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START UPS



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Tanzanian Bank NMB launches Sandbox for FinTech Startups

Tanzania Bank NMB has launched a FinTech Sandbox. The sandbox provides developers, innovators and start-ups with APIs, documentation

and access to localized data that they can use to mimic the characteristics of the bank production environment and create simulated responses.

EU Launches Accelerator Targeted at Green Businesses in Uganda

The Ugandan Green Enterprise Finance Accelerator (UGEFA) will take green SMEs innovating products, services and processes around environmental sustainability and social inclusion through a six-month programme, where successful applicants will receive customised business development support from expert advisors.

The program will also offer free finance-focused workshops and discounted loans to help these businesses scale up.



8 African Startups Join Techstars Toronto

8 more African startups have been selected to join this year's Techstars Toronto Cohort. Techstars is the world's largest accelerator program, providing startups the chance to early-stage startups with access to financial, human and intellectual resources needed to scale their business.

LEGAL TECH

DocuSign Launches 'Ventures' Fund to Target Legal Tech Sector

Signature startup, DocuSign, has launched an investment arm, Ventures. Ventures will target early stage legal tech startups innovating around the agreement processes through AI and smart contracts, ID verification, digital payments, and compliance automation.

BLOCKCHAIN & DIGITAL CURRENCIES



Securities & Exchange Commission approves bitcoin futures exchange-traded fund

The American Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) this week approved bitcoin futures exchange-traded fund (ETF). The E.T.F. will give investors exposure to Bitcoin without having to hold the cryptocurrency directly, via any ordinary brokerage account - a first of its kind.

DATA PROTECTION



Rwanda passes new law protecting personal data

■ Rwanda's law on the protection of personal data and privacy was officially gazetted on 15th October 2021. The law now brings Rwanda in line with international data protection standards, which is vital for the digital economy facilitating services such as e-commerce, international financial transactions and various online services. With the transmission period ending on 15th October 2023, the passing of this law begins a two-year journey to compliance, allowing individuals and institutions to put in place the necessary processes to ensure personal data is handled in a trusted and secure manner.

Dublin Circuit Court confirms €450,000 fine for Twitter delay in reporting data breach

The Dublin Circuit Court (DCC) on Monday confirmed the Irish Data Protection Commission (DPC) decision to fine Twitter €450,000 for its delay in reporting a data breach. The fine, imposed in 2020, was implemented when Twitter failed to report a General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) data breach in enough time. The breach re-

lated to Android users who had changed their settings to make tweets private and could have had their data exposed due to a bug. It was found that the delay in reporting this breach infringed Article 33 (1)(5) of the GDPR. The DCC confirmed the legitimacy of the fine, in line with section 143 of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Dell Technologies 2021 Global Data Protection Index findings on data protection measures for businesses

Sixty-six per cent of businesses in India fear that their existing data protection measures may not be adequate to cope with cyber threats, while 74% agree they have increased exposure to data loss with the growth of employees working from home, according to the findings of the Dell Technologies 2021 Global Data Protection Index (GDPI). The findings re-

vealed that 70% of respondents in India believe emerging technologies such as cloud-native applications, Kubernetes containers, artificial intelligence, and machine learning pose a risk to data protection, and the lack of data protection solutions for newer technologies was one of the top three data protection challenges for organizations.

Consumer protection agency probes how apple, Facebook, amazon use financial data

Big tech companies are facing questions from the government on how they use consumers' financial and other information. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said it had launched an inquiry on consumer data practices at Amazon.com Inc., Apple Inc., Alphabet Inc.'s Google and Facebook Inc. amongst other firms. The bureau issued orders seeking information from the companies that would

help it better understand how these firms use personal payments data and manage data access to users. CFPB Director Rohit Chopra said he would make it a priority to look into issues such as data privacy and further that it would be critical for the CFPB to take a hard look at how big tech companies and others are entering financial services, the impact on our privacy and our personal data.



DIGITAL ID



Malaysia Govt to introduce Digital ID system

■ In line with the current need for digital and online services and transactions, the government is set to introduce the Digital Identity (Digital ID) initiative, said Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin, incharge for Home Ministry and National Registration Department (NRD). The initiative is in line with the government's aspiration to empower the digitisation of technological and government services at high capacity through an end-to-end approach that can be utilised by the people and at the same time drive the development of the country's digital economy. The Digital ID will be a form of digital identification and authentication for individuals by using the latest biometric technology such as fingerprints, facial and iris recognition while conducting matters online.

Scotland Schools let students make contactless meal payments with their face



■ Students at secondary schools in North Ayrshire in Scotland can now opt to make contactless payments for their school meals and snacks by authenticating their identity using biometric face recognition technology. Nine schools have implemented the system, enabling students to select their meal and authenticate payment from a prepaid online account by looking into a camera at the point of sale. This truly contactless identification method means catering teams can safely increase their speed of service by simplifying the payment process for students, who no longer need to carry any form of identification such as a card or even enter a PIN.

Hacker steals government ID database for Argentina's entire population

■ A hacker has breached the Argentinian government's IT network and stolen ID card details for the country's entire population, data that is now being sold in private circles. The data includes full names, home addresses, birth dates, gender info, ID card issuance and expiration dates, labor identification codes, Trámite numbers, citizen numbers, and government photo IDs. The hack targeted RENAPER, translated as National Registry of Persons, and tasked with issuing national ID cards to all citizens, data that it also stores in digital format as a database accessible to other government agencies, acting as a backbone for most government queries for citizen's personal information. The hacker has threatened to release the data to the public and to continue selling access to this data to all interested buyers.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

UK Health Secretary Hopes AI can Tackle Racial Inequality



■ UK Health Secretary Sajid Javid this week approved a series of AI-based projects that aim to tackle racial inequalities in the NHS. The projects

include, the creation of new standards for health inclusivity to improve the representation of ethnic minorities in datasets used by the

NHS and the development of an AI-powered chatbot to raise the uptake of screening for STIs/HIV among minority ethnic communities



Russian court bars sale of Samsung phones over patent lawsuit

■ A Russian court has barred Samsung Electronics from importing and selling 61 models of smartphones in Russia over an intellectual property lawsuit pertaining to its Samsung Pay system. The lawsuit filed by Switzerland-based company SQWIN SA claims that Samsung Pay infringes on its electronic payment system patent registered in Russia.

U.S. Urges All WTO Members to Support Intellectual Property Waiver for COVID-19 Vaccines

■ The White House has called on all World Trade Organization members to support an intellectual property waiver for COVID-19 vaccines, citing the need for every WTO member to step up as well and support an intellectual property waiver, and every company must act ambitiously and urgently to expand manufacturing. This comes a year after South Africa and India introduced a proposal to temporarily waive intellectual property rights on COVID-19 vaccines and therapies at the WTO, and negotiations failed to make any progress. While more than 100 countries backing the waiver say it will help save lives by allowing developing countries to produce COVID-19 vaccines, the European Union and several countries, including Switzerland, remain opposed.

Facebook signs copyright agreement with French publishers

■ Facebook has signed a preliminary copyright agreement with a French news publishers' lobby group, paving the way for it to pay for news content on its platforms in France. The accord takes the form of a "term sheet" of a few pages, with the preliminary deal listing the main principles of the accord and the copyright fees due to each of its members. The "term sheet" is expected to soon be followed by a framework agreement that will allow APIG's members to sign individual licences with Facebook. Further, there will be two types of licences, the source said: one for the use of news content on Facebook's main platform and one for its upcoming Facebook News service, which will curate stories from a select set of publications.

PRODUCT HUNT

Apple Launches New MacBook design, AirPods and Voice Plan at Apple Unleashed Event

Apple's prerecorded Unleashed event revealed updates to Apple Music and the Mac, including new processors and a redesign for the MacBook Pros. In this year's MacBook, the company chose to get rid of the touch pad introduced in 2016, bringing back the popular magic keyboard design. Other changes include the return of the HDMI port and SD card slot along with MagSafe charging.

Apple also announced the AirPods 3 with spatial audio capabilities. Spatial audio initially debuted on the AirPods Pro and AirPods Max. With AirPods 3, users will get an all-new design with Force Sensors for control. There are also new drivers for powerful bass and crisp high frequencies.

Source: Toms Guide



Pixel Fall Launch



Google Pixel Fall Launch

Google announced its latest pair of smartphones, the Pixel 6 and Pixel 6 Pro. The new phones come with Android 12 out of the box, use Google's new Tensor processor and have several camera upgrades. The Android 12 update includes several new improvements including one of the biggest interface redesigns to come to Android since its launch. In addition to a new look that changes based on your wallpaper, Android 12 has new privacy features. You can now see when an app has accessed your camera or microphone, as well as see a dashboard of all your private information and how often it's accessed by specific apps.

Source: ZDNet

26th East Africa LAW SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING 2021

23-27 November
2021

Sea Cliff Hotel
Zanzibar

The 26th East Africa Law Society Annual Conference and General Meeting 2021

Theme; Building sustainable Outcomes for Legal Profession in East Africa. This premier event will take place between 23rd – 27th November 2021 at the Sea Cliff Hotel in Zanzibar.

INTRA AFRICA TRADE FAIR 2021

15TH-21ST NOVEMBER 2021

The Intra-African Trade Fair is the key event boosting trade in Africa. No other event brings together more professionals under one roof. The IATF2021 theme will focus on the newly-launched African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) - a single market for goods and services across 55 countries, aimed at boosting trade and investment.

KENYA FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND TAXATION CONFERENCE.

25TH-26TH OCTOBER 2021

This is the 9th Pan African Conference on Illicit Financial Flows and Taxation focusing on Fiscal Management and Revenue Collection in Kenya and its effects on economic development.

2021 AFRILABS ANNUAL GATHERING

27TH-29TH OCTOBER 2021

Afrilabs celebrates its 10 year journey in the African Tech Innovation Ecosystem impacting lives through hubs and community.

2021 DATA PROTECTION AFRICA SUMMIT

4TH-5TH NOVEMBER 2021

Theme: The road to compliance; The wins and challenges
3rd Privacy Symposium Africa. 3rd-5th November 2021

Privacy Symposium Africa is a unique platform established to attract, present and discuss original research results, policy and technology developments related to personal data protection and privacy. This year's theme is Data Protection: A New Dawn.

THE 2021 EMERGING LEGAL TECHNOLOGY FORUM

4Th November 2021

This forum offers a comprehensive look at how a pandemic year has accelerated (or in some instances derailed) the ongoing industry disruption of the past several years. What projects or initiatives are business and technology leaders prioritizing in a world struggling to regain momentum? What lessons has a year (or two) in quarantine taught us about technological investments and implementation going forward? And are law firms and corporate or government entities truly equipped to handle the demands of a new work environment? Attend this to comprehensively explore these and other strategic conversations.



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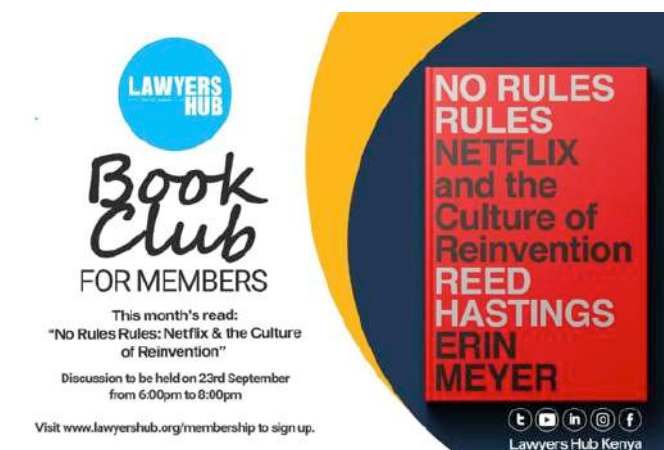
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2. BOOK CLUB

September read: No Rules Rules; Netflix and the culture of Reinvention by Reed Hastings and Erin Meyer. Applications to join are open. 1st discussion will be held on 23rd September 2021.



3. DANCE CLASS

We care about our members' mental health and fitness as these are crucial to everyone's wellbeing. The Lawyers Hub hosts two choreographed dance classes every week that will tick all your mental health boxes in Upper Hill at Ack Garden House. You also get to network with working groups.

Your 1st dance class is on the house. Join us!

4. DISCOUNTS ON LAWYERS HUB AMENITIES

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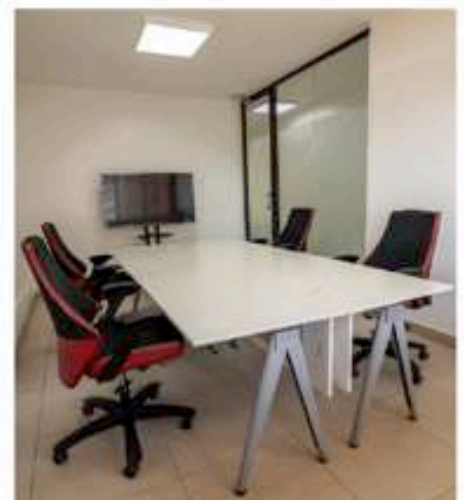
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