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## Call for Papers

### AI Law and Policy in Africa: Governing Emerging Eco-Frontiers



Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies are expanding across African economies and governance systems, raising urgent legal, regulatory, and policy questions. The role of AI continues to impact lives in various ways, among others, from automated decision-making in social protection systems to AI deployment in health, finance, education, agriculture, and public service delivery. The continent is experiencing transformative shifts that demand context-specific responses. This transformation brings with it a host of complex challenges, including data protection and privacy, algorithmic bias, digital sovereignty, transparency and accountability. Moreover, the deployment of AI raises critical questions around ethical standards, human rights, environmental impacts, and the readiness of regulatory institutions to manage the pace of technological change. Despite the growing global dialogue on AI governance, African perspectives remain

largely underrepresented in legal scholarship, policymaking, and regulatory frameworks. Key concerns such as regulatory innovation and harmonisation, digital inclusion, infrastructural disparities, capacity building, localisation of AI technologies, and AI's role in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) require deeper engagement.

This call for papers invites original and critical contributions that explore the intersection of AI, law, policy, and governance in Africa. Submissions should foreground the continent's contextual realities, including normative, institutional, and infrastructural challenges and opportunities. We welcome interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives that address, but are not limited to, the following themes:

#### Themes may include, but are not limited to

- Regulatory frameworks for AI in African jurisdictions
- AI and data protection laws in Africa
- Ethical and human rights implications of AI systems
- AI and social justice (gender, race, disability, and economic inequalities)
- AI in public administration and digital government
- AI's role in African economic development and digital industrialisation
- Indigenous knowledge systems and AI in Africa
- AI, labour markets, and future of work in African economies
- Algorithmic bias and discrimination in African contexts
- Africa's participation in global AI governance
- Environmental and sustainability implications of AI
- Case studies of AI deployment in health, agriculture, or justice sectors

#### Submission Guidelines

Academics, practitioners, policymakers, early-career researchers, and civil society actors interested in AI, law, governance, and policy in Africa are welcome to submit abstracts of about 250–300 words. Full papers should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words in length (including references) and must adhere to the APA citation style. Submissions must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

#### Important Dates

- Abstract submission deadline: **15 August 2025**
- Notification of acceptance: **15 September 2025**
- Full paper submission: **15 February 2026**
- Publication date: **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2026**

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