

Speakers:

- **Sarah Farooqi**, Product Owner, Digital Impact Alliance
- **Bhanu Neupane**, Advisor, Open Solutions and ICT&Sciences, UNESCO
- **Boniface Akuku**, Digital Agricultural Specialist, World Bank

Q&A with participants

3:00-3:50 pm UTC

6:00-6:50 pm EAT

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN AFRICA

Experts will discuss the role of innovative tools, such as sandboxes for data, in fostering experimentation in environmental data usage in Africa.

Moderator:

- **Justin Bryant**, Lead, Global Sandboxes for Data, Datasphere Initiative

Speakers:

- **Aditya Agrawal**, Founder, D4D Insights
- **Peter Rabley**, Managing Partner, PLACE
- **Dr. Kenneth Mubea**, Capacity Development Lead, Digital Earth Africa

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NEXT STEPS

This session will reflect on the key takeaways from the discussion.

- **Justin Bryant**, Lead, Global Sandboxes for Data, Datasphere Initiative