



## **ITU RED-AFRICA REGIONAL ECONOMIC DIALOGUE FOR AFRICA: Meaningful and Affordable Digital Connectivity for Africa**

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Eleanor is A4AI's Deputy Director and Policy Lead. She leads policy and advocacy efforts with particular oversight on all A4AI's country engagement work in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. She is a versatile ICT and public policy professional with a 19-year multidisciplinary experience in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. 15 years of that experience was focused on ICT regulation, taxation, access, connectivity, universal service and data protection. She has worked in various ICT roles in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East in advocacy, consulting, ICT policy/regulations development and stakeholder management.

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