Speaker Bios

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“Why does cyber security matter for financial inclusion?”

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Jean-Louis Perrier is the co-founder of Suricate Solutions, a start-up specialised in cyber security and electronic banking for emerging markets. This social business company, based in Luxembourg, Ivory Coast and Senegal launched the first Regional Cyber Security Operation Centre for Inclusive Finance in Dakar in 2017. The Security Centre, initially funded by the Luxembourg Government and the European Investment Bank, is supported by high-level technical and academic partners in Europe and Africa, and aims to deliver practical, state-of-the-art, cost-efficient services to face a growing concern in the context of the development of digital financial services and consumer data protection. The next challenge will be gathering partners to upscale at the pan-African level.

Jean-Louis holds an MSc in Electronic Engineering and Computer Science, and an MBA from HEC Paris. He has vast experience in ICT, security, fraud, operational risk management, credit management, secured enrolment, as well as digital financial services. His career has spanned over several sectors including management consulting, telecoms and financial services, in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, for international groups as well as start-ups. He has been a contributing member of the GSM Association Fraud Forum for seven years.
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David Medine is the lead staff member on data protection and security at CGAP. He served as Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board from 2013 to 2016. Previously, David was an attorney fellow for the Securities and Exchange Commission and a special counsel at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. From 2002 to 2012, he was a partner in the law firm WilmerHale, where his practice focused on privacy and data security. Prior to that he served as a senior advisor to the White House National Economic Council from 2000 to 2001. From 1992 to 2000, David was the associate director for Financial Practices at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), where, in addition to enforcing financial privacy laws, he took the lead on Internet privacy, chaired a federal advisory committee on privacy issues, and was part of the team that negotiated a privacy safe harbour agreement with the European Union. Before joining the FTC, David taught at the Indiana University (Bloomington) School of Law and the George Washington University School of Law. He earned his B.A. from Hampshire College and his J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School.