

Africa Regional Women In Data Summit 2025

Naivasha, Kenya

Pre-events Programme

	Description	Date & Time	Location	Lead
	Webinar- Accelerating Resilience Through Better Data	15th August 2025 15:00 EAT	Online- Webinar	OWRA

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Main Programme

Day 1: 19th August 2025

	Description	Time	Room	Lead
	Welcome & Registration	12:00pm	Main Hall	Secretariat
	Overview of the 2025 Summit	1:30pm to 2:00pm	Main Hall	Secretariat
	<u>Opening Address</u> Hon. Harriette Chiggai - President's Advisor on Women's Rights <u>Remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Namhla Mniki-Mangaliso, Women Economic Rights Advisor, South Africa PresidencyAmb Philip Thigo MBS - Special Envoy on Technology, Government of Kenya	2:00pm to 3:00pm	Main Hall	Secretariat

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercy Wanjau, Secretary to the Cabinet - Government of Kenya • Amb Monica Juma, National Security Advisor, Government of Kenya. 			
	<u>Keynote</u> Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma	3:00pm to 3:20pm	Main hall	Secretariat
	High level Plenary 1: <i>Data Driven Progress for the Africa We Want</i> Through Agenda2063, African countries set for themselves ambitious goals to ensure the continent delivers inclusive growth and development across the continent. This discussion will set the stage for the rest of the Summit and explore how African countries are taking steps to ensure the data needed for implementation and monitoring is available, usable and shared for action and accountability. <u>Panelists</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb Monica Juma, National Security Advisor, Government of Kenya. • Namhla Mniki-Mangaliso, Women Economic Rights Advisor, South Africa Presidency 	3:20 pm to 5:00 pm	Main hall	Secretariat

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mercy Wanjau, Secretary to the Cabinet - Government of Kenya • Amb Philip Thigo MBS - Special Envoy on Technology, Government of Kenya • Muchiri Nyaggah - Executive Director, Local Development Research Institute 			
	Official Launch of the Conference, Photo Session & Networking	5:00 pm	Rose Garden	

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Day 2: 20th August 2025

	Description	Time	Room	Lead
	Welcome & Registration	8:00am to 8:30am	Main hall	Secretariat
	<p>High level Plenary 2: <i>Accelerating Resilience for Women and Girls Through Better Data</i></p> <p>Environmental, economic and social shocks have historically resulted in women and girls being disproportionately affected. This discussion will center on how governments and those outside the public sector are implementing measures to build evidence-informed resilience quicker in order to ensure we do not leave women and girls behind even in the face of challenges.</p> <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Temitayo Erogbogbo, Global Head, Corporate & Public Affairs, Axmed AG (Health Systems)	8:30am to 10:30am	Main hall	Secretariat

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof Nancy Booker, Dean, Graduate School of Media & Communications, Aga Khan University• Dr Patrick Amoth EBS, Director General of Health, Ministry of Health• <i>H.E. Hon Wilbur Otichilo, Governor, Vihiga County (Public Service Delivery)</i>• Dr. Macdonald Obudho Director General, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics• Raphael Kimoto- Director Credit women enterprise Fund• Grassroot Representative			
	Tea break – 10:30am to 11:00am			
Breakout sessions 11:00am to 12:30pm				
	<p>Session title: Role of Private Sector - Investment in Women’s Health</p> <p>Room: Main Hall Session No: B02 Format: Panel Organiser: Axmed AG Moderator: Temitayo Erogbogbo, Global Head, Corporate & Public Affairs, Axmed AG.</p> <p><u>Description</u></p>	<p>Session title: Improving Capacity in Government Service Delivery</p> <p>Room: Lantana 1 Session No: B03 Format: Panel Organiser: LDRI and GROOTS Kenya Moderator: Muchiri Nyaggah, Executive Director, LDRI</p>	<p>Session title: From Farm to Market: Linking Food Systems And Informal Trade Through Gender Data For Women’s Economic Empowerment And Sustainable Livelihoods.</p> <p>Room: Lantana 2 Session No: B03 Format: Fish Bowl Organiser: TISA</p>	

	<p>This panel discussion will explore how data can be leveraged to address critical barriers in women's health product access. The session will explore strategies for accelerating resilience in health service delivery, with a particular focus on strengthening public response through local capacity development and trade facilitation mechanisms that improve women's access to essential health products.</p> <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yasmin Chandani, CEO inSupply Health 2. Simon Maina, Director, Njembuma Company Ltd. 3. Angela Nguku, Executive Director, White Ribbon Alliance Kenya 4. Dr. Waqo Ejersa, CEO, KEMSA 5. Namhla Mniki-Mangaliso, Women Economic Rights Advisor, South Africa Presidency 	<p><u>Description</u></p> <p>This breakout session responds to gaps noted in data capacity in previous studies by convening stakeholders for an interactive capacity - building session. The goal is to foster a shared understanding of how gender data can be integrated into planning, budgeting, implementation, and impact monitoring to enhance the resilience and equity of public services.</p> <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harriet Atieno, Senior Statistician, County Government of Homa Bay 2. Jemima Njagi, Gender Director, County Government of Embu 3. Amina Nzinga, Gender & Communications Lead, LDRI 4. Caroline Mutwiri, Statistician UNWomen ESARO 5. Baldwin Anyiga , Economist, National Treasury 	<p>Moderator: Vyrone Ochola, Trade Justice, Economic Inclusion, and Research Officer , TISA</p> <p><u>Description</u></p> <p>This interactive session will explore how women's roles remain underrepresented in national and county data systems, despite being central to economic survival in nearly all communities. The session will unpack how gender data gaps in the interconnected areas of food systems and informal trade undermine inclusive policymaking and propose models for integrating citizen-generated data, especially from women in markets and farming cooperatives.</p> <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Betty Namulanga - Vihiga County Chief Officer, Agriculture 2. Solomon Kibue - Kiambu County Chief Officer, Trade & Markets. 3. Mary Karanu - WHH 4. Diana Kageha - Right to Food Youth Ambassador.
	Lunch 12:30pm to 1:30pm		

Breakout sessions 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Session title: **Addressing Time Poverty**

Room: Main Hall

Session No: B04

Format: Panel

Organiser: **Oxfam**

Moderator: **Purity Jebor, Gender Justice and Women's Rights Programme Officer, Oxfam**

Description

This session will discuss the concept of time poverty, the role of men in women's economic empowerment and the slow operationalization of women's economic empowerment policies and frameworks.

Panelists

1. Marie Njuguna, Youth Alive! Kenya
2. Peterson Irungu, Male Engagement Champion
3. Daniel Shirima, Youth Representative
4. Chris Kimani, Centre for Domestic Training and Development
5. Damaris Kakhayanga, Domestic Workers Representative

Session title: **From Farm to Fork: Data from Women Rice Farmers - Lessons from India**

Room: Lantana One

Session No: B05

Format: Presentation

Organiser: **Data2X**

Moderator:

Description

Vinay Narayan, Senior Manager at the Aapti Institute, India will share the work they have done with women rice farmers in India and data is unlocking opportunities for them.

Session title: **The Role of Women in Development of Early Warning Systems**

Room: Lantana Two

Session No: B06

Format: Panel

Organiser: **LDRI**

Moderator: **Muchiri Nyaggah**

Description

Development of early warning systems that work for local communities is key to building resilience and unlocking new opportunities such as access to credit. This session will explore how data for early warning systems is generated, the role of women and how credit access could be improved through these systems.

Panelists

1. Raphael Kimoto, Director Credit, Women's Enterprise Fund
2. Farmer Representative

Breakout sessions 3:00pm to 4:30pm

	<p>Session title: Building Resilient Gender Data Systems</p> <p>Room: Main Hall Session No: B07 Format: Panel Organiser: Secretariat Moderator: Muchiri Nyaggah</p> <p><u>Description</u></p> <p>Delivery of public services requires appropriate legal frameworks and resilient infrastructure for data. This session shall explore lessons being learned within various sectors as stakeholders work towards ensuring data sources remain available despite shifts in resource allocation or disruptions to infrastructure.</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Antony Lenayara, CEO Digital Health Authority 2. Vyrone Ocholla, TISA 3. Rosemary Bowen, Head of Social Statistics, KNBS 	<p>Session title: Lightning Talks</p> <p>Room: Lantana One Session No: B08 Format: Lightning Talks</p> <p><u>Description</u></p> <p>This session is open to participants that wish to make a presentation not longer than 7 minutes. The presentation/talk has to be relevant to the theme and the community. Interested participants should send an email to info@womeindata.ke</p>	<p>Session title: Lightning Talks</p> <p>Room: Lantana Two Session No: B09 Format: Lightning Talks</p> <p><u>Description</u></p> <p>This session is open to participants that wish to make a presentation not longer than 7 minutes. The presentation/talk has to be relevant to the theme and the community. Interested participants should send an email to info@womeindata.ke</p>
	Tea break & closing 4:30pm to 5:00pm		

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Day 3: 21st August 2025

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	Welcome & Registration	8:00am to 8:30am	Main hall	Secretariat
	<p>High level Plenary 3: <i>Innovation for Accelerating Resilience</i></p> <p>Emerging technologies are becoming more ubiquitous in African society today, particularly Artificial Intelligence and advances in data science. This session explores how these innovations are set to transform communities while ensuring women and girls are not left behind.</p> <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neetu John, Fraym.io	8:30am to 10:00am	Main hall	Secretariat

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diana Gichengo, Executive Director, TISA.• Dr. Mercy Mwangangi, CEO, SHA• Cynthia Kahumbura, Co-Executive Director, Jacaranda Health• Vinay Narayan, Senior Manager at the Aapti Institute• Grassroot Representative			
	Tea break – 10:00am to 10:30am			
Breakout sessions: 10:30am to 12 noon				
	<p>Session title: Innovation and Gender Data for Development</p> <p>Room: Main Hall Session No: B010 Format: Organiser: Secretariat Moderator:</p> <p><u>Description</u></p> <p>Emerging technologies and better approaches show great promise in closing data gaps at lower cost than in the past.</p>	<p>Session title: Care Economy and Women’s Economic Empowerment</p> <p>Room: Lantana One Session No: B08 Format: Organiser: Kidogo Early Years Moderator:</p> <p><u>Description</u></p> <p>How is the care economy transforming the live of mamapreneurs? How can governments</p>	<p>Session title: Storytelling for Gender Data</p> <p>Room: Lantana Two Session No: B012 Format: Organiser: OWRA + Data2X Moderator: Florence Machio</p> <p><u>Description</u></p> <p>This is a session to help advocates understand how to use data to make a case for development and budgetary allocation.</p>	

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	<p>Session title: Fireside chat (Plenary)</p> <p>Room: Main Hall</p> <p>Session: B013</p> <p><u>Description</u></p> <p>The session is a quick fire on take aways from the summit</p> <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr Anthony Akoto, PAS OWRA 	12 noon to 1:30pm	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grassroot Representative, • Mamaprenuer <p>Launch of the Regional Gender-Data Media Fellowship</p> <p>Description</p> <p>Journalists from different African countries have been given an opportunity to learn in this summit on gender data. The fellowship will take journalists through hands on experience to utilise data to hold governments accountable</p>	
	Closing Panel - Delivery of Communique to Hon Harriette Chiggai from outcomes of the sessions	
	Lunch & Departure: 2:00pm	