



Context

The IPAR Think Tank prioritizes reflection and research on technology, specifically Artificial Intelligence, for women's empowerment within its thematic framework. Additionally, promoting gender equality and inclusion in Sub-Saharan Africa through Artificial Intelligence is a key area of focus for the organization, and several initiatives, including GRAIN (Gender and Responsible Artificial Intelligence Network).

The upcoming webinar aligns perfectly with the objectives of the project, aiming to advance inclusion, equality, and empowerment of women in sub-Saharan Africa through responsible and localized development and deployment of AI innovations. The webinar will bring together AI and gender specialists, focusing on innovative practices and technologies that bridge the gap between AI and gender. It will highlight the significance of utilizing AI's potential to advance gender equality and reduce gender disparities in the digital sector.

The main objective of the webinar is to reflect on the challenges posed by structural and systematic barriers to promoting gender equality and inclusion in the AI sector in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Theme of the webinar: [A gender sensitive practice of research in the development and deployment of responsible AI in Africa](#)

Discussions on artificial intelligence (AI) are bolstering the efforts of African nations to develop their own national AI strategies. It is now more important than ever to ensure that gender is a central concern in these discussions, and that issues such as disaggregated data, gender bias, the gender gap in the AI industry, and research capacity in responsible AI are addressed in the context of Africa. In this dialogue, we seek to hear from gender and AI policy and practice experts who are working towards promoting gender equality, utilizing a feminist research approach, and harnessing the power of AI to advance gender equality in our communities.

Date: 24 th April 2023 -

Time: 13:00 -15:00 GMT

Kudoway in English with French interpretation

Speakers:

Nokuthula Olorunju, Attorney and Researcher at Research ICT Africa, South Africa
Dr Adekemi Omutubora, senior lecturer at the Lagos University, Nigeria

Adedeji Adeniran, Director of Research, CSEA Nigeria, Abuja, Nigeria
Caitlin Kraft-Bruchmann - CEO/Founder, Women at the table

Moderator: Ernest Mwebaze, Executive Director of Sunbird AI, Uganda