



The Commonwealth

Data, Technology and Digitalisation Series

Webinar: Digital Skills for Youth of the Commonwealth

10 June 2021, 1100 – 1400 BST

The Commonwealth Secretariat is hosting a webinar in partnership with Microsoft Corporation on the skills young people need to be competitive employees, entrepreneurs, and digital citizens. About 60 per cent of the Commonwealth's 2.4 billion people are under the age of 30. The webinar is an opportunity for them to talk to industry experts about the digital skills market needs and challenges.

Discussions will start with opening remarks from Commonwealth Secretary-General The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC and senior leaders from Microsoft Corporation. The webinar will then have two panel sessions. One session will look at national initiatives on building digital skills of young people while the other will consider youth experiences and ideas in addressing the gaps.

Opening Session

Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC

Secretary-General of the Commonwealth

Chris Perkins

General Manager Public Sector,
Microsoft Corporation, UK

Panel 1 on policy imperatives

Yves N Iradukunda

Permanent Secretary for ICT and Innovation,
Rwanda

Sylvia Poll

Head of the Digital Society Division in the
Telecommunication Development Bureau of
the International Telecommunication Union
(ITU)

Lee Jones

Microsoft Public Sector Digital Skills Lead, UK

Panel 2 on youth aspirations

Jubilanté Joanna Cutting

Founder of Guyana Animation Network, CW
Youth Award finalist, Attorney-at-law

Jaya Rajwani

Award-winning social innovator, computer
engineer, Femtech founder

Dr Chike Opara

Medical doctor and digital product designer

Shauna Tagaloa Katafono

Co-founder of Traseable Solutions

Dunola Oladapo

Founder, Luton Lights, G(irls)20 Ambassador,
UK Coordinator of CYPAN, Team member of
Generation Connect at ITU

Benjamin Rommel

Microsoft Business Program Manager, UK

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