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Summary Profile

ICT policy advisor, Internet governance leader, and digital development strategist with over 15 years of progressive experience in African digital transformation, public policy, and multistakeholder governance. Rodrigue has served as Vice-Chair of the ICANN Government Advisory Committee (GAC) and currently leads advisory initiatives under the Smart Africa Internet Governance project. His work spans national, regional, and global levels, supporting infrastructure policy, technical capacity building, and regulatory frameworks.

He is the recipient of the 2024 Dr. Tarek Kamel Award for Capacity Building (ICANN) and Knight of the Order of Merit of Burkina Faso. Holder of advanced degrees in international e-services and computer science, he combines strategic governance vision with practical implementation experience in complex environments.

Professional Experience

- Internet Governance Advisor and Unit Manager for Resilient and Inclusive Digital Infrastructure Initiatives – Smart Africa (2024–Present)
- Consultant Regional Advisor SADA – Smart Africa (2023–2024)
- Country Advisor Consultant for Benin – Smart Africa (2022–2023)
- Digital Transformation Expert Consultant – DETECON, Germany (2022)
- General Director of Digital Industry Development – Ministry of Digital Economy, Burkina Faso (2017–2022)
- National Focal Point for Digital Resilience (COVID-19 Response) – Burkina Faso (2020–2022)
- Vice-Chair – ICANN Government Advisory Committee (GAC) (2019–2022)
- Focal Point for Smart Africa Projects – Government of Burkina Faso (2017–2022)
- Coordinator of ICT Talent Initiative – Ministry of Digital Transition (2017–2022)
- Head of Communication Tools Department – ANPTIC, Burkina Faso (2014–2017)
- Web/Database Administrator – Ministry of ICT, Burkina Faso (2010–2014)

Board and Organisational Leadership Experience

- Internet Governance Advisor, Smart Africa – 2022 to Present
- Vice-Chair, ICANN Government Advisory Committee (GAC), 2019–2022
- General Director of Digital Industry Development, Burkina Faso, 2017–2022
- Founder & Executive Director, Digitales Solidaires, – 2022 to Present
- Secretary General, ROPTIC-UEMOA – 2022 to Present
- Contributor to the multistakeholder initiative of the Association Burkinabè des Domaines Internet (ABDI), supporting local internet resource governance frameworks Since 2017

Network Operations And Internet Services Experience

- Supervised design and operations of digital platforms and services for public administration.

- Hands-on experience with IT infrastructure, DNS, and platform resilience.
- Certified in Ethical Hacking, ITIL, IBM Cloud Admin, PRINCE2.
- Coordinated joint technical and policy efforts between the Government of Burkina Faso and AFRINIC to advance national IPv6 deployment strategies.

International Business Development and Digital Diplomacy

- Represented Africa at ICANN, ITU, IGF, and Smart Africa Internet Governance and capacity building initiatives.
- Consultant on regulatory and innovation projects with DETECON Germany.
- Led diplomatic digital engagements and cross-border project alignment.

Non-Profit Engagement and Capacity Building

- Conducted training with ISOC, ICANN, and AFRINIC-supported programs during FFGI Sessions.
- Founder of Digitales Solidaires for inclusive digital empowerment in West Africa.
- Recipient of the 2024 Dr. Tarek Kamel Award for Capacity Building.
- Secretary General of ITICC and Training of Trainers in Internet Governance

Education

- Doctoral Candidate, Computer Science – Nazi Boni University (2022 – Present)
- Cambridge FinTech and Regulatory Innovation – Cambridge Judge Business School (2020)
- Master's in International E-Services – University of Carthage (2012–2014)
- Master's in Computer Science for Business – Burkina Institute of Arts and Crafts (2010–2012)

Professional and Certification Training

- Fellowship on Internet Governance – ICANN (2023)
- North American Francophone Internet Governance School – Canada (2019)
- Project Management Professional (PMP) – Morocco (2017)
- Web Platform Security – ITU/ARTP, Togo (2016)
- IBM Cloud Admin – Senegal (2016)
- PRINCE2 Foundation – Burkina Faso (2016)
- Ethical Hacking & ITIL Foundation – Burkina Faso (2014)
- Drupal Web Dev – OIF, Côte d'Ivoire (2013)
- JAVA/J2EE – France (2012)
- Web Security Level III – Taiwan (2011)

Language Skills

- French: Native (Read, Spoken, Written)
- English: Fluent (Read, Spoken, Written)

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Rodrigue GUIGUEMDE, Knight of the Order of Merit of Burkina Faso with Posts and Telecommunications Clasp / Burkina Faso [Since 2021]