

ATLAS 2025 – Africa Law & Tech Symposium

Date: 12 November 2025

Time: 08h00-18h00

Location: ALN House, Nairobi, Kenya

Theme: *Promoting Rule of Law and Economic Growth in Africa: Where Law Meets Code – From Policy to Practical Skills in the Age of AI*

About ATLAS 2025

ATLAS 2025 marks the inaugural edition of a high-impact platform where Africa’s legal, business, and policy leaders come together to shape the continent’s digital future. From the outset, our ambition has been to create a convening that bridges vision with application — and we are starting as we mean to go on. This is not just a symposium; it is a skills accelerator.

In a market disrupted by artificial intelligence and rapid technological change, ATLAS 2025 blends **policy insight** with **hands-on training**, giving participants the tools to apply new knowledge immediately. Through targeted workshops, immersive demonstrations, and strategic dialogues, the event will unpack how AI, law, and emerging tech can drive inclusive growth, institutional resilience, and economic opportunity.

Set against a shifting geopolitical and economic backdrop, we will explore everything from AI-powered legal processes to blockchain-enabled trade, from cross-border compliance to ESG tech solutions—while keeping inclusion, gender equity, and sovereignty at the heart of the conversation.

Draft Programme

08:00 – 09:00 | Registration and Arrival

09:00 – 09:05 | Welcome Remarks and introducing Professor Franchesci

Arooj Sheikh, Partnerships and Sponsorships Lead, ALN Academy

09:05 – 09:25 | Keynote Address

Topic: *The Rule of Law in the Digital Age – Building Trust in the Age of AI*

Speaker: Prof. Luis Franceschi, Assistant Secretary-General, The Commonwealth

09:30 – 10:30 | Opening Fireside Discussion

Topic: *Governing Africa’s Digital Transition – Challenges and Opportunities*

Speakers:

- Karim Anjarwalla (Senior Partner, ALN Kenya)
- Jacqueline Tsuma (Digital and AI Advisor, timbuktoo DISRUPT Regional Bureau for Africa, UNDP Chief Digital Office)

- Ali Mazanderani (Executive Chairman, Lesakhatech)

10:35-11:30 | Panel discussion on Building Africa's Digital Legal Infrastructure

It explores how Africa can translate digital policy into operational systems — from secure data frameworks and cloud adoption to AI-driven compliance, smart contracts, and digital ID systems.

The discussion will offer concrete examples of collaboration between governments, the private sector, and legal professionals to make digital transformation real and inclusive.

- Dr. Shikoh Gitau (**Chief Executive Officer**, Qhala)
 - Phyllis Migwi (**Country Manager at Microsoft Kenya**, Microsoft)
 - David Bunei (**Managing Director - Kenya**, Oracle)
- Moderator:** Moses Kemibaro, (Founder & CEO, Dotsavvy)

11:30-11h45 | Health Break

11:45 – 12:45 | Fireside Chat

Topic: *How to build Africa's AI driven-economy (Classrooms and Workplaces)*

Purpose: *This is a strategic dialogue designed to **frame the big picture**: how Africa can practically prepare its education systems and workspaces for an AI-driven future. It connects policy, education, and private-sector perspectives, exploring what it takes to turn AI ambition into capability.*

Abstract and context:

Globally, AI is transforming how we learn, work, and deliver services. Africa's ability to fully leverage AI will depend on how effectively education and labour systems evolve alongside it. This fireside chat brings together voices from legal education, fintech, and consultancy to unpack how Africa can cultivate the skills and mindsets needed for an AI-driven economy. From reimagining legal training and classroom curricula to building agile, data-literate workplaces, the session will explore what is already in progress (in industry and education) to embed innovation, ethics, and inclusivity into Africa's human-capital engine. Participants will gain insight into the ecosystems that are making and can make AI adoption sustainable across sectors.

Speakers:

- Ndiga Njeru (**Senior Technical Recruiter**, Google)
- Ikran Ali Abdirahman (**Founder & Principal Consultant**, DIFA Consultancy)
- Caroline Karoki (**Head: People & Culture**, ALN Kenya)

12:45 – 13:15 | Health and Networking Break

13:20 – 13:50 | Skills Briefing Keynotes

Topic: *The Five Competencies for Thriving in Africa's AI-Driven Economy*

Purpose

*This is a technical insight session — three concise, focused keynotes that distil **practical competencies** required to thrive in the AI-legal economy. It builds directly on the fireside chat's vision, offering concrete frameworks for personal and institutional capability-building.*

Abstract and context:

Africa's legal sector is entering a decisive era that demands fluency not only in law, but in data, design, and digital systems. In this keynote session, experts will break down five core competencies that legal professionals, entrepreneurs, and policymakers must develop to remain relevant and competitive. Drawing from African case studies and global benchmarks, the session will highlight practical skills in digital literacy, AI governance, ethical reasoning, systems thinking, and adaptive leadership. Together, these competencies define what it means to thrive in the continent's evolving AI-powered economy.

Speakers:

Speaker: Sammy Mate (Head: Innovation and Technology and CISO, ALN Kenya)

Speaker: Ngozi Nwabueze (CEO & Founder: Pocket Lawyers)

(Joint Q&A post presentations)

13:50 – 14:00 | Health Break

14:05 – 15:50 | Parallel Skills Labs – Co-hosted with Strathmore University

From Talk to Action: Practical Skills for Africa's Digital Legal Future

Designed as “*learn-how*” sessions, the ATLAS Skills Labs turn ideas into application. Each lab gives participants exposure to practical tools, techniques, and frameworks that bring Africa's digital future to life; from automating workflows and managing cyber risks to embedding ESG principles and tracking cross-border digital trade.

The aim is simple: to move beyond policy conversation into capability-building. Through guided demonstrations and interactive exercises, participants will leave with actionable know-how they can implement immediately in their organisations, firms, or agencies.

1. AI in Legal Practice – Beyond Research

Facilitators: Michael Odoo (Legal Operations Analyst, ALN Kenya) and Ryan Kiruthu (Co-head, Commerce & Culture Desk, JEPa)

This session shows how AI can transform everyday legal work. Participants will explore tools for automated drafting, contract review, and workflow design, learning how to build simple low-code automations that enhance efficiency without compromising professional judgment.

Objective: Equip participants with hands-on skills for integrating AI into legal practice responsibly and productively.

2. Cybersecurity & Risk Governance

Facilitator: Mbabu Muturi (Head: Adili Cyber Services)

As digital systems expand, so do vulnerabilities. This lab focuses on the *how-to* of building cybersecurity resilience, from identifying and managing risks to setting up governance and response frameworks. Practical scenarios will help participants translate cyber policy into operational controls that protect both data and reputation.

Objective: Enable participants to design and embed cybersecurity frameworks aligned with organisational governance and regulatory standards.

3. ESG & Compliance Tech

Facilitator: Wangui Kaniaru (Legal & Compliance Expert)

Technology is reshaping how companies report, track, and deliver on their ESG commitments. This lab examines how digital tools can enhance compliance, accuracy, transparency, and accountability. Through practical examples, participants will learn how to integrate ESG data systems into risk management and reporting processes.

Objective: Demonstrate how to operationalise ESG commitments through tech-enabled compliance and governance solutions.

4. Cross-Border Digital Trade Monitoring

Facilitators: Faith Chelangat (International Trade and Customs, ALN Kenya)

Digital trade under AfCFTA needs systems that can track, verify, and manage transactions across borders. This lab introduces participants to the digital tools and regulatory frameworks that make this possible.

Objective: Build participants' capacity to apply monitoring technologies that support transparent, compliant, and inclusive digital trade in Africa.

15:50-16:00 | Health Break

16:05 – 17:35 | Strathmore & Digital 4 Africa Masterclasses and Parallel Presentations on Innovations

Hosts: Strathmore Law School, School of Computing & Engineering Sciences, and CIPIT

Facilitators:

Allan Mukuki (Director: International Partnerships, Strathmore Law School)

Dr Vincent Omwenga (Research Director, School of Computing and Engineering Sciences (SCES), Strathmore university)

Masterclass I: AI for Legal, Policy and Compliance Teams

Hands-on exploration of AI tools, governance models, and risk management for institutional and professional contexts.

Masterclass II: Data Security, Sovereignty and Cyber Risk for Legal Professionals

Applied training on safeguarding digital infrastructure, managing sensitive data, and aligning cybersecurity practice with regional compliance frameworks.

Masterclass III: The Full AI Toolkit: Discovering the Unseen Capabilities of Generative AI

Host: Digital for Africa

Facilitator: Brian Wamiori (Co- Founder, Digital for Africa)

A practical guide into generative AI's most powerful yet overlooked features, and how to use them for real-world impact.

Research & Innovation Presentations

Theme: From Ideas to Impact – Showcasing Africa's Law and Tech Frontiers

A curated session featuring six short presentations (7–8 minutes each) from researchers, innovators, and practitioners presenting new findings, pilots, or case studies related to law, AI, and digital transformation.

Moderator: Representative from Strathmore University

17:15 – 17:45 | Closing Remarks & Networking Reception

Summary reflections and next steps for building sustainable law-tech capacity in Africa.

Speakers: Rutendo Nyaku, Rule of Law Advisor, ALN Academy