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## BLOCKCHAIN, CRYPTOCURRENCY AND DIGITAL

### Zanzibar Government in Talks with Stakeholders Over digital currencies

Zanzibar's government is currently in talks with stakeholders over cryptocurrencies. The Minister of State, Mr. Mudrick Soraga, in a meeting with The Citizen, stated that the government will hold stakeholder consultation fora in the third week of November. "We are seeking views on the matter before deciding whether it is viable or not," he hinted.

### South Africa's NFTfi raises \$5M to power NFT enabled financing

South African company NFTfi has raised a seed round of \$5 million to continue pioneering the financialization of NFTs. NFTfi acts as a marketplace where users can get a cryptocurrency loan on their NFTs and offer loans to borrowers against their NFTs.

### Kenya considering a Central Bank Digital Currency for improved cross border payments

Kenya's Central Bank Governor, Patrick Njoroge, has indicated that it is important to do the right thing, rather than to be first, when it comes to the launching of Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs). According to Njoroge, the Central Bank of Kenya was considering the launch of a CBDC, stating that the Bank sees the benefits for cross border payments, but it is taking its time as it looks to cooperate with other Central Banks on the introduction of CBDCs.

## 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.

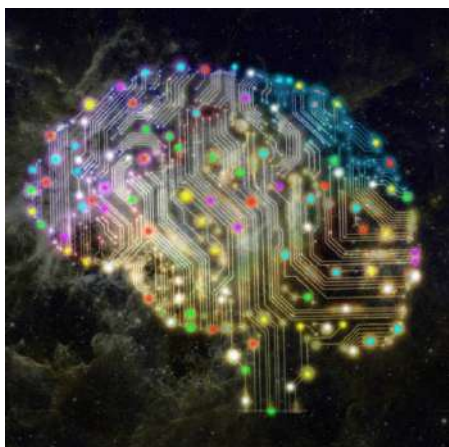
The 3-day conference will run virtually from the 1st - 3rd of December 2021. Through the Africa Legal Hackathon, Symposium and Awards, Africa LawTech Awards, 2021 seeks to embrace innovation as a call for new, imaginative strategies and ways of thinking about what the law can do to champion access to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

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## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

### UNESCO Member States Accept Draft Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

■ UNESCO Member States have accepted the draft recommendations on Ethics of Artificial Intelligence. The Guidelines, if confirmed by the UNESCO General Council, will be the first global framework for inclusive and responsible AI. The guidelines place emphasis on AI Literacy and inclusive systems free from real-world biases.



## LEGAL TECH

### Wakili Chapchap wins HiiL 2021 Justice Innovation Symposium Pitch Competition

■ Wakili Chapchap this week won the pitch competition on Tuesday during the HiiL 2021 Justice Innovation Symposium. Wakili ChapChap is a legal self help platform tailored for SMEs and individuals. 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



## DATA PROTECTION

### EU's data protection adviser to call for ban on tracking ads

■ In a statement published following a plenary meeting, The European Data Protection Board made a direct call for EU legislators to implement stricter regulations on targeted advertising in favor of alternatives that do not require the tracking and profiling of internet users — going on to call for lawmakers to consider “a phase-out leading to a prohibition of targeted advertising on the basis of pervasive tracking.”

Furthermore, the EDPB statement urges that the profiling of children for ad targeting should “overall be prohibited”. This is in light of a push by a number of MEPs for an outright ban on tracking-based ads to be added to the DSA package — given rising concern about the myriad harms flowing from surveillance-based ads, from ad fraud to individual manipulation and democratic erosion (to name a few).

### Amazon customer data protection was far too weak, a new story now alleges

■ A former Amazon executive says the company doesn't take customer data protection seriously enough. “It was put together by tape and bubblegum,” ex-chief information security officer Gary Gagnon stated in a new report published by Wired and the Center for Investigative Reporting's Reveal. Their investigation documents show Amazon's mission to track and analyze every move we make as consumers—“What you search for, what you buy, what shows you watch, what pills you take, what you say to Alexa, and who's at your front door”—has backfired into a sort of Achilles' heel for data security. New consumer product launches were shrouded in “utmost secrecy,” yet employees were given astounding amounts of access to practically everything else, including customer information—with no checks in place to prevent abuse. In addition, the data breaches were “breathtaking.” (According to Wired, for 2 years, 24 million customers' names and credit-card numbers sat outside Amazon's secure payment zone. Amazon spokesperson Jen Bemisderfer however stated that “There is no evidence to suggest the data was ever exposed outside of our internal system or misused in any way.”

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### 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. 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. Apple announced in June that its users could soon store state-issued identification cards in the iPhone's Wallet app, billing

it as a more secure and convenient way for customers to provide credentials in a variety of in-person and remote settings. The feature, when combined with Apple's biometric security measures like Face ID, could cut down on fraud. But the move has brought questions from industry observers about why local authorities are ceding control of citizens' identities to a \$2.46 trillion private corporation. Beyond that, the integration of identity into powerful mobile devices has drawn concern from privacy experts about the risk of dystopian scenarios involving surveillance.



## DIGITAL IDENTITY

### Ontario digital ID program delayed until 2022

■ The launch of Ontario's digital ID program is delayed until next year after the government had to shift its focus to its COVID-19 response. The Ontario Digital Identity (DI) Program was set to be introduced sometime later this year.

However, a spokesperson for Associate Minister of Digital Government Kaleed Rasheed said resources shifted to the proof of the vaccination system. "We want to get DI right and ensure that privacy and security continue to be a top priority. More details on the launch of the DI initiative, including timing and specifics, will be announced in 2022." The DI program will allow individuals to store their government ID on digital devices, including in a digital wallet app for smartphones. The government said the program will allow a person to prove their identity in person without using physical documents and also access services online that require proof of identification more easily.

### UK backs digital revolution of public services at international summit



■ The UK's tech minister led an international summit of digital ministers to champion the use of technology to help government institutions deliver more for their people and meet the world's biggest challenges such as the pandemic, climate change, exclusion and inequality. The annual Digital Nations summit, hosted this year by the UK, saw digital ministers from Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Portugal, Republic of Korea and Uruguay meet virtually to discuss the opportunities artificial intelligence, big data, digital identity and other cutting-edge tech could offer. The ten Digital Nations governments work together on issues relating to the digital transformation of government including the technical design of digital government services - such as the range of online services on GOV.UK and the digital identity systems that enable e-passports to function - digital infrastructure, the development and use of data, digital tools and technologies, and the digital skills of civil servants and end-users.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### Pfizer and the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) sign licencing agreement for COVID-19 oral antiviral treatment candidate to expand access in low and middle income countries



■ Pfizer Inc. and the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP), a United Nations-backed public health organization working to increase access to life-saving medicines for low- and middle-income countries, today announced the signing of a voluntary license agreement for Pfizer's COVID-19 oral antiviral treatment candidate PF-07321332, which is administered in combination with low dose ritonavir (PF-07321332; ritonavir).

The agreement will enable MPP to facilitate additional production and distribution of the investigational antiviral, pending regulatory authorization or approval, by granting sub-licenses to qualified generic medicine manufacturers, with the goal of facilitating greater access to the global population. Under the terms of the head license agreement between

Pfizer and MPP, qualified generic medicine manufacturers worldwide that are granted sub-licenses will be able to supply PF-07321332 in combination with ritonavir to 95 countries, covering up to approximately 53% of the world's population.

This includes all low- and lower-middle-income countries and some upper-middle-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa as well as countries that have transitioned from lower-middle to upper-middle-income status in the past five years. Pfizer will not receive royalties on sales in low-income countries and will further waive royalties on sales in all countries covered by the agreement while COVID-19 remains classified as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization.

### New copyright law in Ireland may see Big Tech pay for news content. a move that will impact online platforms

■ Ireland is bringing copyright law into the digital age, in a move that will impact online platforms such as Facebook and Google. The Government is looking to make Irish copyright law "fit for purpose in a digital age", giving more rights to creators over their work when shared online. It has transposed the EU's Copyright Directive into Irish law in a bid to strengthen the protections given to copyright holders such as journalists and authors. It means that online platforms such as Google and Facebook will have to make financial agreements with media companies and creators to use content. The new law will give press publishers a legal right in relation to the use of their content by

online service providers. Publishers and online platforms will need to negotiate financial agreements for creative content to be used. Without an agreement, platforms will still be able to use hyperlinks or short extracts.

The new law being introduced in Ireland strengthens the position of creators when making copyright agreements, including a right to appropriate remuneration and a transparency obligation over how their work will be used. Meanwhile, it will also allow for wider use of copyright-protected works in the creative sectors and by press publishers, researchers, educators, cultural heritage institutions and more.



## Lake Harvest Zambia Joins the Tingg Digital Payment Ecosystem

Cellulant, a leading Pan-African payments company, has partnered with one of Zambia's leading fish distributors, Lake Harvest to enable mobile payments in all their outlets through the Tingg one-stop digital payment platform. This

partnership will place Cellulant's payment platform, Tingg, in all of the 13 Lake Harvest outlets across Zambia and ensure they are able to accept all forms of mobile money. Customers will pay seamlessly by simply dialing a short code accessible on any phone.

## Silicon Valley Law Firm Sees Surge in Africa Startup Fundraising

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, a law firm known for representing some of the world's top technology companies, is expanding to help African startups raise funds from the U.S. "We are currently advising African

technology companies on a range of corporate transactions including the raising of private U.S. capital, expanding into the U.S. and engaging in M&A activity," Kaplan said. The firm however doesn't plan to open up offices in Africa.

## Nigerian fintech Evolve Credit launches cloud-based lending software



Evolve Credit has launched Configure, a cloud lending software. Evolve Credit aims to power thousands of new loan providers with Configure over the

next five years. The platform has so far originated and distributed over \$500,000 since launching private beta for its users in Nigeria and Zimbabwe in August this year.

## EVENTS

### 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.

### NAIROBI LEGAL AWARDS GALA NIGHT -THE PHOENIX EDITION

26TH NOVEMBER 2021

The Awards Programme was set up to recognize law firms/ legal departments and individual lawyers with outstanding standards of practice and legal service delivery in an effort towards encouraging excellence in practice. The criteria for the various awards is based on globally recognized best practice in legal practice. So far, 3 editions of the Nairobi Legal Awards have been held.

### MOZILLA FESTIVAL 2022 7TH - 10TH MARCH

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.



### AFRICA TECH SUMMIT NAIROBI

FEBRUARY 23-24, 2022

The fourth Africa Tech Summit in Nairobi is taking place 23rd & 24th Feb 2022. The Summit will feature three tracks including the Africa Money & DeFi Summit, Africa Mobile Summit & Africa Startup Summit. Hear from an expert lineup of speakers including Helios Investment, SafariCom, Twiga Foods, Twitter, Meta, Luno, Gebeya and more.

### 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.



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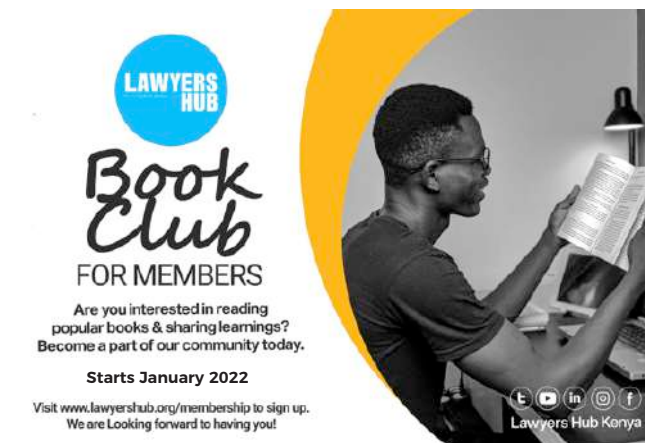
### 1. CODING FOR LAWYERS

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

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 Friday 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!

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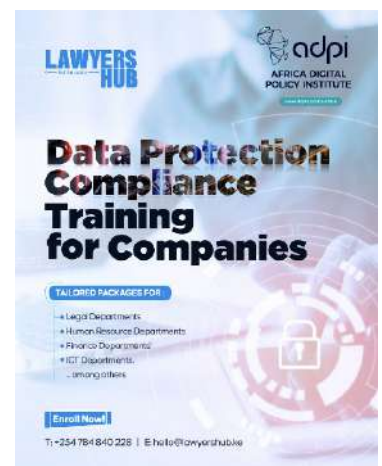
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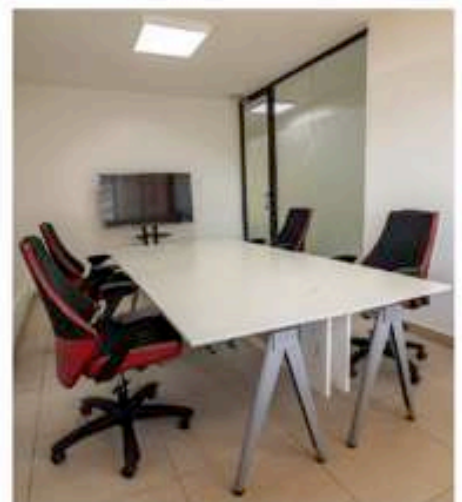
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