

Call to join Regional Communities of Practice

Introduction

The Feminist Technology Communities of Practice (CoPs) are regional collaboration spaces that bring together activists, technologists, researchers, creatives, and policymakers working at the intersection of digital rights, technology governance, and feminist movements across Africa.

The Communities of Practice initiative aims to strengthen the collective power, knowledge, and influence of African feminist movements in shaping digital governance, data systems, and emerging technologies. Across the continent, decisions about digital infrastructure, artificial intelligence, data governance, and platform regulation are increasingly shaping everyday life. Yet, feminist voices and experiences remain underrepresented in these spaces.

The Communities of Practice aim to change this.

Through shared learning, collaboration, and coordinated advocacy, the CoPs will support feminist actors to engage more effectively in technology policy discussions, design processes, and governance spaces.

Purpose of the Communities of Practice

The Communities of Practice aim to:

- Strengthen collaboration between African feminist actors working on technology and digital rights
- Support feminist participation in digital governance and policy processes
- Expand knowledge and tools around feminist digital safety and data justice
- Encourage cross-sector dialogue between activists, technologists, creatives, and policymakers
- Facilitate collaborative knowledge production and advocacy across regions

The CoPs will contribute to strengthening feminist participation in areas such as:

- Digital governance policy engagement
- Feminist digital safety initiatives
- Feminist technology design and innovation
- Data governance and digital justice

Beyond dialogue spaces, the CoPs will function as movement-building platforms that foster collective learning, shared resources, and coordinated advocacy.

Geographic Structure of the CoPs

COP	Countries
East Africa CoP	Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda
Central Africa CoP	Cameroon and DRC
West Africa CoP	Senegal and Cape Verde
Southern Africa CoP	Mozambique and Angola

Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility criteria include:

- Be a feminist practitioner from diverse background including civil society organization, community-based organization, data scientists, research institution, feminist collective/initiative, creative artists, game designers, content creators, or social enterprise
- Operate in one of the nine priority countries
- Have at least two years of experience in the relevant space
- Demonstrate work connected to digital rights, feminist movements, technology governance, online safety, or digital justice
- Priority will be given to women-led and feminist organizations
- Should demonstrate engagement and/or have interest at least in feminist technology design, online safety, TFGBV, digital rights, and feminist data governance.
- Must commit to actively participating in at least 80% of CoP convenings over 18 months
- Contributing to at least one collaborative output or activity quarterly

Expected Value of the CoPs

The expected value of the CoP is:

- Strengthen feminist collaboration across Africa
- Apply joint funding and run projects or labs together
- Represent the CoPs at conferences and events
- Elevate feminist influence in digital governance
- Amplify African feminist technology narratives
- Build long-term alliances between activists, technologists, and policymakers.
- CoPs will get priority pick in Pollicy's initiatives

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