Structure and roles of the African Alliance for Access to Data:

1. OVERVIEW OF STRUCTURE

The network is a non-binding informal movement with the following characteristics:

1. Alliance steering committee
2. Alliance associate members
3. Sub committees
4. Host institution/s

   Other relevant entities:
5. Key stakeholders/supporters
6. Constituencies to be consulted
7. Partners

2. ROLES

2.1 Alliance steering committee

Functions:

- Strategy, Action plan
- Appoints convenor, chair and other roles
- Forms sub-committees (eg. fundraising; research)
- Governance, accountability and transparency, (+ host institution/s only in secretariat capacity, non-voting)
- Agree outputs incl visibility and research
- Initiates requests for observer status at ACHPR, Economic Commission for Africa, APRM, other pan-African institutions.
- Sets and oversees conditions of participation/membership (On basis of invitation by the founding[1] or subsequent members: membership can be in individual or representative capacity; can be asked to leave if no participation).

Meetings commitment: 1 x a month

2.2 Associate members of the Alliance[2]

Functions:

- Membership of subcommittees
- Give feedback to steering committee
- Support organising and participation in consultations

Meetings: 1 x 2 months

2.3 Subcommittees (any interested person)

(Including competency-based standing technical subcommittee)

Functions:

- Membership of sub-committee
- Define research needed
- Supervise any contracted research

Meetings commitment:

- As required – could be at least 1 x fortnight

2.4 Host institution/s:

Functions:

- Fundraise for the Alliance under mandate
- Engage an organiser

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[1] Edet Ojo (AFEX), Zoe Titus (APAI), Hlengiwe Dube (UP CHR), Gilbert Sendugwa (AFIC), Alison Gillwald / Liz Orembo (RIA), Personal capacity: Maxwell Kadiri, Mukelani Dimba, Anriette Esterhuysen, Henry Maina, Guy Berger, Izak Minnaar
[2] Possibly: AAEA, Digital Public Infrastructure groups

- Receive, manage and report on funds to donors and Alliance

Meetings commitment:

- Organiser should convene and attend all meetings
- Host institution(s) should be part of all Core Group meetings.

2.5 (Not part of structure)

Key stakeholders/supporters:

1. **AU institutions:** Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information (H.E. Geereesha Topsy Sono), Information and Communication Directorate (Hlengiwe) ; Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) (Commissioner H.E. Amb. Bankole Adeoye)

2. **UN institutions**: UNESCO

Functions:
- Provide advice and normative and/or material support
- Introduce and navigate the outputs at the ACHPR, and other AU bodies

Meetings commitment:
- Depends on consultations processes – approx. 1 per 6 weeks.

2.6 Constituencies for consultation:

Functions: Invited into events/processes for providing specific thematic expertise and needs analysis

Meetings: An open forum every 6 months.

2.7 Partners:

Functions:

Provide various support, inputs and networking

Meetings: Quarterly forum with Steering Committee?

3. MEMBERS and PARTICIPANTS:

3.1 Alliance steering committee

Pan-African formations:

- APAI
- AFIC
- AFEX
- African Network of Information Commissioners
- The African Editors Forum
- Africa Facts (tbc)
- Africa Open Science Platform
- Africa Digital Rights Network
- Africa Internet Rights Alliance

Possible additions:
- Codesria
- Pan African lawyers' union
- AfDec
- Network of Independent Media Councils in Africa
- [Data for Governance Alliance](#)

National/regional entities:
- Research ICT Africa (RIA)
- University of Pretoria, Centre for Human Rights
- Namibia Media Trust
- Media Rights Agenda
- Pollicy
- Data Science for Social Impact Research Group (University of Pretoria)
- Africa Media Hub (Strathmore University)
- BarazaLab
- OpenUp
- TechSocietal

Possible:
- Paradigm Initiative
- Thraets
- Kictanet
- Cipesa
- PenPlusBytes
- Dataphyte
- MFWA
- APC and members
* Misa
- Article 19 East and West Africa

<u>Individual members:</u>

Confirmed: Maxwell Kadiri, Izak Minnaar, Henry Maina, Guy Berger, Anriette Oosthuizen, Stephen Moore, Taryn Isaacs de Vega, Alette Schoon, Patrick Cole

3.2 Associates

- International Science Council, Codata
- [Global Coalition for Tech Justice](#)

3.3 Key stakeholders and constituencies to be consulted

<u>Groups with interests with data (to be named)</u>
- Health rights advocacy NGOs.
- Sexual and reproductive rights.
- Business and human rights networks on the continent
- Climate change and justice networks interested in data

<u>Media</u>

- FAJ
- Congress of African Journalists
- SANEF
- International Association of Women in Media in Africa

<u>Civil society</u>

- Digital Action
- MISA
- MMA

<u>Tech</u>

- Jamii forums
- Nukta
- Dataphyte
- Code4Africa
- Letlape AI
- AI Kenya
- Africa Data Hub partner organisations
- Lawyers Hub
- Smart Africa
- [Civic Tech Innovation Network](#) (https://civictech.africa/)

<u>Policy and regulatory stakeholders outside the Alliance</u>

- Network of African Data Protection Authorities
- African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance

- AfriSig
- OGP countries in Africa

[To be added for regional balance, esp Francophone, Lusophone]

Academics and researchers:

- African Open Science Platform
- CIPIT
- National science councils - SA https://www.assaf.org.za executive director: himla@assaf.org.za
- UCT Centre for Analytics and Behavioural Change

3.3. Possible partners

- Mozilla
- IMS
- Fesmedia
- Luminate
- MacArthur
- Sida
- GIZ
- IPI
- DWAkademie
- IFPIM
- Carter Center
- IDEA
- EISA