



Moderators

1. Dr Ally Y. Simba



Executive Secretary, East African Communications Organization

Dr Ally Y. Simba is the Executive Secretary of East African Communications Organization (EACO). EACO is a regional organization responsible for communications sector policy harmonization in East African region based in Kigali, Rwanda. He has more than 20 years of experience in communication industry where he has worked as an Engineer with a mobile phone operator, as a researcher, as regulator, and as policy maker with the central government of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Dr Simba received his B.Sc. (Hons.) degree in Electronics Science and Communications from the University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, in 1998, and the M.E and Ph.D. Degrees in Electronics and Information Engineering from Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan, in 2003 and 2006, respectively

Dr. Simba was an Expert Researcher with the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology, Tokyo, Japan from 2006 to 2011, where he was involved in research on the effect of exposure from mobile phones and base stations to the human health. From 2011 to 2013, he was a Manager for Planning and Research with the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA), Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. From 2013 to 2015, he served as a Director of ICT at the Ministry of Communication Science and Technology (MCST) of the United Republic of Tanzania and later appointed to the position of Director General of TCRA in July 2015, a position he served until December, 2016. Dr. Simba has published widely in peer-reviewed international journals and presented his research work in more than 30 international conferences. He participated actively in the work of the Study Group 5 of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) since 2009.

Dr. Simba is a Chartered Engineer, registered with the U.K. Engineering Council and a Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology, U.K., where he served an International Professional Registration Advisor for Engineering Professional Registration from April 2011 to March 2014. He is also a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

2. Patrick Emile BAGANIZI



Ag. Director General of Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA)

Patrick Emile BAGANIZI is a highly qualified and experienced professional in the fields of transportation, regulation, and technical consultancy.

Since October 2022, he has been serving as the Ag. Director General of Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA), where he is responsible for regulating all utilities, including telecommunications, transport, energy, water, and sanitation services. In addition, he holds the distinction of being the nominated Rwanda's Councilor to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Prior to his current role, BAGANIZI served as the Deputy Director General of Rwanda Transport Development Agency (RTDA) from July 2019 to October 2022. He brought to this position a wealth of experience gained from his over 11-year tenure as a consultant in the Road Maintenance Fund Administration (RMFA), where he provided technical support for financing the maintenance of the core road network in Rwanda.