Centre for Human Rights MOOC
The right to privacy in the digital age in Africa

This Centre for Human Rights Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) is presented with the support of Google. The course focuses on the key elements of the right to privacy and data protection in the digital age in Africa.

The right to privacy in the digital age in Africa is designed to provide participants with the foundational elements of the right to privacy and data protection; the legal framework on privacy and data protection, restrictions on the right to privacy; privacy and cybersecurity and also provide a glimpse of some of the emerging issues on privacy in the digital age.

The course is being presented at a time when many African countries are grappling with enacting specific and appropriate legislation on the regulation of data collection, control and processing of personal data. Implementation of existing frameworks and adopted laws in Africa is also lagging far behind other regional systems in addressing these privacy and data protection concerns.

The uneven, inadequate or non-existent legal protection and institutional framework for protection of personal information in Africa creates vulnerabilities for personal data and increases susceptibility to privacy challenges and data breaches. These inadequacies are also in the context of advancements which themselves create new challenges for privacy and data protection.

This course is designed as a massive open online course (MOOC) to educate and set the tone for an improved data protection landscape within the African region. It is targeted at academics, lawyers, human rights activists, regional and sub-regional bodies, data protection authorities, government departments/agencies, Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) and other key stakeholders involved in policy and advocacy for privacy rights and data protection in the digital age.

Course length:
5 Weeks

Estimated effort:
5+ hours/week

Price:
Free

Course type:
Self-paced

Certificate:
On successful completion

Language:
English

Course dates
**24 May -
28 June 2021**

Free enrolment until
21 June 2021

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COURSE OUTLINE

The programme of the MOOC is divided in five modules:

Module 1: Introduction to privacy and data protection

Overview: This introductory module sets the stage for the course with analyses and basic understanding of the right to privacy in general and data privacy in particular, as well as the distinct yet overlapping nature of both concepts. It discusses in the detail key concepts with respect to data protection; the historical development of data protection and the right to privacy; the relationship between the right to privacy and other human rights; policy and regulatory approaches to data privacy and concludes with key principles on privacy by design.
Outcome: It is expected that by the end of this module, a participant is able to understand the basic concepts in privacy and data protection as well as the regulatory approaches to privacy in the digital age.

■◀ MODULE 1 – LIVE SESSION on Thursday 27 May 2021 at 09:00 GMT / 10:00 WAT / 11:00 SAST / 12:00 EAT

Module 2: Overview of the legal framework on privacy

Overview: This module focuses on the normative frameworks for data protection. It considers the various existing legal and institutional systems with respect to data protection including regional standards on the right to privacy and data protection; the principles governing the lawful processing of data; scope of application; data processing formalities; rights of data subjects and obligations of data controllers.
Outcome: It is expected that by the end of this module, a participant in this course is able to understand the general and specific legal instruments involved with privacy rights and data protection in Africa and beyond. In addition, the participants should understand the various principles, rights and obligations in data protection.

■◀ MODULE 2 – LIVE SESSION on Thursday 3 June 2021 at 09:00 GMT / 10:00 WAT / 11:00 SAST / 12:00 EAT

Module 3: Legitimate restrictions on the right to privacy

Overview: This module examines the limitations to the right to privacy. Given the legally accepted practices of limitations of rights under international human rights law, this module discusses the acceptable instances of limitation of the right to privacy. In doing this, it analyses the internal and external limitations on the right to privacy in international human rights law; examines the interference with the right to privacy and communications surveillance and highlights surveillance-enabling laws and privacy in Africa.
Outcome: There are instances limitations on certain human rights are allowed with the right to privacy included. It is expected that by the end of this module, a participant will understand the basis of such limitations and will be able to assess whether or not actions relating to data protection have been limited according to laid down standards.

■◀ MODULE 3 – LIVE SESSION on Thursday 10 June 2021 at 09:00 GMT / 10:00 WAT / 11:00 SAST / 12:00 EAT

Module 4: Privacy and cybersecurity

Overview: This module examines the relationship between privacy and cybersecurity. It defines the concept of cybersecurity; examines the international legal frameworks on cybersecurity; the risks and vulnerabilities associated cybersecurity threats and how these impacts on privacy and highlights global cybersecurity initiatives.
Outcome: One of the major areas that intersect with privacy especially in the digital age is cybersecurity. The inter-relationship between the two concepts has made it important to understand how they intersect and what this means for the protection of personal information. By the end of this module, a participant should be able to understand this relationship and the impact it has on data protection.

■◀ MODULE 4 – LIVE SESSION on Thursday 17 June 2021 at 09:00 GMT / 10:00 WAT / 11:00 SAST / 12:00 EAT

Module 5: Emerging issues – privacy in the digital age

Overview: This module looks at some of the prevalent challenges that arise in the context of the right to privacy and the rapid technological advances in the digital age. It carries this out by highlighting the key challenges posed by new technologies to privacy; assessment of data protection frameworks on new technologies in Africa; examining the concept of data minimization; conceptualisation of cross-border data transfer; ensuring compliance with existing data protection frameworks and discussing the issues of data sovereignty and data localisation in Africa.
Outcome: At the end of this module, a participant should understand the meaning and manifestations of new technologies. In addition to this, a participant will gain better knowledge of how various concepts and principles in data protection are being used to strike a balance between innovation and human rights with respect to data protection. Lastly, the participant will gain more knowledge on the status of data protection in Africa with respect to these new technologies.

■◀ MODULE 5 – LIVE SESSION on Thursday 24 June 2021 at 09:00 GMT / 10:00 WAT / 11:00 SAST / 12:00 EAT

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