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### KEY TAKEAWAYS

#### Understand:

Technological advancements shape international relations, trade, and security.

#### Strategize:

Gain insights on how to navigate the evolving geopolitical landscape for business success.

#### Connect:

Network with industry leaders, policymakers, and tech innovators.

### GUEST SPEAKERS



#### MR LUCIEN PIERCE

**Managing director at Phukubje Pierce Masithela Attorneys ("PPM")**

Lucien is managing director at Phukubje Pierce Masithela Attorneys (PPM). He focuses on the commercial and regulatory aspects of telecommunications, media, technology. He covers matters such as commercial transactions, satellite frequency-spectrum licence applications, information security, data protection and fintech. He deals with contentious and non-contentious aspects in these areas of law. After completing articles Lucien spent two years in London where he was seconded to renowned TMT law firm, Bird & Bird, and global telco – Cable & Wireless. He then spent four years in the TMT department of a large commercial law firm, before starting PPM in 2004. Lucien represents organisations such as ICASA, China Telecoms, Primedia, State Information Technology Agency, Anglo American and a multinational cloud services provider on ICT and information security matters. He sat on South Africa's Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors' Disciplinary Committee for 7 years. Lucien holds a B.Com, LLB from UKZN, LLM, IT & Telecoms WIPO: Advanced International Certificate – Intellectual Property from University of Strathclyde, Glasgow and a certificate in the Fintech Programme from Oxford University, Said School of Business



#### DR SAROJ BISHOYI

**Research Fellow, Centre for Technology and Scientific Studies, VIF, New Delhi**

Dr Saroj Bishoyi is a Research Fellow with the Centre for Technology and Scientific Studies, VIF, New Delhi where his research focuses on India's Capabilities and Capacities in Technology. He received his PhD degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and was ICSSR Doctoral Fellow. Previously, he has worked with AMS Division, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi; Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi; Selected Works of Jawaharlal Nehru Unit, JNMF, New Delhi; YC-NISDA, University of Pune, Pune; and, Foundation for National Security Research, New Delhi. His research interests include USA, India-US Strategic Partnership and Indo-Pacific. He has published numerous articles in journals, edited books, magazines, newspapers and academic websites. His recent works include Growing India-US Ties in Critical & Emerging Tech; India-US Forging Tech Alliance since Long; India-US Peacekeeping Cooperation; Role of the United States in the 1971 War: Implications for India-US Relations; Geostrategic Imperative of the Indo-Pacific Region: Emerging Trends and Regional Responses; India-US Security Cooperation in Asia: Can India be a Net Security Provider?; and, Awakening the Rip Van Winkle of India-US Tech Alliance.



#### MS NANJIRA SAMBULI

**Researcher, policy analyst and strategist**

Nanjira Sambuli is a researcher, policy analyst and strategist studying the unfolding, gendered impacts of digitalization/ICT adoption on governance, diplomacy, media, entrepreneurship, and culture, especially in Africa. She is a Fellow in the Technology and International Affairs Program at The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and a Ford Global Fellow. She is also a board member at Development Gateway and Digital Impact Alliance (DIAL) and a Diplomacy Moderator at the Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA).



#### DR KIRU PILLAY

**Chief Director: Cybersecurity Operations in the South African Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT)**

Dr Kiru Pillay is the Chief Director: Cybersecurity Operations in the South African Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT) where he is responsible for the national cybersecurity mandate and the management of the national Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT). He holds a PhD, in Information Systems from the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN). Dr Kiru Pillay has over 30 years of experience in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector, with the first 23 years as an ICT practitioner. He has worked across the globe in various industry sectors and roles, including serving as a systems analyst, a project leader, a project manager, and a solutions and enterprise architect.



#### MS CHLOE TEEVAN

**Head of ECDPM's digital economy and governance team**

Chloe Teevan is the Head of ECDPM's digital economy and governance team. Her research interests focus on digital infrastructure and governance, AU-EU cooperation and the geopolitics of development, with a strong regional interest in North Africa. Prior to joining ECDPM, Chloe was an independent consultant and worked with the Moroccan Institute for Policy Analysis, the British Embassy in Cairo and the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, amongst others. She also worked at the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) in London, where she focused on North Africa and EU foreign policy options in the region, and was a project manager for the SEE Foundation in Cairo. Chloe holds a master's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Trinity College Dublin. She is also a non-resident scholar at the Middle East Institute in Washington DC.



#### DR NISHAL KHUSIAL

**Expert in fintech innovation and artificial intelligence**

Dr Nishal Khusial is a highly accomplished technology leader, fintech innovator, and artificial intelligence expert with over 15 years of experience at the intersection of technology and governance. His tenure includes serving as the MD, CTO and CEO positions between a global fintech company, a fintech firm, and Africa-first mover pioneering cyber security and digital forensics utilities. He has played a pivotal role in developing cutting-edge fintech platforms, intercontinental e-wallet systems, blockchain cognition systems, and AI-driven digital ignition strategies. With a career spanning leadership roles at prominent organizations of the likes of Deloitte, PwC, Conlog and Imperium International, Dr Khusial brings extensive experience in cybersecurity, commercial digital forensics, data insights analysis and artificial intelligence. He has chaired the Africa Digital Finance Summit and the Cyber-Security Summit in Johannesburg, spearheading the thought leadership on financial technology and digital economy governance. Dr Khusial's has lectured on commercial forensic information technology and authored influential guides on data analysis and information security which are currently being used. He has led initiatives that blend artificial intelligence, cyber-risk management, Tech GRCLA. He has also advised national governments and multinational firms on technology governance and currently sits on an Omega submission panel for the prospective South African AI Policy, only highlighting his various contributions in shaping policies around cybersecurity, forensic technology and the Global Digital Platform Economy.

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