

## **What is the 4th Industrial Revolution?**

In a nutshell, it is the advancement and emergence of new technologies that is ushering in a new era that sees a greater impact of digitization on our lives, in ways that are new and unanticipated.

As a quote from an article on the World economic forum website, “The Fourth Industrial Revolution can be described as the advent of “cyber-physical systems” involving entirely new capabilities for people and machines. While these capabilities are reliant on the technologies and infrastructure of the Third Industrial Revolution, the Fourth Industrial Revolution represents entirely new ways in which technology becomes embedded within societies and even our human bodies.”

With emerging technologies moving at a rate of knots, the question then is, what do we want these technologies to do for us and what impact will it have on all of us?

As the novelist William Gibson famously said: “The future is already here – it's just not very evenly distributed.” Indeed, it is time to see an even distribution of this potential. It is time for Africa!