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## The Africa Legal Innovation Week, 2021 is finally here

Access to justice is integral to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), democracy, good governance and equitable, inclusive development. However, the same is still very elusive to many Africans. According to Afrobarometer, citizens report a number of barriers to accessing justice, especially those from the poor or marginalized within their societies, which include the perception that cases move too slowly through the courts, high costs, corruption, the complexity of legal processes, lack of legal representation, and concerns about court fairness. Addressing these legal challenges is essential to enable the basic protection of human rights, from protection of property to legal identity and freedom from violence.

The Lawyers Hub will partner with the Africa LawTech Association, building on the successes of the first

Africa Legal Innovation Week, to bring legal technologists across the African Continent to discuss the role of technology in supporting access to justice.

The 3-day conference will run virtually from the 1st - 3rd of December 2021. Through the Africa Legal Hackathon, Symposium and Awards, Africa LawTech Awards, 2021 seeks to embrace innovation as a call for new, imaginative strategies and ways of thinking about what the law can do to champion access to justice for everyone, everywhere.

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## EVENTS

### Mozilla Festival 2022

7th - 10th March, 2022

MozFest is a celebration for, by, and about people who love the internet, showcasing world-changing ideas and technology through exhibitions, talks and interactive sessions. The next Mozilla Festival will be held in March 2022.

### 2021 HiIL African Justice Innovation Symposium.

15th - 19th November, 2021

The symposium is a 4-day conference that brings together innovators, partners and funders across the African continent (East, West, North and South) who are interested in or working to prevent or resolve pressing justice problems. These stakeholders will engage in conversations around some of the challenges faced by justice innovators in trying to deliver user-friendly solutions that are people-centered to communities across the continent.

### Kenya Innovation Week 2021.

6th - 8th December 2021

Kenya Innovation Week is a flagship innovation forum for the country run by the Kenya National Innovation Agency. It seeks to showcase the innovativeness of Kenyans under which the national priorities of the Big 4 Agenda and Vision 2030 will be advanced.

### ASSEK Annual Conference 2021.

26th November, 2021

Theme: Driving Kenya's Development Through Startup Ecosystem  
The conference will bring together members from Civil society, ecosystem enablers, investors and development partners with an aim of ensuring that conversations around the ecosystem take place and the voice of entrepreneurs is heard.

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## Flutterwave and Standard Bank partner to expand digital payments across Africa

■ Africa's leading payments technology company, has acquired Disha, a platform that enables digital creators to curate, sell digital content, portfolios and receive payments from their audience worldwide. Flutterwave's acquisition aims

to improve the process of digital content creation for Disha users, enabling them to earn value for their creativity using the platform's new payouts and collections solution. Disha has acquired over 20,000 users organically over 12 months.

## Nigerian Fintech Startup, Risevest, signs Teni as brand ambassador

■ Nigerian Fintech Startup, Risevest has appointed award-winning singer, Teni, brand ambassador. This partnership, Rise is aiming to

reach out to a broad class of both younger and older Nigerians who care about financial success.

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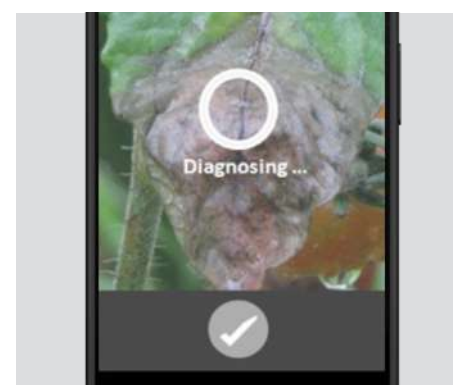
■ Samsung Electronics launched their partnership with the Government of Rwanda through the Ministry of ICT and the Ministry of Education to equip the Rwanda Coding Academy. Samsung will be supporting the Rwanda Coding Academy by equipping a 30 seater innovation lab with its innovative technology in the form of 24 inch Samsung computer monitors, Keyboards and mouse's, routers, an interactive e-board, state of the art air-conditioning for the lab as well as well as the server room and the cabling for the entire set-up.



## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

### Cameroon's Agrix Tech uses AI to help farmers prevent crop disease

■ Cameroonian startup Agrix Tech has developed a mobile app that helps farmers to prevent and treat crop diseases utilising machine learning technologies. Farmers can scan their unhealthy plants using the Agrix Tech app, with the recorded video automatically analysed using machine learning techniques and the farmer then provided with sustainable and environmentally-friendly treatment recommendations.



## South Africa's FNB and Fentola launch the 2021 Social Entrepreneurship Impact Lab (SEIL) programme

■ South Africa's FNB and business growth specialists Fetola have opened applications for the 2021 Social Entrepreneurship Impact Lab (SEIL) programme. The FNB Social Entrepreneurship Impact Lab™ (SEIL) supports the growth and investment potential of

organisations that are tackling pressing social, environmental and economic issues in South Africa and will accelerate the growth of 50 social entrepreneurs wanting to scale their business models and improve their investment readiness.

## BLOCKCHAIN, CRYPTO & DIGITAL CURRENCIES

### Bank of Botswana addresses legality of crypto investments and assets

■ In a statement dated November 20th 2021, the Bank addressed the legality of crypto assets, stating that these types of investments are not regulated by any Botswana law, urging investors to carry out due diligence before investing to avoid falling prey to scams and pyramid schemes. In conclusion,

the Bank laid out the characteristics of money - a stable store of value, a unit of account and a medium of exchange; that is, widely acceptable and accessible means of payment, stating that cryptocurrencies do not exhibit these key fundamental and complementary characteristics.

### Government of Zimbabwe sparks consultation with stakeholders on crypto regulation

■ The Government of Zimbabwe is currently in consultation with stakeholders to better understand how to engage in designing crypto policies. Speaking at the Computer Society of Zimbabwe (CSZ) summit, the Permanent Secretary and Head of the e-Government Technology Unit shared the following comments:

“ Governments are still trying to understand and properly trying to create policies on how to deal with it. In our case, initially we were trying to understand their implication because they are a fundamental departure from previously known financial instruments and there are a lot of features about cross-border movement of funds, money laundering, externalization of funds and illicit flow of funds to fund illicit issues.

So the government has put in place a mechanism to try and gather views from various sectors of society in order to eventually formulate policies. There have been pronouncements by the Minister of Finance and the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe and it's such a complex area.

Sooner or later, the government will make statements but we have not gotten there yet. The consultative process is already underway.

— Permanent Secretary & Head of e-Government, Office of the President, Zimbabwe

### African Meme-coin, Wakanda Inu, raises \$1bn in 24 hours of listing

Wakanda Inu, a community project built on the Binance smartchain, is the first African-owned, community meme token named after Marvel's blockbuster movie Black Panther. Wakanda Inu is built as a charity-oriented meme

token that is entirely for social good in Africa and across the globe. The meme-coin, first listed on November 8th on Pinksale and raised over 1000 BNB (almost a million dollars) in less than 24 hours.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### AC MILAN: No protection for stationery

The trade mark MILAN of the German stationery manufacturer has prevailed against the famous football club AC MILAN: AC MILAN cannot claim protection for stationery because of likelihood of confusion with the MILAN mark, European Court (CFI) ruled.

In February 2017, AC MILAN filed an application for international registration with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) for the word and figurative mark AC MILAN, designating the European Union and claiming Nice Class 16 stationery. Thereupon, the German stationery manufacturer InterES Handels- und Dienstleistungs Gesellschaft mbH & Co. KG filed an opposition against this trade mark on the grounds of likelihood of confusion with the German word mark MILAN, which has been protected as a trade mark for stationery since 1984. As it turned out, this was successful, as both the Opposition Division and the Board of Appeal, which was subsequently seised, upheld the opposition. AC MILAN brought an action against this before the European Court of First Instance (CFI)

### South Korea tests system for controlling air taxis

South Korea demonstrated a system for controlling urban air mobility vehicles (UAM), which it hopes will serve as taxis between major airports and downtown Seoul as soon as 2025, cutting travel time by two-thirds. Last year, South Korea announced a roadmap to begin commercial urban air travel by 2025. The transport ministry estimates such services could cut travel time for distances between 30-50km (19-31 miles) from an hour by car to 20 minutes by air.



## DIGITAL IDENTITY NEWS



## Apple is sticking taxpayers with part of the bill for rollout of tech giant's digital ID card

■ Apple is making U.S. states foot part of the bill and provide customer support for its plan to turn iPhones into digital identification cards, according to confidential documents obtained by CNBC. The company requires states to maintain the systems

needed to issue and service credentials, hire project managers to respond to Apple inquiries, prominently market the new feature and push for its adoption with other government agencies, all at taxpayer expense, according to contracts signed by four states.

## Integration of blockchain and biometrics to redefine digital identity by 2030

According to a report by Frost & Sullivan, Behavioral biometrics, digital government, ecommerce, banking and airport security could see some of the biggest and most notable changes over the next decade as developments in artificial intelligence, blockchain technology and biometrics enable the creation of global solutions for digital ID. The report, 'Global Digital Identity Solutions Growth Opportunities' outlines how the rollout of digital identity credentials will impact all sectors, such as by improving the efficiency of

government welfare programs and benefits for ecommerce brought by increased transaction security.

The changes will be empowered by portable biometric readers and kiosks for digital identity management. It examines themes such as geopolitical pressures affecting migration, international programs such as the World Bank's ID4D initiative, as well as industry areas such as Identity-as-a-Service, airport security and the use of blockchain for traveler identity management.

## DATA PROTECTION NEWS

## WhatsApp Ireland allowed to challenge €225m GDPR fine in High Court

THE EUROPEAN ARM of WhatsApp has secured permission from a High Court judge to challenge the Data Protection Commission's decision to fine it €225m. The fine was handed out by the DPC last August after it held that the messaging service had failed to comply with its obligations under the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) on data protection in several respects. WhatsApp Ireland Ltd, which is owned by Facebook, commenced its legal

challenge against the decision in September. It claims that the DPC's decision is unconstitutional and incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights. Further, it claims that the DPC's decision, which it made under sections of the 2018 Act, is flawed and should be set aside in its entirety. WhatsApp claims the fine constitutes the imposition of a criminal sanction and that the size of the fine constitutes an interference with WhatsApp's Constitutional property rights.

## Robinhood trading app hit by data breach affecting seven million

US share-trading app Robinhood has been hit by a security breach that has exposed the names or email addresses of more than seven million people.

The company says the breach affected "a limited amount of personal information for a portion of our customers" and it does not believe the most sensitive information it gathers - US social security numbers and financial information - was revealed. Robinhood said it had rejected a demand for

payment and reported the attack. Such ransom demands are not uncommon in cyber-attacks and usually amount to a promise not to sell on the compromised data or leak it for free online. The company did not say what terms were involved in its case. Instead of complying with what it called "extortion", Robinhood said it had notified law-enforcement authorities and hired an external cyber-security firm to help deal with the incident.

## Digital lenders under probe for sharing defaulters data

The Kenyan data regulator is investigating an undisclosed number of digital lenders for sharing borrowers' confidential data in pursuit of defaulters. The Data Protection Commissioner Immaculate Kassait has revealed the investigations following complaints over digital lenders who have breached the confidentiality of personal information. The firms are accused of resorting to "debt shaming" tactics to recover loans. This includes use of debt collection agents pursuing borrowers either

by informing their friends and family using contact information scraped from their phones or by threatening to tell their employers. The Data Protection Act bars sharing of data with third parties without consent and gives individuals the right to be told when their data is being shared and for what purposes. It further compels firms to disclose to individuals and customers the reasons for collecting their data and ensure that the confidential information is safe from infringement by unauthorised parties.

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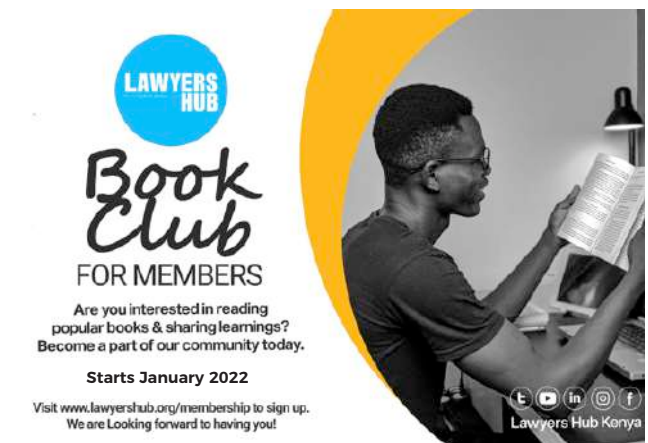
### 1. CODING FOR LAWYERS

Lawyers need to learn the fundamentals of coding as the legal industry becomes more tech and data-driven. The Lawyers Hub has taken the initiative to ensure that its members develop these skills by curating a coding course that is set to start in January 2022.



### 2. BOOK CLUB

The aim of our book club is to bring together like minded individuals through shared learning in books, to understand diverse perspectives and increase our members’ systematic reading habits, fostering growth by creating a safe environment to share or debate ideas. New read: No Rules Rules; Netflix and the culture of Reinvention by Reed Hasting and Erin Meyer. Applications to join are open.



### 3. DANCE CLASS

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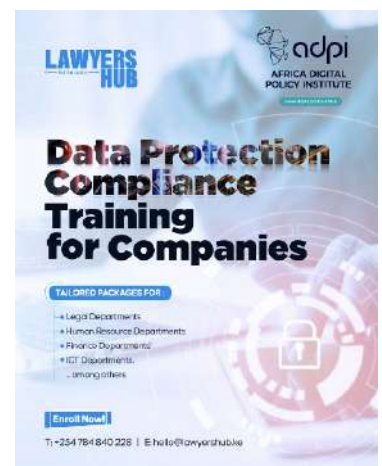
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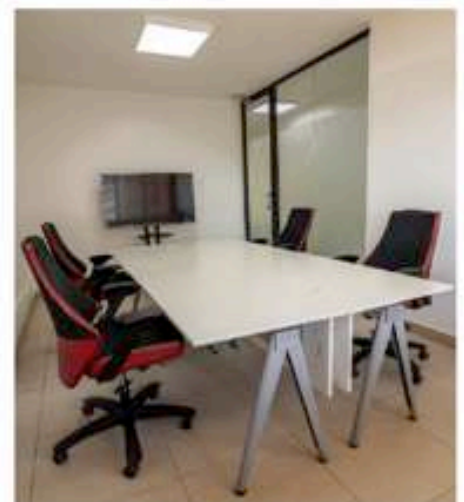
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