Regional Cyber Security Week

Cybersecurity at the Service of Digital Transformation and Development

DAY 1 – NATIONAL STRATEGIES, GOVERNANCE AND CYBER RESILIENCE

08:30-09:00 | Welcome and Registration

09:00-09:30 | Official Opening Ceremony - Alexandra Topalain

Official opening ceremony with Moroccan authorities and international representatives, marking the collective commitment to security and digital resilience and the launch of the forum's work.

- *His Excellency Mr. Abdellatif Loudiyi, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in Charge of National Defense Administration, Kingdom of Morocco.*
- *Her Excellency Ms. Amal El Fallah Ségrouchni, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in Charge of Digital Transition and Administration Reform, Kingdom of Morocco.*
- *Brigadier General Abdellah Boutrig, Vice-President of ANCA and Director General of the General Directorate for Information Systems Security (DGSSI), Kingdom of Morocco.*

09:30-10:20 | Ministerial Panel: Facing Cyber Threats: What Resilience to Support Digital Transformation Ambitions?

In a context of accelerating digitalization, this panel will put into perspective the ambitions of digital transformation with the intensification of cyber threats and their impact on digital trust and the pace of digital project implementation. It will take stock of efforts undertaken over the past two decades under national cybersecurity strategies to protect digital ecosystems, secure critical infrastructure, and strengthen resilience. Discussions will highlight key areas of intervention: strategic governance, legal and regulatory framework, capacity building, awareness, public-private and international cooperation, as well as prevention, detection, and incident response. The panel aims to identify concrete action priorities to accelerate a secure and sustainable digital transition.

- *Her Excellency Ms. Amal El Fallah Ségrouchni, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in Charge of Digital Transition and Administration Reform, Kingdom of Morocco.*
- *His Excellency Mahefa Andriamampiadana, Minister of Digital Development, Posts and Telecommunications, Madagascar.*
- *His Excellency Sekou M. Kromah, Minister of Post and Telecommunications, Republic of Liberia.*
- *Mr. Divine Selase Agbeti, Chair of ANCA and Director General of the Cyber Security Authority, Republic of Ghana.*
    - *Moderator: Dr. Mario Malouin, Professor at the University of Quebec in Outaouais (UQO) and Co-Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Research and Innovation in Cybersecurity and Society (CIRICS), Canada.*

10:20-11:00| Strategic Panel: National Cybersecurity Strategies and Governance: Toward More Pragmatic and Targeted Approaches

After years of deployment, national cybersecurity strategies are entering a maturation phase, informed by field realities, lessons learned, and insights gained from resilience efforts. This panel will examine this evolution, marked by more targeted implementation of strategic priorities, building on the structural pillars of governance, legal framework, resilience, capacity building, and cooperation. Discussions will highlight areas of action that are strengthening today, including building a national talent pool, the emergence of a strong and dynamic private cybersecurity ecosystem, promotion of R&D, and strengthening the protection of critical infrastructure and essential services. The objective is to identify how these developments, including in governance models, can increase the impact of cybersecurity policies, support sovereignty, and sustainably strengthen resilience.

- *Helmut Leopold, PhD, Head of the Center for Digital Safety & Security, AIT Austrian Institute of Technology, Austria.*
- *Mr. Alberto Wenceslas Moungoungui Moudoki, Director General of the National Agency for Digital Infrastructure and Frequencies (ANINF), Republic of Gabon.*
- *Dr. Charles Clancy, Chief Technology Officer, The MITRE Corporation, United States.*
- *Air Marshal Darren Goldie, AM, CSC, Former Commander of the Royal Australian Air Force and Australia's Inaugural National Cyber Security Coordinator, Australia.*
- *Mr. Orhan Osmani, Head of Cybersecurity Division, International Telecommunication Union (ITU).*
    - Moderator: Mr. Nour El Ansari, Chief Business Officer, Maroc Telecom, Board Member. BCG Alumnus. AI & Digital Economy, Kingdom of Morocco.

11:00-11:20 | Strategic Keynote: Digital Sovereignty and Control of Technological Dependencies – Challenges for States

Keynote exploring the impact of new technologies—artificial intelligence, connected objects, autonomous systems—on digital security. The presentation will show how to anticipate risks related to these innovations while fully leveraging their benefits. It will emphasize the importance of integrating security from the design phase of digital projects to build robust, reliable systems adapted to tomorrow's challenges.

- *Mr. Sean Yang: President of Global Cybersecurity Office, Huawei Group.*

11:20-12:00 | Break and Exhibition Booth Visits by Officials

12:00-12:20 | Strategic Keynote: The Stuxnet Legacy

This Keynote revisits the Stuxnet incident through the speaker's perspective, having directly participated in its analysis. It will examine how this foundational event durably transformed the way States and critical operators design, govern, and protect their industrial environments. The presentation will highlight major developments induced by Stuxnet in terms of IT/OT convergence, governance models, and resilience culture, and their resonance with current challenges of secure digital transformation.

- *Mr. Alberto Wenceslas MOUNGUENGUI MOUDOKI, Director General of the National Agency for Digital Infrastructure and Frequencies (ANINF), Gabonese Republic.*

12:20-13:00 | Panel: Cloud-Driven Digitalization: What Guarantees for a Trusted and Secure Transformation?

The growing use of cloud is redefining digital transformation models, but also imposes new trade-offs in terms of cybersecurity, digital sovereignty, and operational resilience. This session will examine how to build a balanced approach that fully leverages the cloud without compromising the security of data, services, and critical infrastructure. Discussions will highlight issues related to governance, compliance, risk management, securing hybrid and multicloud environments, and sharing responsibilities between clients and providers. The panel aims to develop a clear vision and concrete levers for action to make cloud an accelerator of digitalization based on trust and risk control.

- *Ms. Imane Najari, Corporate Marketing Director, INWI, Kingdom of Morocco.*
- *Engr. Mashal Saad Buhamad Strategic Advisor & Independent Cybersecurity Consultant, Kuwait Former Head of Cybersecurity, Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW), Kuwait.*
- *Mr. Youssef AIT KADDOUR, Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection Director, Huawei Morocco.*
- *Ms. Nouhade Mechkour, ICT Director, Orange Maroc.*
- *Mr. Mehdi Benamar, Group CISO, Maroc Telecom.*
    - *Moderator: Mr. Eskinder Mesfin Cherinet, Board Chairman, Ethiopian Information Systems Audit Association (EISAA) & Board Chairman at Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) Ethiopia.*

13:00-14:30 | Official Lunch & Networking

14:30-15:00| Panel: Cyber Lessons Learned – Drawing Insights from Incidents to Better Prepare

Through the analysis of recent cyberattacks: DDoS attacks, ransomware, and data breaches, this panel will highlight key lessons learned from real crisis management. Discussions will review the operational, financial, reputational, and regulatory impacts of these incidents on affected entities. They will also showcase best practices in preparation, detection, incident response, crisis communication, and business continuity. The objective is to transform experience from past incidents into levers to strengthen anticipation, resilience, and cyber maturity of entities.

- *Mr. Jawad Skalli, Senior Solutions Engineer for North and French-Speaking Africa, TrendAI.*
- *Mr. Bendriss Elmehdi, Director of the Governance and Risk Department, NearSecure.*
- *Dr. Tarek Radah, Partner at Sekera Services, SOC Manager & Incident Response Lead, and Co-founder of VinciLogic.*
    - *Moderator: Dr. Mario Malouin, Professor at the University of Quebec in Outaouais (UQO) and Co-Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Research and Innovation in Cybersecurity and Society (CIRICS), Canada.*

15:00-15:40 | Panel: Beyond Resilience: Why Fighting Cybercrime is Essential to Cybersecurity?

This panel will put into perspective international efforts aimed at strengthening judicial, police, and technical cooperation to better prosecute perpetrators of cyber offenses and support the overall effectiveness of cybersecurity policies. Discussions will also focus on the new international convention on combating cybercrime, its potential contributions, and expectations raised by broad adoption and effective implementation at the international level. The panel aims to develop an integrated vision where prevention, resilience, attribution, prosecution, and international cooperation mutually reinforce each other.

- *Ms. Sarah AHURA, Cybersecurity Expert, National Information Technology Authority (NITA-U), Republic of Uganda.*
- *Ms. Riham FAKHRY, Programme Coordinator – Digital Transformation, ITU Regional Office for the Arab States, International Telecommunication Union (ITU).*
- *Mr. Sebastian MADDEN, Chief Product Officer, CREST.*

- *Ms. Nor El Houda SABBAR, Cybersecurity Ecosystem Manager, DATAPROTECT.*
- *Mr. Carlos ALVAREZ, Board Member (Strategy & Governance), FIRST (Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams).*
    - *Moderator: Hicham Hamid, security lead, Microsoft.*

15:40-15:50 | Day Summary: Key Lessons for National Cyber Resilience

This closing session will provide a summary of the main lessons and recommendations from the day's panels and Keynote. It will highlight convergences identified in terms of governance, resilience, and secure digital transformation, before opening perspectives on the continental dimension that will be addressed on Day 2.

- *Master of Ceremonies - Alexandra Topalain.*

15:50-16:30 | Coffee Break, Networking & Exhibition Booth Visits

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DAY 2 – AFRICA CYBERSECURITY FORUM

08:45-08:50 | Welcome & Opening Remarks

08:50-09:20 | Opening Keynote: From Continental Sovereignty to International Cooperation

This Keynote bridges continental ambitions and the sovereign realities of States. It explores how national strategies and regulatory frameworks align with global standards and international partnerships. The presentation will highlight the importance of robust governance and cyber diplomacy to counter cross-border threats and build trust ecosystems.

- *General Abdellah BOUTRIG, Vice-President of ANCA and Director General of the General Directorate for Information Systems Security (DGSSI), Kingdom of Morocco.*
- *His Excellency Mohamed METHQAL, Ambassador, Director General, Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation (AMCI).*
- *Mr. Divine Selase AGBETI, Chair of ANCA and Director General of the Cyber Security Authority, Republic of Ghana.*
- *Ms. Thelma Efua Quaye, Director of Digital Infrastructure, Skills and Empowerment, Smart Africa Secretariat.*

09:20-09:50 | Panel: Cyber diplomacy – What Opportunities for Africa in the New UN Permanent Mechanism?

With the establishment, starting this year, of a new permanent mechanism within the United Nations dedicated to digital security and its responsible use, this panel will analyze the opportunities it opens for Africa in terms of influence, cooperation, and capacity building. Discussions will focus on how African countries can fully leverage this framework to make their priorities heard, consolidate their common positions, and better articulate digital diplomacy, cybersecurity, and development. The panel will also highlight the achievements on which the continent can capitalize: skills development, regional dynamics, cooperation frameworks, digital trust initiatives, and resilience efforts, to approach next steps with greater coherence and ambition.

- *Mr. Divine Selase AGBETI, Chair of ANCA and Director General of the Cyber Security Authority, Republic of Ghana.*
- *Ms. Sarah AHURA, Cybersecurity Expert, National Information Technology Authority (NITA-U), Republic of Uganda.*
- *Dr. Nadher ALSAFVANI, MENA Cyber Advisor, Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD).*
- *Dr. Carmen Elena Cirnu, PhD, Romania.*
    - *Moderator: Mare Aretha, Smart Africa, Zimbabwe.*

09:50-10:10 | Strategic Keynote: Advanced Threat Intelligence and Tactics Frameworks for Next-Gen SOCs and CERTs

This technical keynote dives deep into the operational application of industry-standard adversary frameworks to elevate cyber threat intelligence and incident response. It will break down adversary tactics and techniques, demonstrating how Security Operations Centers (SOCs) and Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) can translate this knowledge into proactive, actionable defense strategies. Attendees will learn how to leverage these structured models to map threat landscapes, optimize detection engineering, and build a more resilient, intelligence-driven security posture.

- *Adam Pennington, MITRE ATT&CK Lead, The MITRE Corporation, United States.*

10:10-10:30 | Keynote: Agentic SOC, Building a Next-generation Autonomous Intelligent Security Operations System

The Agentic SOC introduces a new security operations paradigm in which autonomous AI agents can perceive and analyze security events, reason across multiple sources of context, collaborate with specialized agents and security platforms, and execute controlled response actions—all under human-defined policies, permissions, and oversight. This keynote will introduce how an AI-powered SOC can enable more accurate threat detection, intelligently reduce alert noise, accelerate threat response, and significantly improve security operations efficiency.

- *Mr. Hactor Xue, Vice President Security Product Domain, Huawei Group.*

10:30-11:00 | Panel: Africa in the Era of Global Cybersecurity – Building a Sovereign, Prosperous, and Attractive Digital Market

This panel will analyze the economic opportunities that the rapid growth of the global cybersecurity and digital trust market offers to Africa. Discussions will focus on ways to develop a competitive African cybersecurity ecosystem capable of stimulating innovation, fostering the emergence of specialized startups, supporting the development of local cybersecurity companies, attracting investment, and creating high value-added jobs. The panel will also highlight the role of regional cooperation frameworks, African digital integration, and digital sovereignty initiatives in building a prosperous, attractive African digital market that creates value for the continent.

- *Mr. Abdelilah Fathi, Sales Director, New Markets, Orange Cyberdefense.*

- *Mr. Adil Zari, Director of Network and Information Systems Security, INWI, Kingdom of Morocco.*
- *Mr. Driss Benattou, Director of Professional Services, CBI Group.*
- *Ms. Maha El Guesymy, Country Manager for French-Speaking Africa, TrendAI.*
- *Mr. Mohamed SEKKAT, Chief Business & Innovation Officer de Casanet, Kingdom of Morocco.*
    - *Moderator: Mr. Reda Bensouda, Senior Advisor in Digital Innovation and Cybersecurity, Canada.*

11:00 – 11:20 | Keynote: Offensive AI – Rethinking How States and Organizations Test Their Security

Artificial intelligence is rapidly industrializing cybercrime and automating intrusion campaigns at a speed no human team can match. This keynote examines how offensive AI is fundamentally reshaping the threat landscape for States and critical operators. It explains why traditional, periodic penetration tests no longer reveal true national exposure. Instead, the session advocates for a strategic shift toward continuous, AI-driven security assessments of the entire digital footprint. Emphasizing sovereign control and auditable governance, the presentation will share actionable field insights on how national authorities can integrate these proactive methodologies into their respective cyber crisis management and regional resilience frameworks.

- *Mr. Younes Benzagmout, Co-Founder & CEO, SecDojo.*

11:20-11:45 | Coffee Break & Networking

11:45-12:15 | Fireside Chat: Empowering Cyber "Firefighters" — Elevating National Team Maturity through SIM3

Discover how the global community of cybersecurity "firefighters" makes the digital world a safer place. This session explores how national authorities can play a pivotal role in enhancing the maturity of frontline teams, including CSIRTs, SOCs, ISACs, and vendor PSIRTs. SIM3, the world's foremost maturity model in this domain, will be highlighted as the strategic framework to empower these defenders and strengthen national, regional, and global cyber resilience.

- *Olivier CALEFF, SIM3 expert on behalf of the Open CSIRT Foundation, FIRST Chair of the Board.*
- *Dr. Kaleem Ahmed Usmani, Direct Head of CERT-MU, Republic of Mauritius.*
    - *Moderator: Ms. Paula Nkandu Haamaundu, ICT & Cybersecurity Advisor, GIZ African Union.*

12:15 – 12:35 | Keynote: Building High-Performance SOCs and CERTs in Africa

Faced with the increase in cyber threats, Security Operations Centers (SOCs) and Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CERT/CSIRT) are today essential pillars of cyber resilience for countries and organizations. This keynote will explore the key success factors for designing, deploying, and evolving high-performance SOCs and CERTs in the African context. It will address issues related to governance, financing, skills development, integration of advanced detection and response technologies, and cooperation between national, regional, and international actors. The speaker will also share lessons learned and best practices in this area.

- *Mr. Keyser Tabi, SOC Director, DataProtect.*

12:35-13:00 | Keynote: Cybersecurity and Emerging Technologies: Anticipating Disruptions to Secure Africa's Future

This keynote will examine the impact of emerging technologies on the cybersecurity landscape and analyze the new forms of threats they generate, whether AI-assisted cyberattacks, securing connected environments, data protection in cloud architectures, or issues related to post-quantum cryptography. Through a forward-looking approach, this presentation will highlight the technological disruptions that will shape tomorrow's cybersecurity and present strategies enabling States, companies, and critical infrastructure operators to develop an agile, resilient security posture adapted to ongoing digital transformations.

- *Mr. Ahmed Raafat, Principal Consultant, AI Security, Palo Alto Networks, Egypt.*

13:00-14:00 | Official Lunch & Networking

14:00-14:40 | Panel: Developing Cyber Human Capital: Building Skills to Secure Digital Africa

This panel will address issues related to the entire lifecycle of cyber talent: from identifying and training young professionals to creating attractive career paths, recognition mechanisms, and advancement opportunities to limit brain drain. Speakers will share their experiences on policies and initiatives aimed at strengthening the attractiveness of cybersecurity professions, developing centers of excellence, and creating professional environments that foster engagement and retention of experts. Discussions will also highlight the role of partnerships between governments, universities, and companies in this area.

- *Mr. Sebastian Madden, Chief Product Officer, CREST.*
- *Mr. Ouchagour Nabil Business Environment Development Huawei Morocco*
- *Ms. Paula Nkandu Haamaundu, ICT & Cybersecurity Advisor, GIZ African Union.*
- *Ms. Murielle Laberge, Rector, University of Quebec in Outaouais, Canada.*
- *Mrs. Marion Marwood, Senior Project Manager (National Cyber Strategy), National Center for Cyber Security (NCSC), Switzerland.*

- *Moderator: Mr. Reda Bensouda, Senior Advisor in Digital Innovation and Cybersecurity, Canada.*

14:40-15:00 | Keynote: Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity: Bridging Academic Research and Operational Resilience for Africa's Digital Future

This keynote, delivered from a research perspective, explores how cutting-edge academic work is redefining our understanding of AI-driven threats and defenses. The presentation will examine key research frontiers — including adversarial machine learning, AI-powered threat detection, explainable AI for incident response, and the ethical implications of autonomous cyber systems — and analyze how these insights can be translated into practical tools for governments, CERTs, and enterprises across Africa. The speaker will highlight the strategic role of universities and research institutions in building sustainable cybersecurity ecosystems, emphasizing the importance of academic-industry partnerships, open research collaboration, and the development of a new generation of AI-literate cybersecurity professionals.

- *Prof. Fatemah Mordhi Alharbi, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, College of Computer Science and Engineering, Taibah University, Saudi Arabia.*

15:00-16:00 I Panel: Protecting Critical Infrastructure: European Lessons Learned and Pathways for Developing African Standards

As Europe accelerates the harmonization of its critical infrastructure regulatory approaches through major initiatives such as the NIS2 Directive, alongside EU cybersecurity certification frameworks and widely used operational reference frameworks such as NIST CSF 2.0, Africa stands at a decisive turning point in defining its own regulatory approach. This panel will analyse the lessons learned and operational challenges encountered during the implementation of these frameworks at the European level. The objective is to identify how these insights can be transposed and adapted to the African context, informing the development of robust, interoperable pan-African approaches and standards for critical infrastructure protection aligned with international best practices, while addressing the unique characteristics, capacities and ambitions of the continent

- *Huda Alwahidi, H.E. Deputy Minister of telecommunication and digital economy of the State of Palestine.*
- *Major General PSC Mohamed Al-Mostafa, Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of Defense and Head of the National Cybersecurity Team.*
- *Dr Sameh Abdelrahman, Executive Director of Emerging Technologies Security at EG-CERT.*
- *Mohamed Alwdini, Head of International Cooperation and Technical Department, Libyan National Information Security and Safety Authority (NISSA).*
- *Mattia Tempini, DG CNECT Representative at the EU Delegation, Morocco.*
- *Adolfo Miguel Pinto Caldeira, Cybersecurity Engineer & Specialist EU Cybernet.*

16:00 – 16:10 | Day Summary

- *Master of Ceremonies - Alexandra Topalain.*

16:10-17:00 | Coffee Break, Networking & Exhibition Booth Visits

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DAY 3 – NEXUS CYBERSECURITY AND ECONOMY

09:00-09:30 | Opening Remarks - Alexandra Topalain

This opening session synthesizes the sovereignty and cooperation issues addressed in previous days, transposing them from the angle of economic performance. It will present the day's objectives: demonstrating how cybersecurity, far from being a simple constraint, constitutes an essential lever for trust, innovation, and sustainable growth.

- *Brigadier General Abdellah Boutrig, Vice-President of ANCA and Director General of the General Directorate for Information Systems Security (DGSSI), Kingdom of Morocco.*
- *Mr. Khalid Safir, Director General, Caisse de Dépôt et de Gestion (CDG), Kingdom of Morocco.*

09:30-09:50 | Strategic Keynote: Cybersecurity as a Catalyst for Innovation, Economic Competitiveness and Digital Resilience

This keynote will explore how governments, industry, and research institutions can work together to secure technology ecosystems while enabling innovation and economic growth. Drawing on global trends in AI, advanced connectivity, and cybersecurity, the keynote will examine how trusted technology adoption, resilient digital infrastructure, and strategic cybersecurity investments can strengthen economic competitiveness and create sustainable value in an increasingly interconnected digital economy.

- *Dr. Charles Clancy, Chief Technology Officer, The MITRE Corporation, United States.*

09:50-10:10 | Executive Insight: The Economics of Cybercrime

This keynote will provide a quantified overview of the underground economy of cybercrime at the global and African levels. It will analyze the economic models of cybercriminals, the direct and indirect costs for businesses and States, as well as money laundering mechanisms and monetization of stolen data. The presentation will highlight the urgency of treating cybercrime no longer as a technical problem, but as a major economic issue requiring coordinated responses at the international level.

- *Mr. Ali Azzouzi, CEO, DataProtect.*

10:10-10:50 | Panel: Financing Cyber Resilience – From Perceived Cost to Strategic Investment

This panel will explore issues related to financing digital security. It will detail mobilizable financing mechanisms (public budgets, private investments, dedicated funds, international partnerships) and demonstrate, through case studies, how the public and private sectors transform cybersecurity into a competitive advantage, optimize return on investment (ROI), and strengthen the valuation of their digital assets. Discussions will aim to identify operational levers for resource allocation aligned with the overall performance of the organization.

- *Mr. Akhil Thomas, Global Partners Digital (GPD), Netherlands.*
- *Dr. Mario Malouin, Professor at the University of Quebec in Outaouais (UQO) and Co-Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Research and Innovation in Cybersecurity and Society (CIRICS), Canada.*
- *Mr. Helmut Leopold, PhD, Head of the Center for Digital Safety & Security, AIT Austrian Institute of Technology, Austria.*
- *Mr. Eskinder Mesfin Cherinet, Board Chairman, Ethiopian Information Systems Audit Association (EISAA) & Board Chairman at Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) Ethiopia.*
- *Mr. Bilal Issa, Manager, Solutions Engineering, North & South Gulf, TrendAI.*
- *Mr. Othmane Menouar, Cyberdefense Manager, CBI Group.*
    - *Moderator: Engr. Mashal Saad Buhamad, Strategic Advisor & Independent Cybersecurity Consultant, Kuwait; Former Head of Cybersecurity, Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW), Kuwait.*

10:50-11:10 | Strategic Keynote: Cyber Insurance: The New Pillar of Digital Trust

This keynote addresses a structural paradox: while cyber risk stands as the number one threat facing businesses worldwide, it remains largely underinsured, particularly across the African continent. From the (re)insurer's perspective, the session will examine the conditions required to build a robust cyber insurance market in Morocco and Africa: reliable risk data, adapted regulatory frameworks, and strong public-private collaboration. It will propose a concrete roadmap positioning cyber insurance not as a mere financial compensation tool, but as a lever for prevention, awareness, and collective digital trust.

- *Ms. Ouafae Mriouah, Chief Executive Officer, Atlantic Re – CDG Group, Kingdom of Morocco.*

11:10-11:30 | Coffee Break & Networking

11:30-12:10 | Panel: The Cybersecurity Market – Driver of Growth and Innovation

This panel will propose a strategic analysis of the cybersecurity market as a value creation vector. It will highlight new economic models, dynamics of the startup ecosystem, and priority investment opportunities. The objective is to share a clear vision of the sector's development prospects and its role in the digital transformation of companies.

- *Ms. Nawal Hadji, Senior Manager, Cybersecurity, INWI, Kingdom of Morocco.*
- *Mr. Hicham Hamid, Security Lead, Microsoft.*
- *Mr. El Mehdi Benaabed, Head of ICT Solutions and Product Engineering, Orange Maroc.*
- *Mr. Brahim Ait Taleb, Senior Territory Account Manager, Francophone Africa, F5.*
- *Mr. Safwan Aziz, Director of New Services Projects at Maroc Telecom Group,* Kingdom of Morocco.
    - *Moderator: Mr. Roland Aïkpe, Head of the Cybersecurity Department, Digital Infrastructure Security Authority (ASIN), Republic of Benin.*

12:10-12:30 | Executive Insight: Making Cyber Risk Insurable: AI-Driven Assessment and Quantification

This keynote will explore how advanced technologies—continuous security assessment, AI-driven analytics, and real-time risk scoring—transform cyber risk from an opaque exposure into a quantifiable, insurable asset. It will demonstrate how organizations can leverage these tools to objectively evaluate their security posture, meet underwriting requirements, and optimize premiums, while providing insurers with the reliable data needed to design fair, dynamic, and sustainable coverage.

- *Mr. Sofiane El Abdi, Co-CEO, Zaxyr AI.*

12:30-13:00 | Strategic Panel: Public-Private Partnerships – Co-innovating for Shared Economic Resilience

This panel will analyze the role of public-private partnerships (PPPs) as accelerators of innovation and performance. It will present cooperation frameworks and mechanisms for sharing value and information, essential for anticipating threats. Panelists will propose concrete paths to build sustainable alliances capable of supporting company competitiveness in a changing digital environment.

- *Ms. Siham Khazzani El Amrani, Co-founder & CEO of SEKERA, Specialist in Cyber Resilience and Business Continuity.*
- Mr. Nour El Ansari, Chief Business Officer, Maroc Telecom, Board Member. BCG Alumnus. AI & Digital Economy, Kingdom of Morocco.
- *Mr. Younes Obohou, Microsoft Azure Sales Lead, Microsoft.*
- *Ms. Kenza Leclere, Project Manager (National Cyber Strategy), National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), Switzerland.*
- *Ms. Hakima Bouchaoua, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Justice of Quebec, Canada.*
    - *Moderator: Arnold Ramondet Mboumba, Director of Security and Information, National Agency for Digital Infrastructure and Frequencies (ANINF), Republic of Gabon.*

13:00-13:20 | Technology Keynote: The AI Paradigm – Evolving Cybersecurity for the Next Digital Economy

This keynote explores the dual impact of Artificial Intelligence on cybersecurity and the broader digital economy. It will examine how AI is transforming cyber defense, reshaping the economics of cyber risk, and creating new opportunities for secure digital transformation. The presentation will highlight how organizations can leverage AI to strengthen resilience, optimize cybersecurity investments, and sustain competitiveness in an increasingly automated and interconnected global economy.

- *Mr. Bilal Issa, Manager, Solutions Engineering, North & South Gulf, TrendAI.*

13:20-13:30 | Closing Remarks: Commitments for a Prosperous and Secure Digital Future

Summary of the day's work and call to action. This final intervention will reaffirm stakeholders' commitment to making cybersecurity an essential pillar of economic development and sustainable digital transformation.

- *Master of Ceremonies - Alexandra Topalain.*

13:30-15:00 | Official Closing Lunch & Networking