

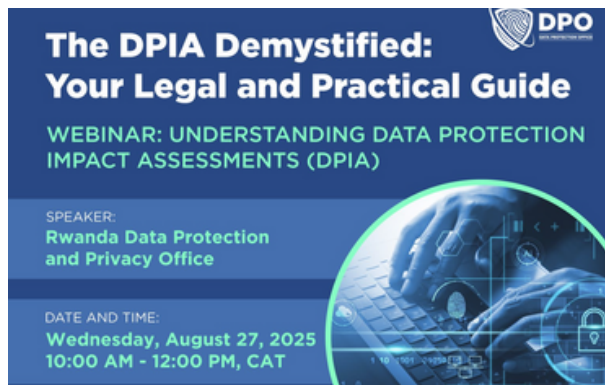
Building Trust Through DPIAs: DPO Webinar Highlights Strategic Data Protection

The Data Protection Office (DPO) held a webinar on Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs), drawing over 350 participants. It focused on Rwanda's DPIA guide and stressed how DPIAs help assess data processing risks and ensure compliance, especially in high-risk cases like sensitive data or automated decisions.

DPIAs were presented as vital for protecting privacy and constitutional rights. The session clarified when DPIAs are mandatory and how they support responsible, lawful data handling across various processing operations.

"DPIAs are more than just a legal requirement, they serve as a practical tool to identify risks early, protect individuals' rights, and build confidence in how we handle data. By approaching them strategically, we can move beyond mere compliance to fostering trust and innovation." Ms. Eliane Sebakiga, DPO staff delivering her remarks.

Read [more](#) about the DPIA guide.

**Protecting Personal Data: DPO's Message to MTN and Partners**

At MTN's Partner Forum, the Data Protection Office (DPO) urged MTN and its partners to comply with Rwanda's Data Protection and Privacy Law. The presentation covered key roles, rights, and legal duties, stressing that safeguarding personal data builds trust.

The DPO noted cloud storage is permitted, but using servers outside Rwanda requires authorization from the National Cyber Security Authority (NCSA). Organizations were advised to include data protection in contracts, register vendors, and conduct due diligence. Training and awareness were highlighted as vital for compliance.

"Data protection is not just about compliance; it is about trust and reputation. As businesses, safeguarding personal data is essential to upholding business values and credibility. Protect data, build trust and safeguard your reputation." Said Mr. Eraste Rurangwa, Head of DPO

Tool of the Month**Data Protection Officer Designation Guide.**

A Data Protection Officer (DPO) is a person who oversees the implementation and enforcement of data protection and privacy measures for a given entity. Learn what a DPO is, why your organization should have one, and the steps to officially assign the position

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