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Foreward



September was a month of showcasing—both at the local level and on the global stage—the power of partnerships and collaboration. From Nairobi to New York, Kenya advanced the message that artificial intelligence must be stewarded responsibly: not as an abstract frontier, but as a tool for dignity, sustainability, and shared prosperity.

At the 80th United Nations General Assembly, Kenya stood at the center of global debates on AI governance and capacity building. In concert with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, we co-led consultations on strengthening the full AI stack—data, compute, governance, and talent—so that countries of the Global South are not left behind. In partnership with Italy and UNDP, we advanced discussions on embedding AI into sustainable development pathways, reaffirming that resilience and inclusion must guide innovation. A joint report with Zindi, Africa's largest data science community, highlighted that Africa's youth talent is the continent's strongest asset for shaping frontier technologies. And through our contributions on AI in the Military Domain, Kenya underscored that safety, ethics, and accountability must remain central even as defense and peacekeeping increasingly intersect with AI.

Kenya's global leadership was further reinforced with its participation in the inaugural Supervisory Board of the Techplomacy Forum, ensuring the perspectives of the Global South shape the future of digital diplomacy. At the GPSDD board workshop on data governance, we championed new ideas such as "data embassies" to secure sovereignty and resilience in the age of AI, linking Kenya's voice to a growing global consensus that data is both a public good and a matter of national security.

Closer to home, we deepened our focus on practical innovation that touches citizens' lives. In collaboration with the Rockefeller Foundation, Cassava Technologies, AGRA, and GEAPP, we advanced the vision of a Food Systems Digital Public Infrastructure (FS-DPI), aligning AI, energy, and agriculture to improve food security, health, and nutrition outcomes. Our engagements with universities, from Arizona State University to the Kenya National Innovation Agency, explored how higher education can become an engine for experimentation and talent, building the pipelines needed to move Africa from consumer to creator of frontier technologies. And through initiatives like the Hack for the Environment, young innovators once again demonstrated that African ingenuity can provide concrete solutions to climate, food, and biodiversity challenges.

This September edition brings these threads into focus—multilateral leadership, institutional influence, thematic innovation, and grassroots ingenuity. Collectively, they reflect Kenya's central role in shaping an AI future that is sovereign, green, inclusive, and trusted. The work ahead will require humility, stamina, and enduring partnerships, but our direction is clear: technology in service of humanity, stewarded with responsibility, and rooted in shared values.

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Hack for the Environment – Grand Finale

The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology participated in the Hack for the Environment Grand Finale judging panel, alongside Amb. Ali Mohamed (Special Envoy for Climate Change), Inger Andersen (UNEP), Dr. Sally Radwan (UNEP), Dr. Charity Wayua (IBM Research), and Harry Hare (CIO Africa). The month-long initiative engaged over 1,000 young innovators through masterclasses and workshops, culminating in seven finalist solutions tackling plastics pollution, food security, afforestation, and ecosystem health. The winning project, Msitu Guard, uses AI to track tree survival rates, showcasing the power of youth-led innovation and open-source tools in addressing the triple planetary crisis.





Reflections on Technology Diplomacy and Information Integrity

Amb. Philip Thigo had the privilege of engaging with Anne-Marie Engtoft Larsen, Denmark's Tech Envoy, and Maria Ressa, Nobel Peace Laureate, in Australia to reflect on technology diplomacy, democracy, and information integrity.

Discussions focused on shifting geopolitical alliances, the role of big tech in governance, and the need for collaboration among states, multilateral institutions, and civil society to safeguard fundamental human rights, especially information integrity.

Despite the immense challenges, participants emphasized the opportunities for coordinated action.

Open Data Policy Summit

Kenya's Special Envoy on Technology, Ambassador Philip Thigo, joined global peers at the Fourth Annual State of Open Data Policy Summit on a panel titled "Open Data Policy and Data Governance in a Fragmented World." The event, hosted by The Governance Lab, was moderated by Dr. Stefaan Verhulst and featured panelists Johannes Jütting and Oliver Wise.

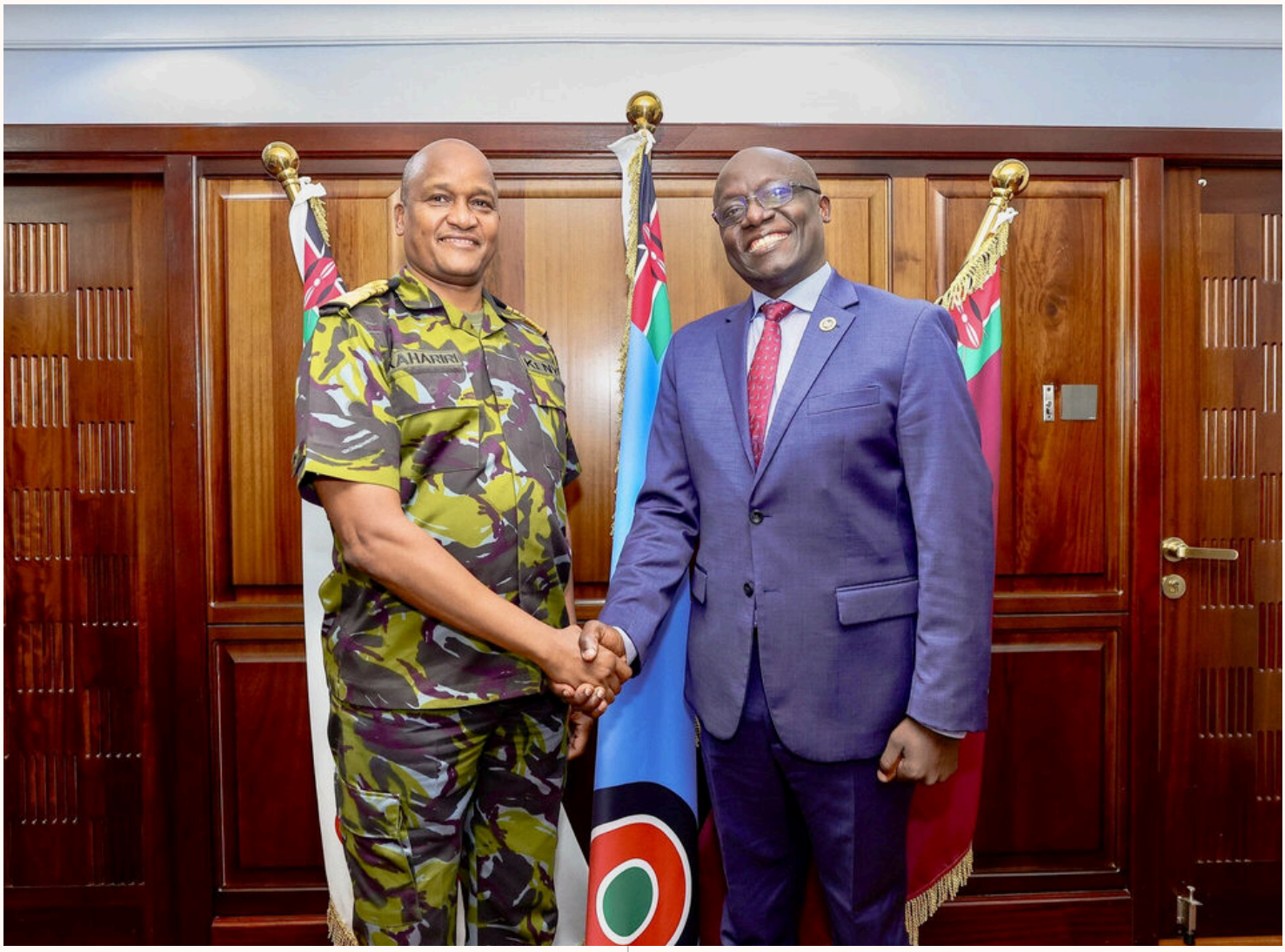
Ambassador Thigo reflected on the evolution of open data in four distinct waves: first, advancing transparency and accountability; second, unlocking innovation and entrepreneurship; third, solving real-world challenges in sectors such as health, agriculture, and climate; and now, a fourth wave demanding that open data be AI-ready, rights-preserving, and globally inclusive.

He situated this discussion within the recommendations of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Body on AI (HLAB-AI), which has called for a Global AI Data Framework to set common principles and standards, alongside the creation of data commons — shared, open, and inclusive datasets designed to address bias and representation gaps. Crucially, the HLAB emphasizes investment across the data value chain, from collection and stewardship to interoperability and use, ensuring no region or community is left behind.

Ambassador Thigo further noted that in Kenya, open data has been placed at the core of the national Open Government Strategy and the country's work on AI, embedded within a rights- and privacy-respecting framework. He underscored that open data is seen as a foundational pillar of the broader AI stack, alongside compute, talent, and models. By treating data as a common good, he said, Kenya's ambition is to ensure that Africa becomes a creator of public-interest AI rather than merely a consumer of frontier technologies.



Courtesy Call on the Chief of Defence Forces: Aligning Technology and National Security



The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology, Amb. Philip Thigo was honoured to be hosted by Gen. Charles Kahari, Chief of the Defence Forces (CDF), at Defence Headquarters, Nairobi, for discussions on aligning technology and national security.

The meeting addressed the evolving threat landscape, highlighting frontier technologies such as AI, quantum computing, and blockchain as both opportunities and challenges for national security. Discussions focused on cybersecurity, responsible AI deployment, and emerging technology governance, emphasising regular consultations to align national security priorities.

Joint initiatives explored included capacity building between the Foreign Service Academy and the National Defence College (NDC), collaborative research and policy development, and Kenya's potential role in responsible AI in the military domain (REAIM) Summit.

Amb. Thigo expressed appreciation for Gen. Kahari's leadership and commitment to ensuring diplomacy and defence advance together to safeguard peace and security in the digital age. Also present were Major Gen. Mohammed Burje, Director of Military Intelligence, and Brig. Yusuf Adan, Chief of Communication and Information Systems.

Strengthening Kenya–Australia Collaboration on AI Governance

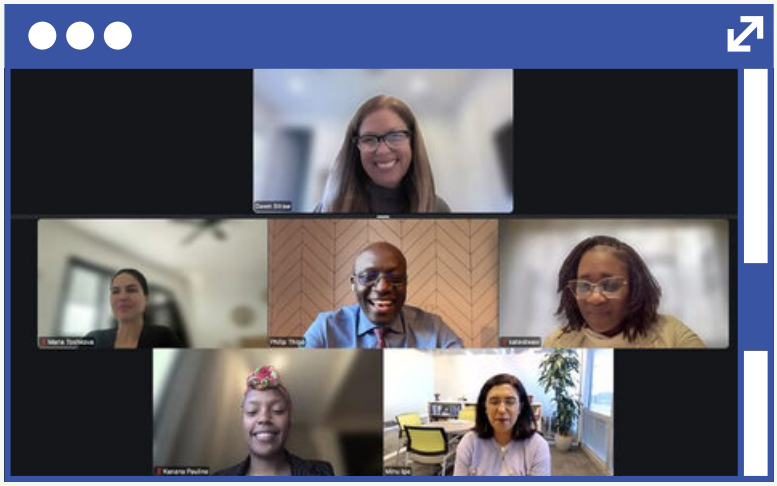
The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology, Amb. Philip Thigo, had the privilege of welcoming Chris Ellinger, Chargé d'Affaires and Deputy High Commissioner of Australia to Kenya, for a courtesy call to discuss AI governance and bilateral collaboration.

Discussions reflected on Amb. Thigo's recent visit to the Australian Parliament, as well as engagements with academia and the private sector, exploring responsible AI deployment, governance frameworks, and opportunities to expand access to emerging technologies. A notable example is Digital Earth Africa, which provides geospatial data for environmental and development applications across the continent.

Kenya and Australia remain aligned on advancing responsible AI governance globally, while strengthening public sector capacity to leverage AI for sustainable development, mindful of broader risks, harms, and societal impacts.



Re-imagining higher Education



Kenya's Special Envoy on Technology, Ambassador Philip Thigo, held a call with colleagues from Arizona State University's University Design Institute (UDI), Dr. Minu Ipe and Dawn Straw, to explore collaboration on reimagining the role of higher education. The discussions emphasized universities as engines of experimentation, discovery, and talent development, particularly in building Africa's capacity across the AI stack. Thigo highlighted challenges of low enrollment, outdated instructional models, and eroding trust in institutions, noting the need to align higher education with the demands of a digital, AI-driven economy. The engagement will continue in partnership with Dr. Tony Omwansa, CEO of the Kenya National Innovation Agency (KENIA), whose leadership through the CEIL Summit is shaping critical perspectives on innovation and education reform.

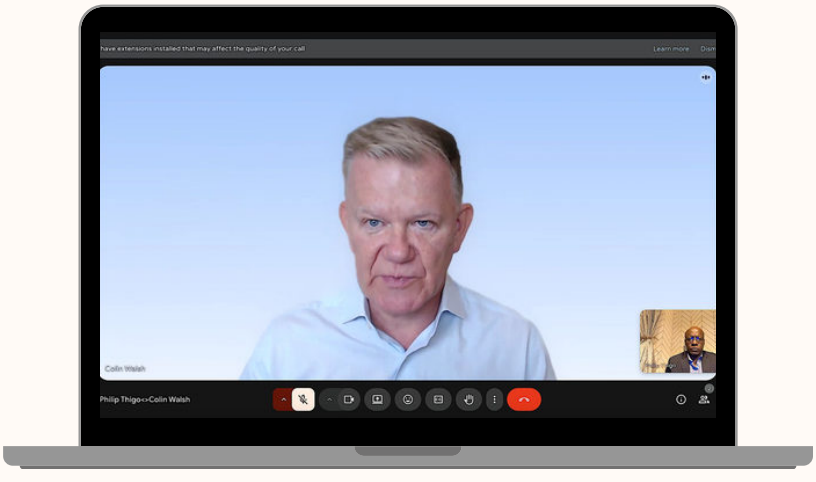
Ashoka Fellows Summit 2025



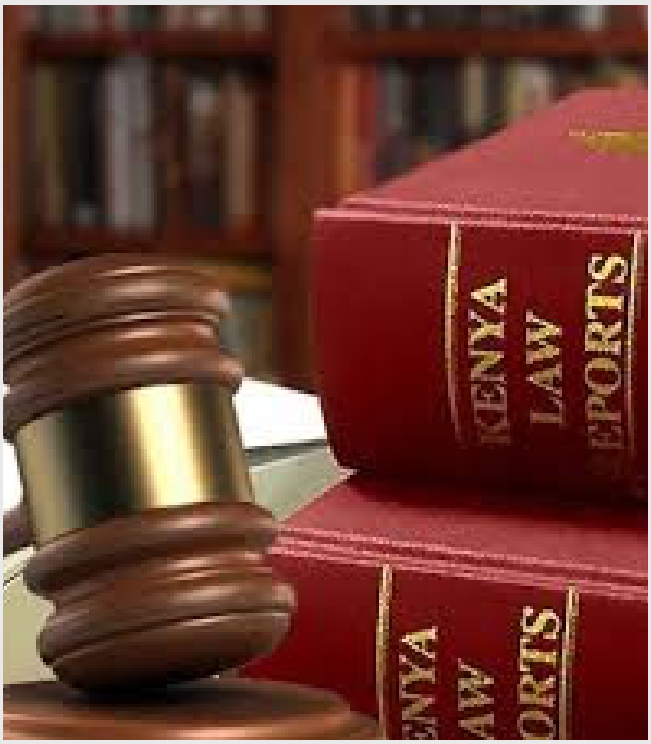
The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology, Amb. Philip Thigo, participated as the guest of honor at the inaugural Ashoka Fellows Summit 2025 held in Nairobi. In his opening remarks, Amb. Thigo highlighted the importance of translating inspiration into actionable institutions and initiatives that drive Africa's inclusive growth and global transformation. He challenged Fellows to reflect on key questions shaping the continent's future, including reimagining Pan-Africanism amidst emerging technologies and shifting geopolitics, fostering an African renaissance in a fragmented global landscape, building capable developmental states anchored in social entrepreneurship and cross-sector collaboration, equipping leaders to articulate and deliver shared prosperity, and meaningfully involving young people in shaping the public good.



Engagement with Civitas ID: Unlocking Dignity and Opportunity for the Displaced



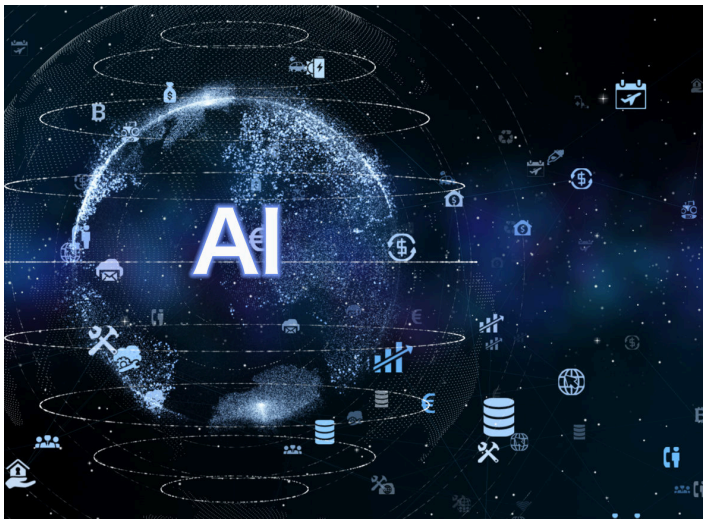
The office of the special envoy on technology engaged with Colin Walsh, Founder of Varo Bank, on how evolving geopolitics are reshaping access, opportunity, and human dignity. More than 120 million people worldwide are forcibly displaced, and over 850 million lack official proof of identity—locking them out of healthcare, education, banking, housing, and employment, while deepening cycles of poverty, statelessness, and exclusion. Civitas ID addresses this challenge through a secure, interoperable identity platform that empowers displaced people to manage personal records, combine formal documents with verifiable credentials, and build a robust trust score that integrates with digital public and private services. This innovation restores dignity, enables access to essential services, and unlocks economic participation, reducing aid dependency and accelerating recovery. Guided by a theory of change that views identity as a bridge rather than a barrier, Civitas ID seeks to transform vulnerability into resilience and shared prosperity.



Exploring Collaborations with Kenya Law

The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology held a meeting with the Kenya Law to explore collaboration on AI initiatives aligned with the Judiciary's digital transformation agenda. Discussions focused on fostering cooperation, avoiding duplication of efforts, and identifying opportunities for AI in legal research, reporting, and case management. The parties agreed to hold a co-creation session to prioritize initiatives and define joint areas of focus for impact.

Innovative AI-powered cancer imaging solutions for breast and prostate diagnosis Tender Discussion

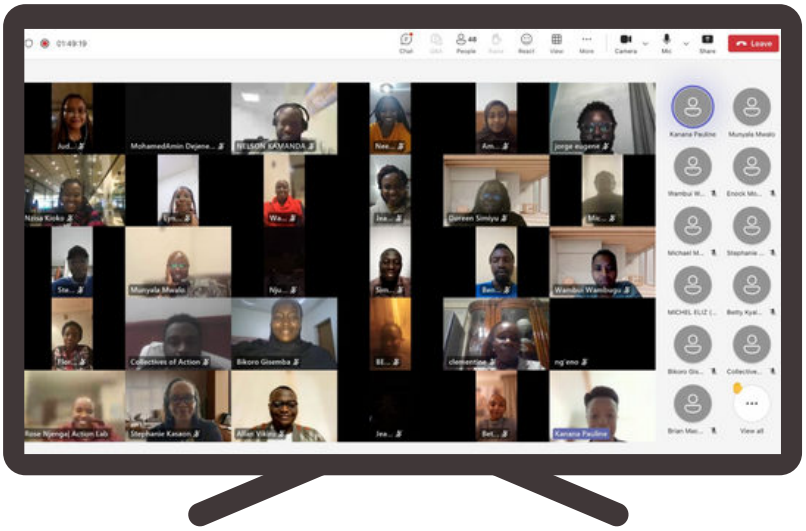


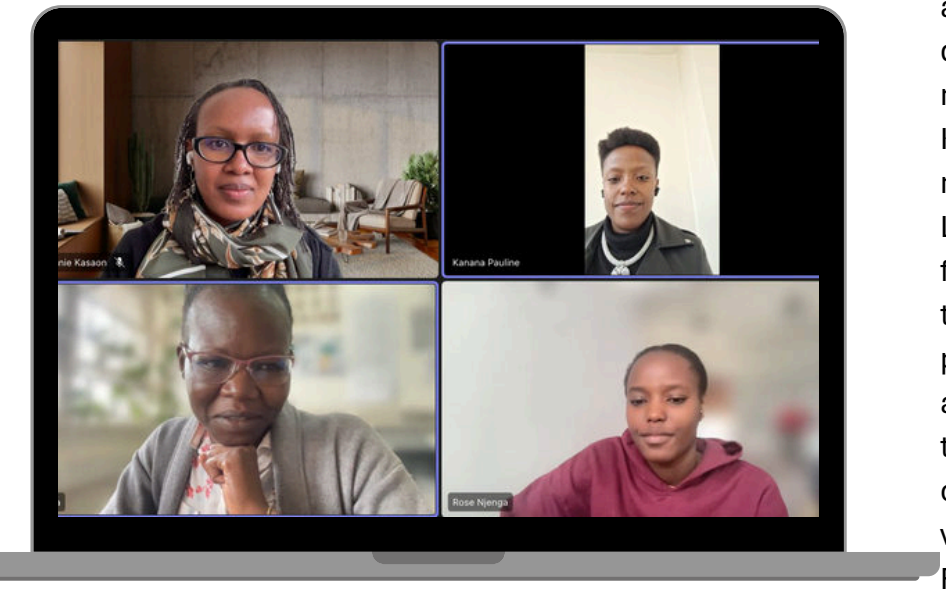


The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology participated in discussions with LNE (French AISI), Deloitte, Hospital-foch, and IHU-Strasbourg on innovative AI-powered cancer imaging solutions for breast and prostate diagnosis. The tender was introduced, with Deloitte, as consortium lead, reviewing requirements and credentials while exploring areas of support from partners. It was agreed that a follow-up workshop will be scheduled to dive deeper into workload contributions and review the necessary documentation.

Launch of the Decision Intelligence Innovation Fellowship

The Decision Intelligence Academy, an initiative by the Office of the Special Envoy on Technology, the Institute of Design and Innovation, and Action Lab, has launched a learn-by-doing Fellowship to turn evidence into deployable, trustworthy AI—building decision-intelligent people, teams, and institutions. The inaugural cohort of 40 fellows from academia, industry, and government will shape Kenya's AI Opportunities Plan through three phases: Research Experimentation and Discovery (Sept–Dec 2025) to define the agenda and plan; Design Innovation (Jan–Apr 2026) to build and test MVPs; and Innovation Pathways to embed solutions through apprenticeships and mentorships. The plan will deliver evidence-led roadmaps for AI in key sectors—health, environment, food systems, and AI Everything—grounded in trust and safety. The Fellowship aims to create a repeatable research-to-innovation pipeline that turns evidence into impact while strengthening institutions with each cohort.





Strengthening Research and Innovation: TUK–Action Lab Collaboration

The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology and the Technical University of Kenya (TUK) discussed a shared vision to strengthen research, innovation, and capacity building in Kenya and the region. The partnership will merge TUK's academic expertise with Action Lab's innovation and policy strengths, focusing on joint research, technology transfer, mentorship, donor-funded proposals, and programs bridging academia and industry. It will also support knowledge transfer through educational initiatives and contribute to Kenya's AI Opportunities Plan via the Decision Intelligence Design Fellowship, with an MoU to be signed to formalize the collaboration.

Kenya Law-Action Lab Co-Creation Session

The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology engaged with Kenya Law in a co-creation session facilitated by Action Lab, bringing together stakeholders to map processes and identify AI-driven opportunities to enhance efficiency. Key themes included interoperability, coordination, and data standardization across the justice system. Next steps agreed upon were the signing of an MoU between Action Lab and Kenya Law, prioritizing departmental AI use cases, and convening a joint session with the Judiciary's ICMS committee to explore synergies for collaborative implementation.



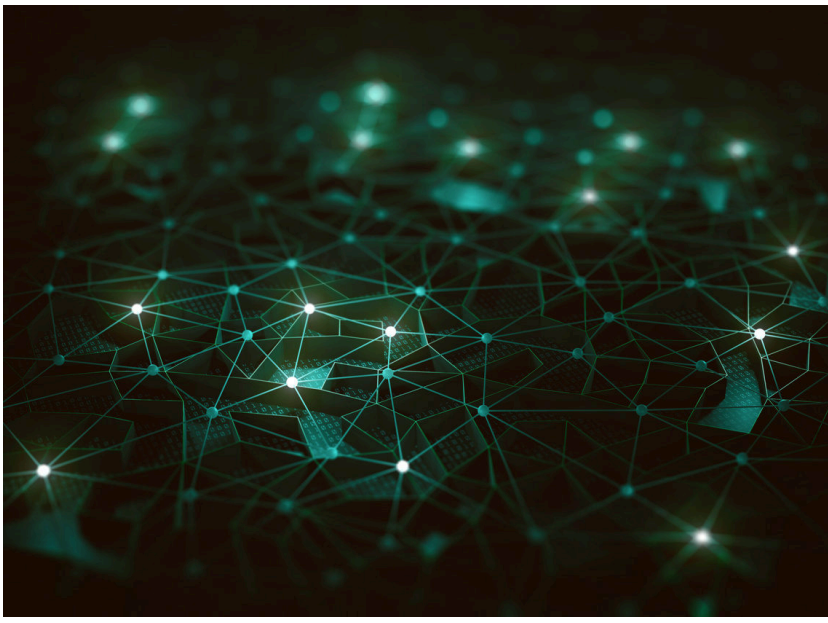


Elloe AI's PatternBench Paper

the Office of the Special Envoy on Technology met with Elloe AI's Daniel Rono and Owen Sakawa to provide feedback on their PatternBench paper. PatternBench, a principled domain-aware benchmark, is designed to test long-term memory retention and context adaptation in large language models (LLMs). The team discussed detailed feedback, submitted written comments, and agreed to follow up on the potential implementation of PatternBench within a Trust and Safety workflow.

AI for Public Good Initiiative

The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology, together with partners including Deloitte and Neural Labs, held a workshop on 22nd and 24th September 2025 to review tender work packages 1–5 under the AI for Public Good initiative. The discussions focused on the specific contributions of each consortium partner, with detailed inputs shared on responsibilities and alignment. Following the workshop, the tender was formally submitted and is now awaiting results, while RCE has been tasked with preparing Kenya's equivalent of EU company verification documents to meet compliance requirements.



Collaborations with Ottermans Institute



The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology engaged with the team at Otermans Institute on their work to democratize AI in education by creating AI-powered “digital human” teachers that support both learners and educators, particularly in underserved communities. In Kenya, the OI Lead Initiative is providing free AI literacy to 25,000 young people through local NGOs and community partners, with ambitions to scale these efforts across emerging economies, ensuring AI access is a right rather than a privilege. Discussions explored collaboration on scaling talent, data, compute, and use cases, alongside research, trust, safety, and inclusivity—critical foundations for AI to deliver public good, empower educators, and unlock opportunities for Africa’s next generation. We expressed enthusiasm for advancing this partnership in Kenya and across the continent.



Shaping Kenya’s Stablecoin and Virtual Assets Future

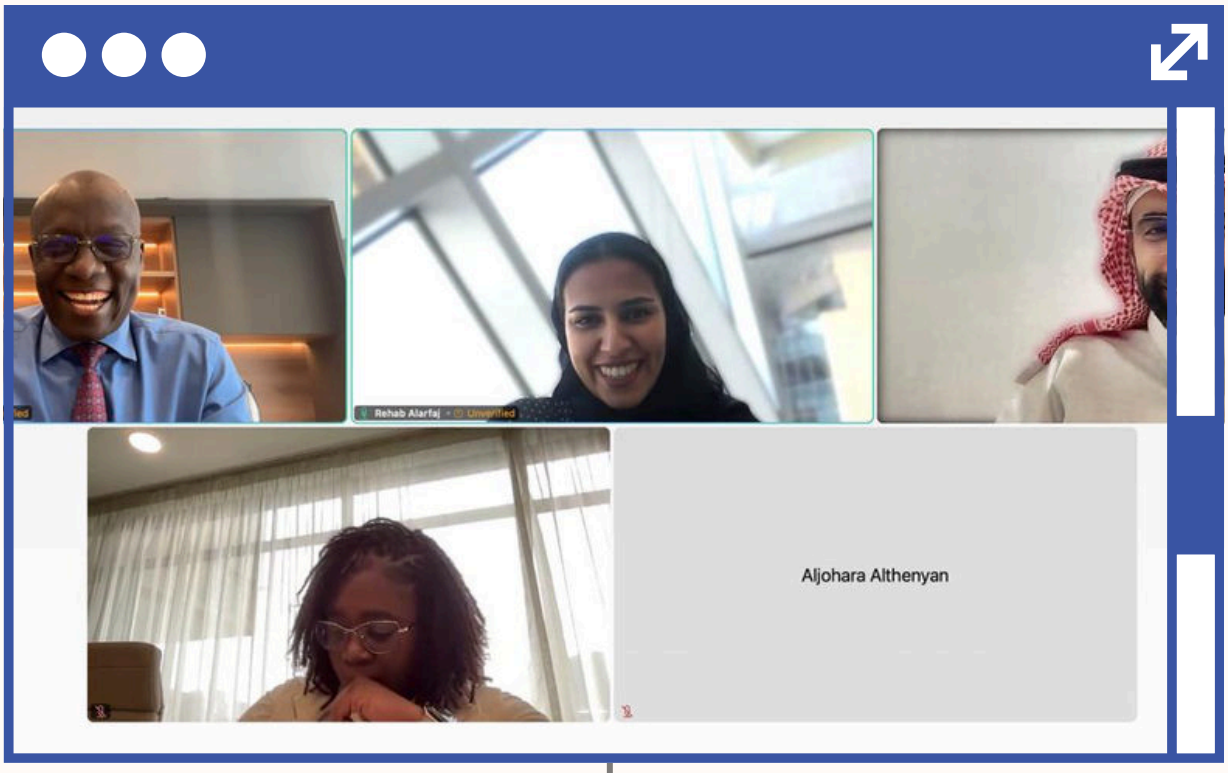
Amb. Philip Thigo highlighted Kenya’s deliberate progress on stablecoins and virtual assets, noting collaboration with Parliament, CMA, CBK, and FRC to develop forward-looking policies. He stressed the need for clear regulatory frameworks to protect users, ensure AML/CFT compliance, and unlock economic value through faster, low-cost cross-border payments for SMEs. The Draft National Policy on Virtual Assets and VASP Bill 2025 lay the foundation for licensing, consumer protection, and alignment with global standards, drawing lessons from Singapore’s stablecoin regime and the U.S. GENIUS Act on transparency, redemption rights, and reserve requirements.

Collaborating with MESH and Shujaaz on Scaling Opportunity by Leveraging AI

The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology reconnected with Rob Burnett to reflect on their collaboration on ShortCODE 3018, a feedback mechanism for Shujaaz magazine that went on to win two Emmy Awards. Discussions centered on MESH, a platform now connecting over one million entrepreneurs in Kenya’s informal economy, enabling networks, peer-to-peer skills exchange, and tailored growth opportunities. Amb. Philip Thigo emphasized how AI could scale this impact by personalizing learning, mapping opportunities, and bridging informal and formal sectors—unlocking transformative potential for millions across Africa.



Kenya–Saudi Arabia Deepen Preparations on AI Capacity Building Ahead of UNGA



In the lead-up to the 80th United Nations General Assembly, the Office of the Special Envoy on Technology held a series of online consultations and preparatory sessions with the Saudi Data & Artificial Intelligence Authority (SDAIA) and the International Center for AI Research and Ethics (ICAIRE). These discussions form part of Kenya's close collaboration with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in shaping a high-level side event on Advancing AI capacity building, following the Pact for the Future and the Global Digital Compact.

The consultations focused on practical pathways to strengthen AI capacity across the Global South — from skills development to the broader "AI stack," including data, compute, governance frameworks, and talent development. A recurring theme was how to ensure that capacity building is holistic, locally grounded, and globally aligned, reflecting both national priorities and international standards.

Kenya and Saudi Arabia also advanced joint thinking around the AI Capacity for People and Planet (AICAP) initiative. Designed as an open, collaborative platform, AICAP will pool resources, knowledge, and best practices to equip women, youth, diplomats, regulators, and policymakers with the skills and readiness needed for the age of AI.

The Office of the Tech Envoy further recognized the progress of the Elevate Program, led by Saudi Arabia in partnership with UNESCO and ICAIRE, which has already enrolled more than 500 Kenyan women — including members of the Foreign Service — in AI readiness training. This collaboration illustrates a new model of South–South cooperation, building shared capacity rather than dependency.

Kenya is working closely with Saudi partners to ensure that the UNGA discussions on AI capacity building are not only high-level dialogues, but also actionable frameworks that strengthen multilateralism and deliver tangible benefits for people and planet alike.



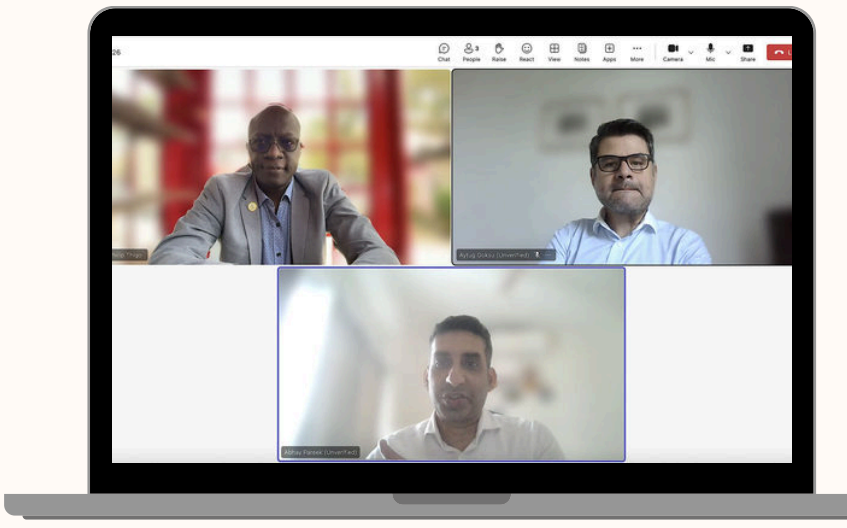
Accelerating access to emerging tech education

The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology engaged with T-Bird Gbemi Disu, Senior Vice President of Global Partner Development at WorldQuant University, on accelerating access to emerging-tech education. WorldQuant University, U.S.-based and accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), delivers fully free, online programs that equip global learners with high-demand quantitative and data science skills. Key offerings include an MSc in Financial Engineering, a full, degree-granting, rigorous, and tuition-free program, as well as lab-based credentials such as Applied Data Science Lab and Applied AI Lab: Deep Learning for Computer Vision, providing hands-on experience with real projects. A Master's in Artificial Intelligence is planned to commence next year, with its launch to be publicly announced at the United Nations General Assembly during a joint capacity-building session with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This partnership ensures that top-tier, accredited educational opportunities in financial engineering, data science, and AI are not limited by geography or cost, supporting the scaling of trusted skills globally.

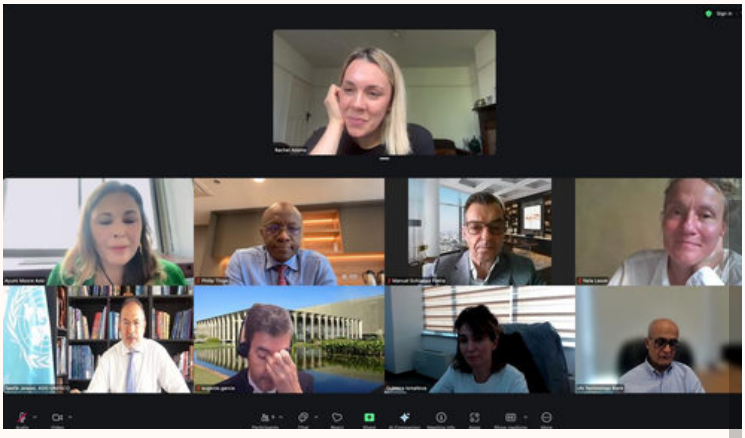
Advancing the establishment of Kenya's C4IR in Nairobi

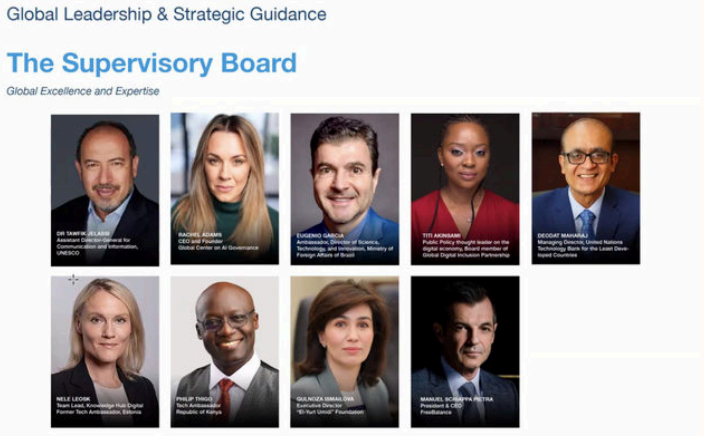
The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology engaged with colleagues from the World Economic Forum's Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) network to advance the establishment of Kenya's C4IR in Nairobi, in collaboration with the Equity Foundation and building on progress with AGRA, Murang'a County, and other partners. The Centre will primarily focus on Artificial Intelligence and Food Systems Innovation, working closely with C4IR centres in the UAE and India to develop transformative, inclusive solutions for our shared future.

Meetings with Aytug Goksu, Head of Network and Government Affairs, C4IR, and Abhay Pareek, Lead, C4IR for Agriculture, reaffirmed a shared commitment to ensuring that Kenya and Africa are not just users, but co-creators of innovation in the era of intelligence.



Ambassador Philip Thigo Joins Supervisory Board of the Techplomacy Forum





Ambassador Philip Thigo, MBS, Kenya's Special Envoy on Technology, has been appointed to the inaugural Supervisory Board of the Techplomacy Forum, joining a distinguished group of leaders from across the globe.

The Techplomacy Forum is a newly established multi-stakeholder platform that brings together governments, the technology industry, academia, and civil society to navigate the complex intersection of technology and international diplomacy. Its first meeting took place on June 18, 2025, at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, in partnership with UNESCO, under the theme "Building Digital Bridges." The gathering set the tone for the Forum's mission to ensure that diplomacy evolves in step with rapid technological change.

The Supervisory Board is composed of eminent figures who reflect the Forum's diversity of expertise and global reach. They include Dr. Tawfik Jelassi, UNESCO's Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information; Rachel Adams, CEO and Founder of the Global Center on AI Governance; Eugenio Garcia, Ambassador and Director of Science, Technology and Innovation at Brazil's Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Titi Akinsami, a renowned digital economy policy leader and board member of the Global Digital Inclusion Partnership; Deodat Maharaj, Managing Director of the United Nations Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries; Nele Leosk, Team Lead of the Knowledge Hub Digital and former Tech Ambassador of Estonia; Gulnoza Ismailova, Executive Director of the "El-Yurt Umidi" Foundation; and Manuel Schiappa Pietra, President and CEO of FreeBalance. Ambassador Thigo joins this eminent group, underscoring Kenya's voice in shaping global digital cooperation.

The Forum will focus its work on issues at the heart of global technological transformation. These include the balance between digital sovereignty and international governance, the ethical dimensions of artificial intelligence and its impact on international relations, new models of cooperation to counter rising cybersecurity threats, and strategies to bridge the global digital divide, with particular emphasis on the needs and aspirations of the Global South.

Ambassador Thigo's appointment highlights Kenya's growing leadership in digital diplomacy and AI governance. It positions the country as a central actor in global conversations on how to ensure that technology is harnessed responsibly, inclusively, and in the service of humanity.

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At an UNGA side-event, Amb. Philip Thigo joined global colleagues to address a critical question: how do we move from digital access to digital agency?

Digital Public Infrastructures (DPIs) have connected millions across Africa, but access alone is not enough. We now need Digital Public Intelligence (DPI^2) — ensuring these systems not only deliver services but also reflect the people they serve, embedding trust, fairness, and sovereignty.

From data cooperatives giving communities a stake in their digital lives to shared data commons, Kenya is reimagining governance so data serves people, not the other way around. This is not just ICT — it is about development, sovereignty, and fairness.

Kenya is ready to lead through the Power of Data initiative and continental partnerships, shaping a future where individuals and communities have true agency in the data economy.







Reweaving Trust & Reclaiming Agency: Data Commons and the Value of Data

Engaged with Stefaan Verhulst (The Governance Lab) and Richard S. Whitt (Reweaving the Web) on returning agency to communities through data cooperatives and data commons.These models strengthen collective power, unlock social value, and align with Kenya's Power of Data initiative.

Richard highlighted the shift of the Web from openness to surveillance, and how Net Fiduciaries and GliaNet can restore trust and accountability. Together, these insights reinforce Digital Public Intelligence (DPI^2) — creating systems that embed trust, equity, and accountability at the core and chart a path toward a more inclusive, human-centered digital future.





Reflecting on a Decade of Global Data Partnerships

Amb. Philip Thigo had the honor of representing the Government of Kenya and Dr. Korir Sing'oei at the GPSDD Board meeting, marking ten years since the partnership's launch at the 2015 SDG Summit.

We reviewed progress, challenges, and opportunities in a shifting global landscape, with pressing questions around the AI stack, inclusivity, trust, and safety. The meeting reaffirmed that global partnerships remain indispensable. As the lifeblood of AI, data must be governed in ways that are inclusive, transparent, and trusted—balancing state interests, corporate power, and individual rights.

The next decade will demand not only innovation but also deeper South–South, multilateral, and cross-sectoral cooperation to ensure data truly empowers people everywhere.

Reflections with UN DSG Amina Mohamed at UNGA80

At the margins of UNGA80, during the GPSDD Board meeting, I had the opportunity to engage with H.E. Amina Mohamed, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General.

The discussion centered on the Pact for the Future and the recently agreed global institutions on AI — notably the UN Independent Scientific Panel on AI and the Global Dialogue on AI Governance. These developments were highlighted as critical steps toward anchoring trust, safety, and inclusion in an era of rapid technological change.

At a time when multilateralism faces significant challenges, the reflections underscored the importance of doubling down on the Global Goals, leveraging data and AI to serve people, safeguard the planet, and strengthen collective action.





Empowering Nations for Inclusive Prosperity in the Era of AI

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Kenya, with support from the United Nations Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies (UNODET), convened a closed high-level roundtable on the widening global AI capacity gap.

While some nations are advancing robust AI ecosystems, many others face significant shortfalls in skills, policy, and infrastructure. The event explored how international cooperation, multilateral action, and South–South exchange can strengthen institutional readiness and enable inclusive, safe, and effective AI adoption.

Participants included senior leaders from governments, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector. Together, they charted approaches to AI capacity-building that are locally tailored, globally aligned, and openly accessible.



Collaboration on Reimagining Digital Public Infrastructure + Intelligence: Shaping the Next Digital Publics

It was a pleasure meeting Sarah Nicole (Project Liberty Institute) and Vidisha Mishra (Global Solutions Initiative) as a follow-up to our UNGA80 roundtable on September 16th.

We explored Kenya's vision of moving beyond digital public infrastructure toward digital public intelligence — ensuring that investments deliver prosperity and serve citizens, rather than becoming white elephants.

Our dialogue dug deeper into the stack: agile governance, innovative financing, skills and capabilities, and equitable partnerships. In today's complex geopolitical context, Kenya and Africa must position themselves not only as users but also as creators of technology.

For us, sovereignty means independence within interdependence — anchored in international law, multilateralism, and inclusivity. This is the path to shaping digital futures that empower citizens and build resilience for people and planet.



Shaping Africa's Food Sovereignty in an Age of AI – UNGA80

Amb. Philip Thigo had the pleasure of reconnecting with Aaron Berger to advance work on Food Sovereignty in Africa, in collaboration with South Africa and other partner countries. Together, we aim to harness AI and emerging technologies to de-risk food systems from geopolitical risks, climate shocks, and conflicts, while strengthening resilient local value chains from seed to market.

This effort connects with our Food Systems Innovation track at the Action Lab and the upcoming WEF Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR) in Kenya, both serving as platforms to translate ideas into scalable, country-led solutions. From early warning systems and digital traceability to smart financing for smallholders and interoperable digital public infrastructure, we are working to move Africa from vulnerability to sovereignty in food systems.

Shaping Data and AI for Fair, Sustainable Progress



Honored to join Amina J. Mohammed (UN DSG), Diene Keita (UNFPA), Elizabeth Cousens (UN Foundation), and many friends of the data revolution at a high-level dinner during #UNGA80.

Hosted by Microsoft and the Board of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD), the evening brought together leaders across government, industry, and civil society to reflect on how partnerships and inclusive data can shape AI for food security, climate action, and global health.

As GPSDD enters a new chapter, I wish Dr. Claire Melamed the very best and thank her for a decade of transformative leadership.

Looking ahead, global partnerships must evolve to meet the headwinds of sovereignty and geopolitics, while strengthening citizen agency, reforming institutions, and building resilience for people and planet in pursuit of the SDGs.





Unstoppable AI in Africa 2025 at UNGA80



Amb. Philip Thigo had the pleasure of being part of this year's convening — always energizing to reconnect with friends and colleagues shaping Africa's digital future. The theme could not be more timely: Africa as an unstoppable force driving inclusive growth, technology, and sustainable transformation. Across conversations, one truth stood out — Africa has the capacity to resource its own digital infrastructure if we are to be true creators, from compute to connectivity, and yes, to energy. It was a privilege to exchange with Carol Koech (GEAPP) on clean, affordable energy as the backbone of Africa's digital future; with Oswald Jumira (Liquid C2) on sovereign compute and African-led innovation for a trusted AI ecosystem; and with Thule Lenneyie (AGRA) on reimagining food systems through AI and digital tools to derisk agriculture and strengthen sovereignty. Africa is unstoppable — when we align our resources, talent, and vision, we are not just participants in the digital era, but creators of it.

Digital Public Infrastructure and the Digital Economy – Africa's Opportunity

Amb. Philip Thigo moderated the session on "Digital Public Infrastructure and the Digital Economy – Africa's Opportunity" at UNGA80, alongside U.S.G. Amandeep Gill (UN Envoy on Technology) and H.E. Dr. 'Bosun Tijani (Nigeria's Minister of Communications, Innovation & Digital Economy). The discussion underscored that DPI is ultimately a test of values — safeguards are essential to build trust and inclusion. While governments lay the rails, it is citizens, innovators, and ecosystems who power the trains, making collaboration and interoperability across Africa critical for scale. DPI is not just technology but also about mindset and change management to empower people. The future lies in moving from Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) to Digital Public Intelligence (DPIi) — harnessing data, insights, and AI to strengthen resilience in food, health, education, and climate.





Roundtable on Catalyzing Digital Ecosystem Development at UNGA80

Amb. Philip Thigo joined the DCO, UNDP, and 500 Global Institute at the Yale Club in New York for a roundtable on unlocking blended finance to scale innovation. Leaders across government, investment, and technology explored how to build trusted digital ecosystems anchored in interoperability, empower SMEs, youth, and women entrepreneurs, and ground efforts in open-source and sovereign DPI & DPIi to de-risk investment. The message was clear: financing models must adapt to a changing digital landscape so prosperity is inclusive, resilient, and sustainable.

High-Level Event on Culture, Health, Trade & Artificial Intelligence | #UNGA80

Amb. Philip Thigo delivered keynote remarks at the Aspire Artemis Foundation event, asking: what kind of AI future are we building — one that excludes, or one that empowers? Kenya believes AI must be inclusive, equitable, and culturally grounded — preserving heritage, strengthening health systems, and equipping youth, especially girls, with STEM skills. Inspired by the energy of young leaders, Kenya will partner with Aspire Artemis to host a STEAM Symposium in East Africa next year, uplifting underserved youth and diaspora communities.



Bullish on Kenya: The Next Frontier for Exceptional Returns

The Office of the Special Envoy on Technology joined the inaugural Bullish on Kenya reception at UNGA80, where global investors affirmed Kenya as the next frontier for exceptional returns. Amb. Philip Thigo highlighted Kenya's leadership in technology, investor-friendly policies, and opportunities in green energy, broadband, fintech sandboxes, and sovereign GPU clusters. He further emphasized open government reforms—digitized registration, open contracting, and AI-enabled justice—that enhance predictability, fairness, and trust in Kenya's investment climate.



Featured for Championing Inclusive AI Standards at UNGA80

Ambassador Philip Thigo, Kenya's Special Envoy on Technology, was featured by Tech Review Africa for his remarks at UN Digital Cooperation Day during UNGA80, where he called for inclusive, human-centered, and interoperable AI standards. He cautioned against fragmented approaches, emphasized embedding human rights and sustainability across the AI lifecycle, and highlighted Kenya's leadership through the UNEA-7 resolution on "Safe, Responsible, and Sustainable AI for People and Planet," reaffirming the country's commitment to shaping equitable and sustainable global AI standards.





Shaping Responsible AI Through International Standards and Cooperation | #UNGA80

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Empowering Nations for Inclusive Prosperity in the Era of AI | #UNGA80

At UNGA80, Amb. Philip Thigo co-hosted with Saudi Arabia, supported by UNODET, a high-level event on Advancing AI Capacity Building under the Pact for the Future and Global Digital Compact. Speakers stressed that investment in data, compute, talent, and governance is critical to prevent a widening divide. Kenya offered to host an Africa Regional Centre of Excellence to support Voluntary Innovative Financing for infrastructure and transformative use cases. Governments including UAE, Pakistan, India, Kazakhstan, and Denmark, with partners such as OECD, Cisco, Oracle, Zindi, and WorldQuant University, reaffirmed their commitment. The event underscored that AI must be co-created by all, for the many—anchored in equity, resilience, and dignity.

Global Stage at UNGA80 – AI, Multilateralism & Emerging Markets

Amb. Philip Thigo joined a high-level panel moderated by Julia Chatterley alongside Ian Bremmer, Rebeca Grynspan, S. Krishnan, and Brad Smith to discuss how AI is reshaping geopolitics, governance, and global cooperation. He highlighted Kenya's commitment to a reimagined multilateralism built on trust, inclusion, and shared standards that reflect the needs of all. The discussion underscored that only genuine multistakeholder collaboration can ensure AI advances prosperity, dignity, and equity worldwide.

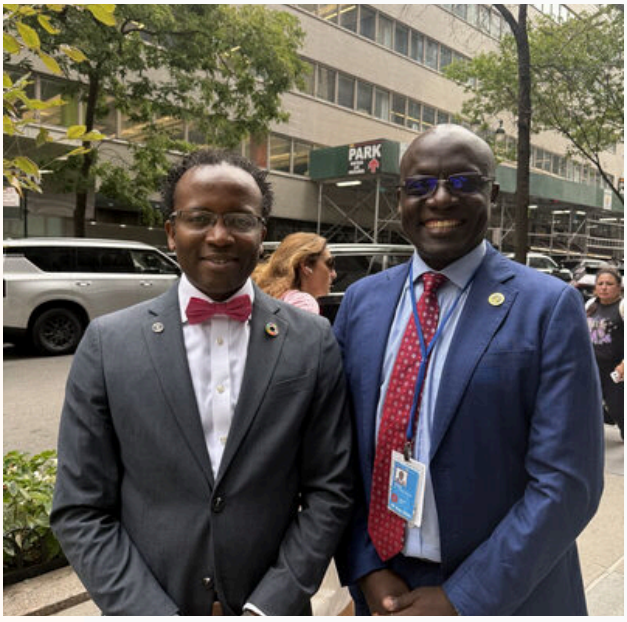






UNGA80 Side Event: "Bridging the Gaps and Co-Creating the Digital Future

Amb. Philip Thigo spoke at the high-level side event "Bridging the Gaps and Co-Creating the Digital Future", co-organized by Italy with UNDP and co-sponsored by Kenya, Egypt, and Mozambique, which explored the role of the AI Hub for Sustainable Development. He emphasized Kenya's three priorities through the Hub: sovereign compute to power Africa's innovation with affordable and green infrastructure; trust infrastructure to ensure AI is accountable, inclusive, and rooted in dignity; and Pan-African co-creation where Africa is a builder, not just a user. The event underscored that co-investment in infrastructure, trust, and talent must be pursued as co-creation rather than charity, with partners including Egypt, Mozambique, Italy, Microsoft, AWS, Alliance4AI, and others reaffirming commitment to equitable digital cooperation.



Shaping the Future of Cross-Border Data and Digital Currencies

The Office met with Prof. Landry to explore collaboration between Kenya's Mission in Washington, D.C., and the Circle on Cross-Border Data Flows and Digital Currencies. Discussions centered on governance implications of digital currencies, risks and opportunities of cross-border data flows, and how Kenya can shape global digital policy from a position of sovereignty and innovation. They are considering convening a strategic roundtable at the World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings to engage policymakers, technologists, and thought leaders on digital finance and trusted data ecosystems.

Report Launch: 1 in 5 Kenyan Users Secure Jobs Through AI Challenges | UNGA80

Amb. Philip Thigo, Kenya's Special Envoy on Technology, launched the Zindi Country-Level Employability Report 2025 at the 80th UN General Assembly with Zindi CEO Celina Lee and Eng. H.E. Sami Muqeeb of SDAIA. Produced with Dalberg Data Insights, ICAIRE, and the Presidency of Kenya, the report shows nearly one in five young Kenyans on Zindi's platform secured jobs through AI challenges, with four or more challenges making them four times more employable. Even a single course or teamwork triples job prospects. Amb. Thigo noted that Africa enters the Age of Intelligence with its people as a unique advantage, underscoring Kenya's role at the intersection of youth opportunity and global AI capacity-building.





Reimagining Education in the Era of Intelligence

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Amb. Philip Thigo represented CS Hon. William Kabogo in a strategic dialogue with OpenAI leadership on embedding responsible AI in education. The meeting announced: a collaboration between OpenAI, KENIA, and the Tech Envoy's Office to support universities; a high-level OpenAI–Tech Envoy Masterclass in November for policymakers; and free access to the OpenAI Academy for Kenyan learners. The partnership will also explore adoption models such as challenge labs, hackathons, and peer-led cohorts to empower youth and educators in shaping AI's future.

Navigating Data in the Age of AI

In New York, the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD) convened its board for a workshop on the future of the data revolution in an era increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence.

Ambassador Philip Thigo, MBS, Kenya's Special Envoy on Technology, took part in the discussions alongside Ania Calderón, Managing Director at the Data & Society Research Institute, and Rob Opp, Chief Digital Officer of UNDP.

The workshop spotlighted how AI is stretching the boundaries of data governance and exposing the limits of outdated frameworks. Amb. Thigo stressed that new approaches are needed — ones that move beyond fragmentation and foster greater collaboration and trust across borders.

A key theme was data sovereignty. Concepts such as "Data Embassies" — secure repositories of national datasets hosted in trusted jurisdictions — are emerging as tools to help nations safeguard critical assets against cyber threats and political shocks. In an age when data is both a strategic resource and a matter of national security, such innovations could reshape global resilience.

The conversations also underscored the paradox of data in an AI world: its power to drive predictive health systems, climate resilience, and evidence-based policy, alongside risks of exclusion, bias, and growing inequalities between those with access to data and those without. Amb. Thigo emphasized the importance of ensuring that Africa and the Global South are not just data providers, but co-authors of the governance frameworks that will define the future.

The New York meeting carried a clear message: the data revolution cannot be managed in silos. It requires shared standards, interoperable systems, and stronger partnerships. With voices like Amb. Thigo's at the table, the perspectives of the Global South are helping shape a global vision for data that is inclusive, resilient, and fit for the age of AI.







Financing Innovation at Scale









Ambassador Philip Thigo, MBS, Special Envoy on Technology, joined 500 Global and global partners during the United Nations General Assembly and Climate Week New York for high-level conversations on financing innovation at scale. The engagements included a roundtable on “Unlocking Blended Finance for Innovation at Scale” with the Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO) and UNDP, contributions to the Global Africa Business Initiative on localized infrastructure and Pan-African projects, and a panel discussion at Devex Impact House with Alice Albright, Arsalan Mahtafar, Jake Cusack, and Atul Satija on redesigning financing systems for impact without compromising returns.

Key nsights underscored the need to design blended finance around outcomes rather than optics, centering local problem-solvers and scaling proven solutions; to shift from fragmented project-based deals to ecosystem approaches that integrate policy and investment for cross-market growth; and to align interests by bringing sovereign actors into partnerships earlier, recognizing the distinct roles across the capital stack.
These discussions reaffirmed that financing the future of inclusive economies goes beyond mobilizing capital—it requires building trust-based partnerships that dismantle siloes and unlock innovation at scale.

Coalition on Digital Environmental Sustainability (CODES) at UNGA80

Amb. Philip Thigo joined the CODES roundtable at UNGA80, co-hosted with the COP30 Presidency, the German Environment Agency, and UNDP, bringing together governments, Indigenous Peoples, private sector, science, and UN agencies to advance digital sustainability. Kenya, a co-founder of CODES, highlighted progress on its AI Resolution at UNEA-7, which seeks to embed environmental sustainability in global AI governance. Key priorities include minimizing AI's environmental footprint, leveraging AI to tackle climate, biodiversity, and pollution crises, promoting open and interoperable data, ensuring equitable access across the AI stack, and strengthening accountability through transparent reporting.

Kenya at UNGA80: Advancing AI Governance

At UNGA80, Kenya underscored its leadership in AI governance, from shaping global negotiations to supporting the UN's call for Voluntary Innovative Financing for AI capacity building. Through CS Hon. William Kabogo, Kenya highlighted the need for inclusivity and equity, while PS Dr. Korir Sing'oei chaired the launch of the Global Dialogue Mechanism. Kenya also announced plans, through the Tech Envoy's Office, to work with President William Ruto and the UN Secretary-General on financing options and expressed readiness to host a regional Center of Excellence to build skills, infrastructure, and partnerships for the Global South.

Building Inclusive Pathways for Data Communities

At UNGA, Amb. Philip Thigo met Jenna Slotin, Interim CEO of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data (GPSDD), to reflect on the upcoming Global Data Festival set for June 2026 in Nairobi. Discussions focused on strengthening local coordination, shaping a practical roadmap for content co-creation, and ensuring plural voices—especially from Africa and the Global South—are not just included but actively shaping the global data agenda.











Scaling AI Capacity, Building Inclusion

At UNGA, Amb. Philip Thigo met Lady Marieme Jamme to discuss I Am the Code and the urgent need to scale AI capacity for underserved communities, including refugees. He also engaged ASG Sanda Ojiambo of the UN Global Compact on synergies around Unstoppable Africa 2026. These exchanges highlighted how connections and collaborations beyond plenaries are shaping inclusive pathways in the era of intelligence.





Inclusivity, safe, and Trustworthy AI

The office met Tim Rutherford of the Minderoo Foundation to explore partnerships on AI inclusion, trust, and safety. He emphasized Africa—and Kenya in particular—as the frontline in shaping whether technology delivers harm or benefit, while acknowledging the commitment of Tim and Dr. Andrew Forrest to advancing a people-centered AI future.

Discussions with CISCO leadership

At UNGA80, Amb. Philip Thigo connected with Cisco leadership under the guidance of Francine Katsoudas. Discussions underscored that AI skilling and fluency are critical to bridging workforce gaps and unlocking the talent needed to drive economies in the intelligence era.







AI in the Military Domain: Responsibility by Design

At UNGA80, Amb. Philip Thigo reconnected with colleagues from the Minderoo AI Think Tank, led by Dr. Andrew Forrest, whose efforts in the US–China Track II Dialogue on AI and National Security have created vital spaces for trust-building. Kenya reaffirmed its clear stance that AI must never be given agency over life-and-death decisions. This principle is central to the Strategic Guidance Report of the Global Commission on Responsible AI in the Military Domain (GC-REAIM), which calls for embedding responsibility by design across the AI lifecycle and ensuring ethical and legal safeguards. Bringing Global South perspectives into these debates remains essential to building inclusive and credible governance frameworks.

President Ruto's Leadership on Green Manufacturing

During UNGA and Climate Week, Amb. Philip Thigo joined the H.E. President William Ruto and met with Enda Athletics to discuss the future of Kenyan manufacturing. The President emphasized the role of green manufacturing and reshoring global value chains in creating jobs, opening new opportunities across industries, and supporting local companies such as Enda.

This agenda aligns with Kenya's broader digital and AI industrial strategy — from sovereign AI to smart manufacturing — positioning the country to compete in emerging green and intelligent economies.

Kenya's direction in manufacturing is clear: green, inclusive, and globally competitive.



Global Citizen Festival 2025 at UNGA80

UNGA80 concluded with the Global Citizen Festival in Central Park, which brought together over 60,000 participants and mobilized record actions worldwide. This year's campaign secured commitments on key priorities: expanding clean energy access to 1 million people in Africa, mobilizing $1B for Amazon rainforest protection and restoration, ensuring education for 30,000 children, and tackling systemic inequalities to end extreme poverty. These commitments, supported by governments and corporations, reflect the role of collective advocacy in driving tangible change.







UNEA 7 : Informal Consultations on the UNEA-7 AI Resolution



Ambassador Philip Thigo, MBS, Special Envoy on Technology for the Republic of Kenya, led informal consultations on the draft resolution for the upcoming United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7): “Safe, Responsible and Sustainable Artificial Intelligence for People and Planet.”

Working alongside the Embassies of Belgium, France, and Italy, the consultations were an attempt to establish foundational principles for AI and the environment. These principles build on previous UN General Assembly commitments as well as standards and resolutions from UNEA, ITU, UNESCO, and UNCTAD — ensuring the resolution is anchored in the broader multilateral framework while filling UNEA’s unique role of embedding environmental sustainability at the core of AI governance.

The dialogue emphasized the dual imperative of AI: AI for Green — deploying AI for climate action, biodiversity protection, and disaster resilience; and Green AI — reducing AI’s environmental footprint, from energy and water consumption to critical minerals and e-waste. This aligns with UNEA-7’s overarching theme, “Solutions for a Resilient Planet.”

Ambassador Thigo also engaged the UNEP Chief Digital Office to align the resolution with UNEP’s broader digital transformation agenda, notably by strengthening the Global Environmental Data Strategy (GEDS) as the foundation for interoperable, AI-ready environmental data.

The resolution further links UNEA’s work with new global mechanisms such as the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and the Global Dialogue on AI Governance, ensuring environmental priorities shape the future of AI governance.

With building blocks such as lifecycle assessments, early warning systems, capacity-building, and innovative financing, the draft resolution sets out to ensure that AI innovation and environmental resilience advance together. If adopted at UNEA-7, it will mark the first UNEA resolution explicitly dedicated to AI, setting a precedent for sustainable and responsible technology governance worldwide.

Unstoppable - AI, Food Systems, Health and Nutrition

Ambassador Philip Thigo, MBS, Special Envoy on Technology, joined leaders from the Rockefeller Foundation, Cassava Technologies, AGRA, and the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) to explore how artificial intelligence and digital infrastructure can reshape Africa's food systems. The discussion centered on how innovation can directly link agriculture to improved health and nutrition outcomes.

At the center of the exchange was the idea of a Food Systems Digital Public Infrastructure (FS-DPI) — a shared digital backbone designed as a public good. Rather than duplicating efforts, the FS-DPI seeks to connect fragmented initiatives across agriculture, climate, nutrition, and trade. By enabling trusted data sharing and real-time insights, it aims to tackle persistent food insecurity while boosting climate resilience. Hippocratic AI–style safeguards — prioritizing safety, trust, and dignity — can help ensure that AI-powered nutrition tools expand access without harm.

Cassava Technologies emphasized the role of AI Factories — sovereign GPU clusters and digital infrastructure — in powering the FS-DPI. These Factories will enable local innovation, from predictive yield models to smarter logistics, ensuring that solutions are designed and owned in Africa.

AGRA highlighted the farmer-first dimension, noting that adoption depends on real value at the last mile. Farmers need affordable crop insurance, credit, and transparent market access. Digital tools will only succeed if they solve these practical challenges.

GEAPP added a critical perspective on energy as the enabler. Reliable, clean power is the foundation for both food production and digital innovation. From powering cold storage to enabling AI-driven early warning systems, GEAPP underlined that food systems transformation and energy access must go hand-in-hand.

Ambassador Thigo underscored that Africa's two greatest assets — its youthful population and AI — must drive this transformation. Ongoing research at the Action Lab on AI in food systems is mapping the opportunities, while youth innovators will be engaged as co-architects, building the tools that power the FS-DPI.

"Africa's food future cannot be left to fragmented pilots," Ambassador Thigo said. "AI Factories rooted in African soil, combined with health-centered AI principles and clean energy access, will ensure our people are nourished, our farmers are empowered, and our economies are resilient."

This dialogue represents the early steps in building a broad coalition to co-create the FS-DPI — aligning technology, energy, and investment with Africa's long-term priorities in food, health, and sustainability.





Media, Reports, And Publications

Zindi Employability report



The report by Zindi, in partnership with Dalberg Data Insights and ICAIRE, evaluates the employment outcomes of over 8,000 Kenyan users on the Zindi platform, showing a clear link between platform engagement and career progression in data and AI. Findings reveal that nearly one in five Kenyan Zindi users experienced a career change after joining, with more than 80% of those with completed profiles advancing in their careers compared to just 3% without. Active participation in challenges, teamwork, and community engagement significantly increased employability, underscoring that meaningful platform use —not just winning competitions—drives long-term career growth.

In his foreword, Ambassador Philip Thigo, Kenya's Special Envoy on Technology, emphasizes Africa's demographic advantage and the critical role of talent in shaping the global AI economy. He notes that platforms like Zindi democratize opportunity, allowing young Africans to sharpen their skills and prove their readiness for the future of work. For employers, this means looking beyond degrees and leaderboards to tap into resilient, creative, and market-ready talent. For policymakers, it signals the need to link learning with livelihoods and build ecosystems that power a sovereign AI economy in Africa—anchored in talent, clean data, and green compute.

Kenya Showcases AI Leadership at UNGA80,

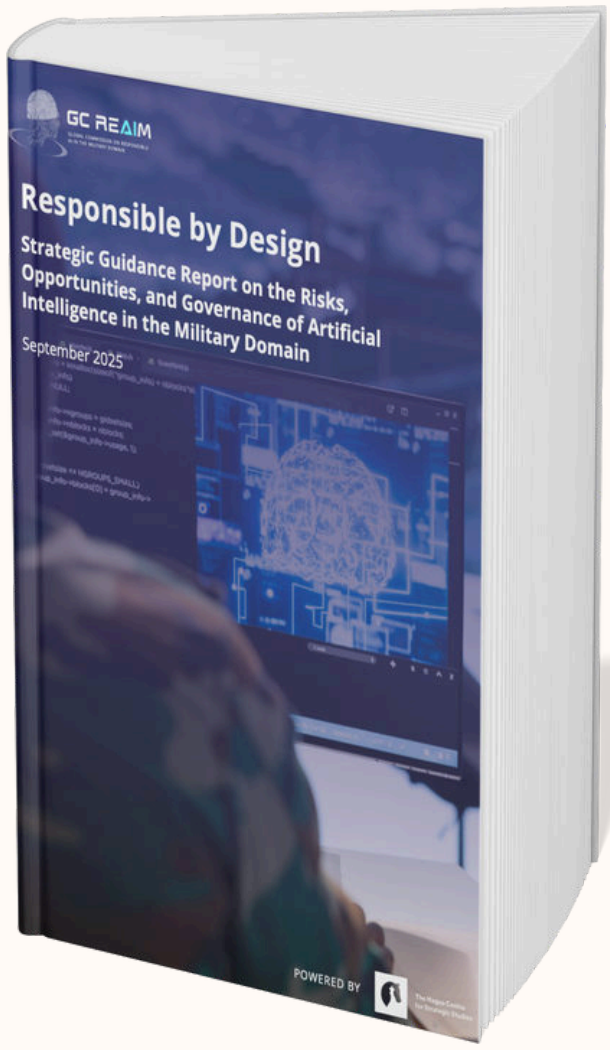


At the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA80), Kenya showcased its leadership in AI governance and capacity building, drawing on its role in the UN High-Level Advisory Body on AI and current leadership of the G77+China negotiations on AI and Data Governance. Cabinet Secretary William Kabogo emphasized AI's potential to foster peace while warning against its misuse in cyberattacks, disinformation, and surveillance, and urged for innovative financing to bridge Africa's digital divide.

Foreign Affairs PS Dr. Korir Sing'oei, who chaired the launch of the UN Dialogue Mechanism on AI Governance, credited the Ministry of ICT and Ambassador Philip Thigo for steering much of the work. Kenya also proposed hosting an Africa Regional Centre of Excellence and plans to convene an international conference on financing AI capacity building. Citizen TV, and Horizon TV featured the discussions, highlighting Ambassador Thigo's call for inclusive and equitable co-creation of AI governance to serve both Africa and the Global South.

Link : **Citizen TV**, and Horizon TV

Responsible By Design:Strategic Guidance Report on the Risks, Opportunities, and Governance of Artificial Intelligence in the Military Domain



Ambassador Philip Thigo, Kenya's Special Envoy on Technology and a Member of the UN High-Level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence, contributed to this important report on AI in the military domain, together with the Ministry of Defence. His engagement reflects Kenya's commitment to ensuring that African voices are part of global conversations on emerging technologies and their governance. In line with his broader work on technology diplomacy, Ambassador Thigo's input supported the collective effort to frame responsible pathways for AI development and deployment, particularly in sensitive and high-stakes areas such as defense and security.

The executive summary underscores that AI is both transformative and fraught with risks when applied to the military sphere, raising profound ethical, legal, and operational challenges. The report calls for "responsibility by design," integrating compliance and accountability from the earliest stages of system development through to deployment. It highlights the need for human oversight, adherence to international law, and processes that safeguard human agency and dignity. To guide this, the report sets out three core principles: compliance with international law and shared ethical standards; systematic and structured design, testing, and deployment across the AI lifecycle; and ensuring accountability so that ultimate responsibility for decisions remains with human operators.

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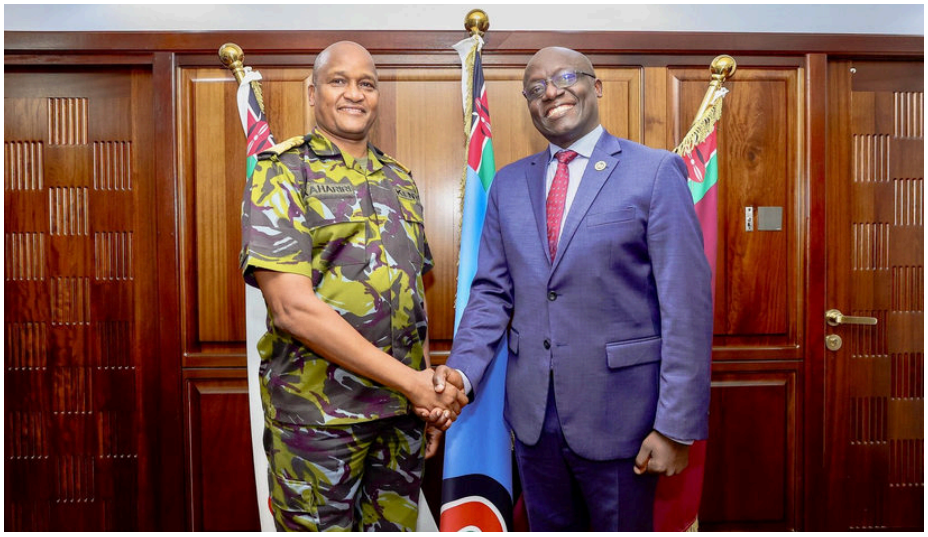







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