

PROGRAM

9^e CONFERENCE



May 18-21, 2026



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THEME :

Regulating without hindering innovation: The regulation of innovative technologies: issues, challenges and prospects for protection authorities in Africa





DAY 1 — MONDAY, MAY 18 2026 | OFFICIAL OPENING & CONFERENCE

10h00	Official Opening — Address by the MC — Presentation of the Agenda
10h10	Screening of the RAPDP 10th anniversary documentary film
10h20	Address by the President of RAPDP — Network Vision for the Decade 2026–2036
10h40	Address by the Director General of ARTCI, Lakoun OUATTARA — Commitment to regulation in Côte d'Ivoire digital
11h00	Speech representing the Ivorian Government (Ministry of Digital Affairs)
11h20	Inaugural plenary conference — Theme: Regulating without hindering innovation
12h30	Lunch
14h30	Panel 1: AI and Data Protection in Africa — Regulation in Innovation
16h00	Coffee break — Visit to the exhibition stands
16h30	Panel 2: Cybersecurity and Personal Data — African Regulatory Convergence
18h00	Cocktail — Networking — Media Interviews
19h30	Day 1 Closing Remarks — Day 2 Program Summary and Announcement



DAY 2 — TUESDAY, MAY 19 2026 | THEMATIC CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

08h00	Participant reception
09h00	Summary plenary session J1 — Report by the General Rapporteur
09h30	Session 1: African Legal Harmonization — Comparative Perspectives
11h00	Coffee break
11h30	Session 2: International Data Transfers — African Challenges
12h30	Networking lunch — Themed tables led by experts
14h00	Parallel technical sessions (3 rooms): A) AI · B) Health data · C) Fintech
15h30	Roundtable: Inter-authority cooperation — Mechanisms and best practices
17h00	B2B Sessions — Private Sector / Regulators
18h00	Closing cocktail reception — Media interview area — Official photos
19h00	Daily press briefing by the Secretary General of RAPDP — Summary of 2 days of conference
19h30	Day 2 closing — Announcement of the next day's AGM program (closed session for members only)



JOUR 3 — WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 2026 | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & GALA DINNER

09h00	Opening of the General Meeting — Roll call — Quorum verification — Adoption of the agenda Activity Report of the Permanent Secretariat — 2025 Review and 2026–2027 Outlook
10h30	Presentation of resolutions — Internal debate — Possible amendments
11h30	Formal adoption of resolutions — Reading and adoption of the Abidjan Final Declaration
12h00	Election of the new RAPDP board
12h30	Lunch
14h00	B2B Sessions
15h30	Meeting of the Secretariat + DG ARTCI — Final Press Conference — All accredited media

18h30	Opening reception
20h00	Seated dinner — Speech by the President of RAPDP — Speech by the Director General of ARTCI
21h00	10th Anniversary Trophy Presentation — Live Musical Entertainment — Official Group Photo
23h00	Closing Remarks — 2027 Edition Announcement — Official End



DAY 4 — THURSDAY, MAY 21 2026 | OFFICIAL TOURIST OUTING

08h30	Convoy departure
10h30	Tourist Activities, Lagoon Excursion to Discover the Éhotilé Islands
12h30	Ivorian gourmet lunch
14h30	Visit a local craft market or workshop — Opportunity to buy souvenirs for delegations
16h00	Optional: Visit to Grand-Bassam beach (UNESCO World Heritage Site) or Ébrié Lagoon
17h30	Gradual return to the hotel — Airport transfers arranged for evening departures
18h30	Informal farewell gathering in the Radisson Blu lobby — Presentation of formal gifts Ivorians to the heads of delegations
19h00	Official end of the RAPDP 2026 program — FHB airport transfers according to the flights of the delegations