

# RightsCon26

## Zambia

IN-PERSON & ONLINE  
MAY 5 - 8, 2026

**Access Now** is proud to welcome you to the 14th edition of **RightsCon**, the world's leading summit on human rights in the digital age.



**3,000+**

in-person  
participants



**2,000+**

online  
participants



**150+**

countries



**450+**

sessions



Each year, RightsCon convenes business leaders, policymakers, general counsels, government representatives, technologists, academics, journalists, and human rights advocates from around the globe to tackle pressing issues at the intersection of human rights and technology. In engaging panels, hands-on workshops, intimate roundtables, private meetings, and lively exhibition spaces, RightsCon is where the global community comes together to build strategies and drive forward change toward a more free, open, and connected world.

**For its 14th edition, Access Now is excited to host RightsCon 2026 in Lusaka, Zambia, and online, from May 5-8, 2026.** This will be our first summit in Southern Africa and our long-awaited return to the African continent. We've seen a surge in digital rights advocacy, research, and innovation across the region in the last few years, often in challenging political and economic environments. Our decision to host RightsCon in Lusaka is not only about honoring the commitment we made in 2023 to return to the continent, but also about recognizing the strength, resilience, and global significance of Africa's digital rights community.



### PROGRAM CATEGORIES

AI and Emerging Technologies

Global Cyber Norms and Encryption

Online Hate and Violence

Business and Human Rights

Digital Security for Communities

Governance, Politics, and Elections

Content Governance

Data Protection

Organizational Capacity and Funding

Technology and the Climate Emergency

Internet Access and Inclusion

Freedom of the Media

**and more!**

### WAYS TO ENGAGE



Sponsor RightsCon



Speak in the public program



Organize a private meeting or side event



Showcase your work in our exhibition space



Host an after-hours party



Participate in a meetup to expand your networks

### PAST RIGHTSCON SUMMITS

**2025:** Taipei, Taiwan

**2023:** San José, Costa Rica

**2020 - 2022:** Online

**2019:** Tunis, Tunisia

**2018:** Toronto, Canada

**2017:** Brussels, Belgium

**2016:** San Francisco, USA

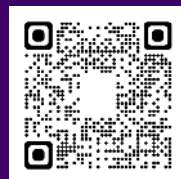
**2015:** Manila, Philippines

**2014:** San Francisco, USA

**2012:** Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

**2011:** San Francisco, USA

**Go to [rightscon.org](https://rightscon.org)**



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**The RightsCon community attracts some of the world's leading voices, including:**

**Hsiao Bi-khim**

Vice President of Taiwan

**Jacinda Ardern**

Special Envoy for the Christchurch Call and former Prime Minister of New Zealand

**Sevgil Musaieva**

Editor-in-chief, Ukrainska Pravda

**Gideon Lichfield**

Global Editorial Director, WIRED

**Timnit Gebru**

Founder and Executive Director, Distributed Artificial Intelligence Research Institute (DAIR)

**Meredith Whittaker**

President of Signal

**Irene Khan**

United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of expression and opinion

**Kent Walker**

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**Rob Sherman**

VP and Deputy Chief Privacy Officer, Policy, Meta

**Angela Hession**

Global VP of Trust and Safety, Twitch

**Will Cathcart**

Head of WhatsApp, Meta

**Amandeep Singh Gill**

UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology

**Alissa Starzak**

Vice President & Global Head of Public Policy, Cloudflare

**Pedro Vaca**

Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression, IACHR

+ many, many more



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## WHAT DOES YOUR SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT?



### YOUR PLACE IN A GLOBAL DIGITAL MOVEMENT

For more than a decade, we have convened tens of thousands of stakeholders from more than 160 countries to advocate for digital rights



### A TRUSTED SPACE FOR CROSS-SECTOR CONNECTIONS

RightsCon is the platform that brings together business leaders, policymakers, activists and technologists to advance real-world solutions.



### ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS

The impact of our program is felt long after our Closing Ceremony, with RightsCon providing the space for tangible outcomes, including declarations, campaigns, and coalition launches.



### REDUCING BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

Whether through waived ticket fees for 90% of participants or a holistic Community Support Fund with connectivity and travel options, RightsCon reduces logistical and financial burdens to ensure all perspectives are present.

By supporting convening spaces such as RightsCon, you are helping Access Now and a global community of thousands defend and extend the digital rights of people across the globe.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SPONSORSHIP?

By supporting the summit, RightsCon Sponsors have the chance to demonstrate their commitment to human rights in the digital age, support a regional and global movement, and enjoy custom benefits and opportunities. Depending on your team's priorities and needs, we can co-design a sponsorship package that corresponds with your support, including benefits such as:

- ✓ **Complimentary tickets** for in-person and online participation
- ✓ **Visibility of your logo** on our **online platform** as well as on **in-person materials**
- ✓ **A booth in our vibrant Community Village** to share your initiatives and build partnerships
- ✓ **Dedicated private bilateral and roundtable meeting spaces** for our higher level sponsors to coordinate with partners
- ✓ **Guidance to navigate the program, advice to maximize your experience, as well as facilitated introductions to fellow participants of interest**

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# General Sponsorship Tiers & Benefits

|                                                                                           | Leading<br>Sponsor | Platform<br>Sponsor | Network<br>Sponsor | Friend<br>Sponsor |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Visibility online                                                                         | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 |
| Visibility at Ceremonies                                                                  | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 |
| Visibility post-RightsCon<br><i>(Outcomes Report and Sponsor page)</i>                    | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                  | ✓                 |
| Free tickets to virtual programming                                                       | 25                 | 15                  | 10                 | 5                 |
| Free tickets to in-person programming                                                     | 10                 | 7                   | 4                  | 2                 |
| Visibility in-person                                                                      | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                  | -                 |
| Host a booth                                                                              | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                  | -                 |
| Engage the RightsCon community<br><i>(Facilitated introductions to community members)</i> | ✓                  | ✓                   | ✓                  | -                 |
| Visibility at high-level sessions                                                         | ✓                  | ✓                   | -                  | -                 |
| Visibility on badges                                                                      | ✓                  | ✓                   | -                  | -                 |
| Share some swag                                                                           | ✓                  | ✓                   | -                  | -                 |
| Sponsor a meal                                                                            | ✓                  | -                   | -                  | -                 |
| Sponsor an After Dark party                                                               | ✓                  | -                   | -                  | -                 |

The tiers above represent a baseline for support. RightsCon has a co-design approach to sponsorship based on your needs. For more information, please reach out to:

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