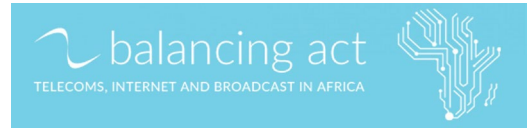




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## INVITATION

The Wits LINK Centre and Balancing Act invite you to a seminar on:

# How Mobile Phones Have Changed Africa – An Unfinished Revolution 35 Years in the Making

Date: **Friday 11 November 2022**

Time: **16h30-18h00** South Africa Standard Time (SAST)

Speakers:

**Luci Abrahams**, Director, Wits LINK Centre

**Russell Southwood**, Balancing Act, [www.balancingact-africa.com](http://www.balancingact-africa.com)

Venues:

In-person: **Classroom 7, Albert Wessels Building, Wits Business School**, 2 St Davids Place (corner St Andrews Rd.), Parktown, Johannesburg (opposite Mike's Kitchen)

Online: **Microsoft Teams meeting**: [Click here to join the meeting](#); Meeting ID: 352 280 713 048;  
Passcode: 3QJnzV

## Registration

Registration link to attend either in-person or online: <https://bit.ly/11Nov22EventReg>

Any questions?

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## Seminar description

Luci Abrahams, Director of the Wits Centre, will have a lively, in-person conversation and debate with Russell Southwood, long-time African telecoms and internet analyst and author a just-published book *Africa 2.0 – Inside a Continent's Communications Revolution*.

Southwood's book is an ambitious 35-year, "first draft" history of the largest technological change the continent has ever seen. It looks at both the economic and social impacts that have occurred, and goes beyond the hype to show what happened, what has not changed, and what will help guide future efforts.

Topics covered will include:

- How have mobile phones changed African economies and societies?
- Where are the new opportunities we can leverage?
- Who are the innovators and initiators?
- What will Africa 3.0 look like and what is needed to get there?

The seminar will be followed by refreshments.