



# Africa GovAI Summit

**Artificial Intelligence for Sovereign, inclusive  
and Sustainable Public Governance in Africa**



**Dates: 24th–25th, June 2026 | Venue: Accra, Republic of Ghana**

# STRATEGIC VISION, POSITIONING AND RATIONALE

## GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE SUMMIT

The **Africa GovAI Summit** is a high-level Pan-African initiative dedicated to the strategic integration of Artificial Intelligence into public governance systems and sustainable development policies across Africa.

This **first edition** of the Summit is designed as a diplomatic and institutional reference platform, bringing together African Heads of State, governments, continental and international institutions, as well as global technology leaders, to define a shared vision for intelligent, ethical and sovereign AI-driven governance in Africa.

The Africa GovAI Summit positions itself as a **Structured Platform for Political Dialogue, Strategic Coordination and Public–Private Partnerships**, supporting state performance, digital sovereignty and the acceleration of Africa's Agenda 2063.

## STRATEGIC POSITIONING FRAMEWORK

### **Africa GovAI Summit 2026 – First Edition**

- A high-level Pan-African platform dedicated to public governance and Artificial Intelligence
- A structured dialogue framework between Heads of State, public decision-makers, multilateral institutions and technology partners
- A convergence space between public policy, technological innovation and strategic investment
- A catalyst for digital sovereignty, institutional transparency and inclusive development

This positioning draws inspiration from international benchmark forums while responding to Africa's specific governance and development priorities.

## CONTEXT AND RATIONALE

Africa is facing major structural challenges, including rapid demographic growth, accelerated urbanisation, fiscal pressures, climate vulnerability and rising demands for transparency, accountability and high-quality public services.

Despite progress in digital government reforms, public governance systems often remain fragmented, insufficiently interoperable and poorly equipped for data-driven decision-making.

Artificial Intelligence represents a transformative catalyst capable of:

- Strengthening transparency and accountability in public administration;
- Optimising public revenue mobilisation and resource allocation;
- Enhancing strategic planning and risk anticipation across key sectors;
- Modernising public service delivery for citizens.

The Africa GovAI Summit responds to the urgent need for a shared political and institutional framework for the responsible, ethical and sovereign adoption of AI by African States.

## CONTINENTAL AND INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

**The Summit is fully aligned with:**

- The African Union's Agenda 2063 – "The Africa We Want";
- The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), particularly its digital trade and customs dimensions;
- The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- National strategies on digital transformation, e-government and data sovereignty.

# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND THE I-GOV SUITE INITIATIVE

## OBJECTIVES OF THE AFRICA GOVAI SUMMIT

### Overall Objective

To establish a common political, institutional and operational framework for the strategic integration of Artificial Intelligence into public governance across Africa.

### Specific Objectives

- Define a shared continental vision for AI governance in Africa;
- Officially launch the Pan-African **I-GOV SUITE** initiative;
- Mobilise political commitment for the establishment of an **African Sovereign AI Data Centre and Cloud Infrastructure**, based in Ghana;
- Review and validate the African Roadmap for AI Governance (2026–2030);
- Structure high-impact public–private and multilateral partnerships.

## THE I-GOV SUITE INITIATIVE

The **I-GOV SUITE** is a strategic Pan-African initiative comprising an integrated ecosystem of Artificial Intelligence platforms dedicated to modernising public governance systems.

It covers nine priority governance domains:

- 1. I-GOV FINANCE** Revenue mobilisation, budget transparency and anti-fraud systems;
- 2. I-GOV HEALTH** AI-assisted diagnostics and advanced public health surveillance;
- 3. I-GOV EDUCATION** Intelligent education systems and personalised learning;
- 4. I-GOV AGRICULTURE** Food security, climate risk management and precision agriculture;
- 5. I-GOV TRADE & CUSTOMS** Trade facilitation and AfCFTA digital integration;
- 6. I-GOV MINES & RESOURCES** Transparent and sustainable governance of extractive resources;
- 7. I-GOV SECURITY & DEFENCE** Territorial security, risk management and cybersecurity;
- 8. I-GOV ENVIRONMENT** Climate monitoring and sustainable natural resource management;
- 9. I-GOV CITIZEN SERVICES** Smart public services, digital identity and smart cities.

# GOVERNANCE, PARTNERSHIPS AND EXPECTED IMPACT

## OBJECTIVES OF THE AFRICA GOVAI SUMMIT

The Africa GovAI Summit will convene:

- African Heads of State and Government;
- Ministers and senior public officials;
- The African Union, regional institutions and international organisations;
- Development finance institutions and strategic partners;
- Global and African technology companies;
- Universities, research centres, think tanks and civil society.

## Summit Format and Structure Summit Format and Structure

The Summit will take place over two days:

**Day 1 – Vision and Political Leadership High-level:** plenary sessions, ministerial and diplomatic dialogues, official presentation of the I-GOV SUITE and the continental AI governance roadmap.

**Day 2 – Partnerships and Implementation Sectoral:** workshops, financing roundtables, cooperation agreements and adoption of final recommendations.

## Expected Outcomes and Impact

- Adoption of high-level policy recommendations on AI governance in Africa;
- Institutional commitments for the establishment of the **African Sovereign AI Data Centre in Ghana**;
- Identification of pilot countries for phased deployment of the I-GOV SUITE;
- Mobilisation of structured investments estimated at **USD 230 million**;
- Positioning Africa as a credible and responsible global actor in AI governance.



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