7th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
Panel Discussion - Monday 1 March – 12:00-13:30 GMT
How digital transformation can contribute to build forward better post Covid-19

AGENDA

Opening
Ms. Sabine Mensah, Regional Manager, Inclusive Digital Economies, West and Central Africa, UNCDF

Panelist 1
Ms. Hadja Sanon Ouattara, Minister of Digital Economy, Postal Development and Digital Transformation of Burkina Faso
- eGovernment solutions to improve the efficiency of public services
  Which digital transformation initiatives were taken by your Ministry to address the impact of the pandemic?

Panelist 2
M. Mamadou Biteye, Vice President, Inclusive Growth, Global Social Impact at Visa
- Digital for MSME
  How the possession of a bank card enabled MSMEs to better cope with the crisis?
  Which initiatives were taken by VISA to improve MSME resilience?

Panelist 3
Ms. Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director IDEP UNECA
- Planification in the pandemic context
  Good planning is a prerequisite to achieve the SDG. In the context of a sudden pandemic with less possibilities for planning could you share examples of good practices taken by governments in response to the COVID-19?

Panelist 4
M. Francois Coupienne, Global Digital Lead, Inclusive Digital Economies, UNCDF
- Digital transformation & example of innovation
  How has UNCDF taken advantage of the pandemic to accelerate the development of initiatives around the world in : skills building in the digital era, innovations for agriculture, measurement IDES

Closing
Mr. Thierry H. AMOUSSOUGBO – Head E-learning and Knowledge Management – IDEP UNECA Announcement of the IDEP -UNCDF course on digital transformation for civil servant: ‘Developing inclusive digital transformation journeys to meet the SDGs and Agenda 2063’.