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Unlocking Africa's Digital Potential Amid COVID-19

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DISCUSSION POINTS

- Some Best Implemented Solutions In Africa That Proved Useful During Covid 19
- Bridging the digital divide in the connectivity through more universal, accessible and affordable internet.
- Accelerating the achievement of the SDGs through better collaboration.
- Improving Service delivery in Health & education through ICTs
- Data security, integrity and confidentiality
- Ways to be more digitally prepared for future shutdown contingencies.



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Lacina Koné (Ivory Coast)

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Hossam has more than 25 years of professional experience in ICT both in private and public sectors. After founding and managing several successful IT companies he was asked to bring his expertise into public policy management being selected in 2013 and till Feb 2017 by the UN Secretary General to become one of 9 Global Business Representatives among the 55 MAG members advising on The Internet Governance Forum He is te Chairman of AfICTA - Africa ICT Alliance, and since 2014 has contributed in making synergy between African nations ICT Industries, and connecting with International ICT Industry cloud and governing policies.



Sunil Geness (South Africa)

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Inye Kemabonta (Nigeria)

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