About Rwanda Data Protection & Privacy Office

- Rwanda enacted Law No 058/2021 of 13/10/2021 relating to the protection of personal data and privacy on 15 October 2021.
- The National Cyber Security Authority (NCSA) was designated as the supervisory authority for its enforcement.
- To implement the law, the NCSA launched the Data Protection Office in March 2022.
- The office spearheads initiatives to ensure protection of personal data and guarantee the privacy of individuals in Rwanda

WHY DPO AT A GLANCE?

- To share updates about the work of DPO.
- To share tips for safeguarding individuals' personal data & privacy
- To give updates on DPO's upcoming activities.

DPO participated in a national training on AI, Data protection & the Rule of Law for Judicial Operators

From 14 to 15 April, Data Protection and Privacy Office – Rwanda joined a national training on Artificial Intelligence (AI), data protection, and the rule of law for legal professionals in Kigali, organized by the Ministry of Justice and UNESCO and GIZ Rwanda. The event gathered 35 legal professionals to discuss AI's role in shaping Rwanda's justice system.

The training aimed to equip them with the knowledge and tools needed to understand AI and data protection benefits. It was based on UNESCO's Global Toolkit on AI and the Rule of Law.

> " Data protection is not just about compliance, it is about trust and reputation. For the justice sector, safeguarding personal data is essential to uphold justice, dignity and human rights.
>
> **Mr. Eraste Rurangwa, Head of DPO-Rwanda** "

Action Steps:

- List all types of personal data your organization collects (e.g., customer, employee, or third-party data).
- Document its purpose — why you collect it, how it's used, and how long it's retained.
- Review this regularly to keep your data knowledge up to date.

Organizations often struggle because they don't know what data they have — not just where it is.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Know the data you handle!
You can't protect what you don't know. Start by understanding the types of personal data you collect, use, or store. This helps you apply the right protections and meet compliance requirements.

Cyber Security Alerts

- **Alerts**

Upcoming event
21st May 2025
Webinar on cross border Data transfer and storage

Tool of the Month

A customizable **Data Inventory Guide and Template** to help manage high-risk processing activities.