



## COMMUNIQUE

# ON THE LAUNCH OF THE AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE (APNIG) JULY 19TH 2022, LILONGWE, MALAWI

**We,** the Members of Parliament convening under the auspices of the African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance (APNIG) and dedicated to strengthening parliamentarians' role on digital development in Africa being led by Founder and Chairperson, Hon Neema Lugangira (Member of Parliament, Tanzania);

**Appreciating** the cross-border nature posed by digital challenges, understanding the need for digital cooperation in solving these unique challenges and following the 2-day inaugural digital policy symposium here under the Africa Internet Governance Forum 2022 bringing together 30 Parliamentarians from across the African continent with the support of Partners;

**Collectively,** and towards advancing digital development in Africa, we agree to be part of APNIG and embark on addressing the following pertinent issues;

### **Agreed outcomes by the African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance;**

**1. Capacity Building** for Parliamentarians in Africa with strategic learning missions to best practice countries with a view to benchmark on Internet Governance issues including;

- Digital and Geopolitics
- Digital Economy
- Legislation for an open and unfragmented Internet
- AU Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa and AU Data Policy Framework
- Data Protection
- Digital Rights
- Digital Space Legislation
- Cybersecurity and cyber crimes
- Artificial Intelligence
- Digital Taxation and Revenue Sharing
- Digital for Democracy





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**2. Inter-continental Policy Dialogues** between Africa and the world including Europe, North America, South America, Asia and Oceania in a bid to spur policy collaboration and exchange for Parliamentarians on Digital Policy.

**3. Harmonized Strategy** by Developing the APNIG Five Year Strategic Plan in cognizance of the accelerated digitization of the continent and fast-paced change in its data regulation landscape.

**4. Resource development** on Internet Governance including but not limited to a Toolkit for African Parliamentarians

**5. Champion regional, continental and international dialogue** in the digital related lawmaking processes bringing together multi-stakeholders and multi-sectors through leveraging on the learnings and strategies of the African Union, the Regional Economic Blocks and others.

**6. Facilitate linkages** between National Parliaments and the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), as well as Regional and National Initiatives (NRIs)

**Realizing the of the monumental task ahead,** we take cognizance of the need for collaborative efforts, and therefore welcome interventions from Partners.







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**Therefore,** The Africa Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance (APNIG) will advance the Legislative Agenda for a trusted, inclusive, and accessible internet for all with meaningful digital connectivity

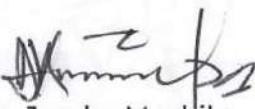
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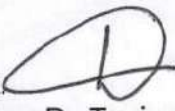





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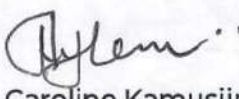
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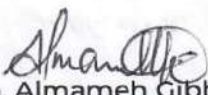
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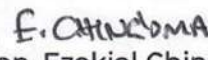
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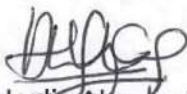


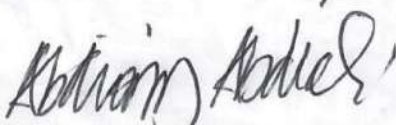
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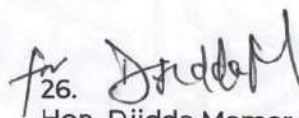
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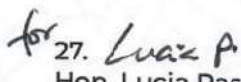
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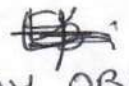
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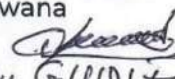
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