

## Rwanda hosted ACDF 2025



From 29 September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 3, 2025, Rwanda hosted the Africa Cyber Defense Forum (ACDF), bringing together over 200 delegates from 21 countries across the continent and beyond.

Leaders including Hon. Paula Ingabire, Minister of ICT & Innovation in Rwanda, Mr. John Omo; Secretary General for African Telecommunications Union and Dr. Emmanuel Manasseh Regional Director for International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for Africa, stressed regional collaboration, skilled talent, and inclusive awareness. Speakers urged action, trust, and support for homegrown innovation to build a resilient African cyberspace.

## Rurangwa, appointed as The PS in MINICT

On Thursday, September 18, 2025, Mr Eraste Rurangwa, the Head of DPO was appointed as The Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of ICT and Innovation - Rwanda.

We congratulate him and thank him for his invaluable contribution while working as the Head of the Data Protection & Privacy Office.

The Data Protection & Privacy Office & entire Data Protection & Privacy community wish him success in his new responsibilities.



## "Let's build a culture of Data Protection" Mr. Rurangwa



On September 11, 2025, Mr. Eraste Rurangwa, former Head of Data Protection & Privacy, joined a panel on Rwanda's Data Sharing Policy and Privacy Law, hosted by Rwanda ICT Chamber and ISACA Rwanda.

He highlighted Rwanda's Personal Data Protection and Privacy Law as aligned with global standards and vital to digital transformation, innovation, and citizen empowerment. He emphasized its role in guiding responsible data handling, alongside the National Data Sharing Policy.

"Let's build a culture of data protection by understanding the law, training staff, and conducting regular audits. Rwanda is committed to fostering a trusted digital future," he affirmed.

## October: The Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Across the globe, October marks the Cybersecurity Awareness Month. This year, together with our partners, our message is simple: Ba Maso. Because what happens online, affects us offline. Stay tuned, as we share tips & actions we can take to stay safe online. Check out the hashtags:

**#BaMaso #CyberAwarenessMonth #TekanaOnline.** Read more [here](#).



## TIP OF THE MONTH

Click [here](#) for Cyber Security Alerts

### Know the data you handle!

Before you can protect data, you need to understand exactly what types of data you collect, use, and store. Knowing the kinds of personal data you handle helps ensure you apply the right level of protection and stay compliant.

### Upcoming events

October from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
**Cybersecurity awareness month**

2 October, 2025  
**The Launch of the CyberHub**