The African continent has emerged as a hub of innovation in both the private and public sectors. In many cases the engagement of Africans with the management of their own countries has redefined the ‘ungovernable’ identity of the continent, with citizens increasingly looking inwards rather than out for transformative solutions. Dialogue surrounding the actions of and interactions with the public sector has never been more important.

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- What changing themes have emerged in Africa's self-governance in recent decades?
- Can African governments work together to deliver networked governance across Africa?
- What role does technology play in delivering innovative governance?
- How does the emergence of technology and information access help galvanise political change?
- Should international institutions be involved in financing public programmes in Africa?
- What are the challenges/opportunities for implementing a tax system to finance government programmes?
- How can youth and the diaspora be meaningful contributors in governing their respective countries?

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