

7th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Panel Discussion - Monday 1 March – 12:00-13:30 GMT

How digital transformation can contribute to build forward better post Covid-19

AGENDA

Opening

Ms. Sabine Mensah, Regional Manager, Inclusive Digital Economies, West and Central Africa, UNCDF

Panelist 1

Ms. Hadja Sanon Ouattara, Minister of Digital Economy, Postal Development and Digital Transformation of Burkina Faso

- **eGovernment solutions to improve the efficiency of public services**
Which digital transformation initiatives were taken by your Ministry to address the impact of the pandemic?

Panelist 2

M. Mamadou Biteye, Vice President, Inclusive Growth, Global Social Impact at Visa

- **Digital for MSME**
How the possession of a bank card enabled MSMEs to better cope with the crisis?
Which initiatives were taken by VISA to improve MSME resilience?

Panelist 3

Ms. Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director IDEP UNECA

- **Planification in the pandemic context**
Good planning is a prerequisite to achieve the SDG. In the context of a sudden pandemic with less possibilities for planning could you share examples of good practices taken by governments in response to the COVID-19?

Panelist 4

M. Francois Coupienne, Global Digital Lead, Inclusive Digital Economies, UNCDF

- **Digital transformation & example of innovation**
How has UNCDF taken advantage of the pandemic to accelerate the development of initiatives around the world in : skills building in the digital era, innovations for agriculture, measurement IDES

Closing

Mr. Thierry H. AMOUSSOUGBO – Head E-learning and Knowledge Management – IDEP UNECA Announcement of the IDEP -UNCDF course on digital transformation for civil servant: ‘**Developing inclusive digital transformation journeys to meet the SDGs and Agenda 2063**’.