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Legal considerations for the healthtech sector

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OVERVIEW

The imminent rolling out of test, track, trace mobile phone applications as a means of managing the COVID-19 pandemic could provide a long-lasting tool to manage future outbreaks. However, they and other healthtech innovations come with particular challenges on a continent with low smartphone usage, expensive data, poor power supply and lack of enabling regulatory environments.

- What are the existing frameworks for healthtech and medtech registration and innovation on the continent and where is good practice already in evidence?
- How can the medtech and healthtech sectors engage with policymakers?

OUR SPEAKERS



Wale Adeosun
Wellvis
NIGERIA

Wale Adeosun is a medical doctor, health management consultant and digital health entrepreneur. Wale has experience providing technical assistance to development partners and governmental agencies on managing innovative ideas and technologies that strengthen health systems to improve health outcomes, service delivery and quality of care.

He is competent in the application of IT-based innovations in healthcare services delivery and management, following his role in overseeing the adoption, deployment and implementation of Hospital Information Management Systems across several health facilities in Nigeria. He's most interested in and committed to solutions and projects that aim to improve and democratise access to health information and services to the general public, particularly underserved persons.

He is a co-founder and the CEO of Wellvis Health; a comprehensive telehealth platform. As a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, his company created Wellvis COVID Triage Tool - for COVID-19 infection risk assessment, education, and decision making as it provides the required safety education and measures, reassurance, and support for every individual who uses the tool.



Cynthia Antwi-Dodoo
RealFin West Africa
GHANA

Cynthia Antwi-Dodoo is Senior Technology for Development consultant with over 15 years experience, who works with organizations to design and scale technology interventions for health and social impact programs. Cynthia believes that technology can be used to transform lives and bring down barriers to access and equity. She has worked with international organisations like MSF, Grameen Foundation, World Bank, PharmAccess Foundation. More recently Cynthia has established RealFin Consulting Ghana focusing on providing digital health transformation services consulting services for the private and public health sector.





Daniel Batty
EndCode
SOUTH AFRICA

Daniel Batty is a Tech Law Adviser at EndCode with an LL.B from the University of the Free State. His area of expertise includes assisting tech start-ups to understand the legal and regulatory landscapes within which they operate. Daniel has worked with start-ups in healthtech, fintech and e-commerce and assisted with a range of ICT contracts, regulatory compliance (internal and external) and relevant research into African legal systems particularly around privacy, ecommerce, and cyber security laws. He believes that emerging technology should be developed from a foundational human rights perspective and is most interested in the impact that emerging technologies such as drones, blockchain and artificial intelligence have on foundational rights such as privacy, education and delivery of healthcare services and the role that disruptive sectors can play in advancing or threatening those rights.



Yara Cumbi
Public Health Specialist
MOZAMBIQUE

Yara Cumbi is committed to addressing gaps in the health care system by finding lasting public health solutions with beneficiaries in mind and using data for support. Yara is currently the health information manager for PENSA (pensa.co.mz), a mobile health platform for health communication in Mozambique, a research assistant at the University of Chicago and prior to that was a health analyst at ThinkWell in Mozambique. She holds an MSc from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and is concluding an MA from the University of Chicago, where she is an Obama Foundation Scholar. She has worked across an array of public health projects including establishing a comprehensive approach to care for survivors of gender-based violence, evaluating Mozambique's national tuberculosis program, HIV/AIDS, primary healthcare, human resources for health, supply chains for medical commodities, and more.



Ridwan Oloyede
TechHive Advisory
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Ridwan Oloyede leads the privacy and data protection team at Tech Hive Advisory. He is also a policy analyst and researcher who has made recommendations to legislations, reviewed legislations and co-authored policy briefs and working papers on the intersection of law and technology. His expertise also includes cybersecurity and data ethics. Ridwan advises clients on aspects of global data protection and privacy laws including regulation compliance, international transfers of data, roll out of new and disruptive technologies, cookies and tracking, data localization, privacy by design, cloud computing and big data, health care, and global data risk management. Ridwan is a member of the African Legal & Technology Network, and a Research Fellow at the African Academic Network on Internet Policy (AANOIP). He was recognised by Lexology as the Legal influencer for TMT (Technology, Media and Telecommunication) in Africa and Middle-East for Q4 2018. Ridwan speaks and writes both locally, and internationally.



Melissa Rusanganwa
Zipline
RWANDA

Melissa Rusanganwa started at Zipline as Public Affairs Lead to handle Governmental Affairs. After joining the team in Rwanda she has continued to solidify relationships with different Governmental stakeholders and Regulators to smooth operations and Zipline's integration into the national airspace.

Melissa holds a double degree in Political Science with a concentration in Global Governance and International Studies with a concentration in Diplomacy from Bishop's University in Canada. She previously lived and worked in Canada in Specialty Pharmacy and interned at the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Upon an internship at the Rwanda Civil Aviation Authority and her urge to go back home, she decided to move back to Rwanda and be part of the development of the country and that is how she joined the team of Zipline.



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