

African Union Continental AI Strategy

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Summary

Continental-level non-binding strategy for 55 AU member states. Frames AI through development-rights / digital-sovereignty / capacity-building lens. Explicitly references unequal compute access + dataset coloniality as governance concerns absent from OECD-bloc instruments. Operationalisation via national strategies (e.g., Egypt 2030, Kenya AI Roadmap, South Africa NAIPF). Currency (2026-06-21): implementation began under a five-year plan (Phase 1 2025-2026: governance structures, national strategies, resource mobilisation; review 2027; Phase 2 from 2028), and a May 2025 AU High-Level Policy Dialogue in Addis Ababa (40+ states) issued a Communique declaring AI a strategic priority, with the next edition at the February 2026 AU Summit.

At a glance

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