



### **Nkiru Balonwu**

Nkiru Balonwu is CEO of the Spinlet Group. Spinlet is a fast-growing digital media distribution company, with a focus on aggregating and distributing content. It operates Africa's largest store for legal sales of home-grown music, accessible globally through mobile apps and browsers. Prior to her appointment as CEO, Nkiru worked at different times as General Counsel and Chief Operating Officer with the company.

She holds a doctorate degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and is admitted to the bar in New York, Nigeria, and England & Wales. In the course of her career, she has lived and worked in the Silicon Valley, New York, London and Lagos, and has advised on transactions spanning across technology, intellectual property and media.

Nkiru has taught law at the University of Lagos and has been a consultant with various government and non-government agencies. She has a keen interest in development policy particularly as it relates to empowering women and girls through ICT, as well as a strong believer and advocate of music and film as tools of soft power and catalysts for social change and economic development in Africa.