

## **Muriuki Mureithi – a resume**

Mr. Mureithi has over three decades of experience in ICT initially working in a national telecom operator and later as an ICT4D consultant through Summit Strategies Ltd, he is passionately engaged in the evolution of internet in Africa. His passion led him to be part of the pioneers of the Internet in the 90's leading to its application and mainstreaming as a tool for Africa's development. In 1996, Mr Mureithi was invited by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) to be part of the High-Level Working Group that developed the African Information Society Initiative a 15-year strategy for enhanced access to Internet in Africa. He has also been involved in other pan African level ICT engagements including; pan African e-commerce strategy, IXP strategic plan for 33 countries, internet content growth strategy, telecentres for sustainable development under Acacia programme, establishing national telecom policy platforms, and developing national ICT policies and strategies to name a few.

Mr Mureithi has travelled to half the countries in Africa on consultancy and research assignments and in the process acquired special insights into ICT issues, the status of ICT development, and the policy framework and its implication, allowing him to gain considerable experience in the area. His focus of consulting includes policy, regulation, and the strategic evolution of ICTs in Africa with a special focus on the rural and disadvantaged communities, and strategies to empower these communities using ICT. His area of focus is derived from consulting engagements with various UN agencies, governments, international development partners, Civil Society, service operators and industry suppliers. The key projects Mr. Mureithi has been involved include regulatory reform, rural ICT development, market analysis and competitive issues, and evaluation.

In addition to ICT4D, he recently expanded his focus to Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain technology and its application in developing economies.

His academic credentials include an MBA in Strategic Management, a post Graduate Certificate in Telecommunications Management from Stevens Institute of Technology in addition to other courses on ICT and management.