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List of Abbreviations

AFI - Africa Farming Industries

AI – Artificial Intelligence

AI4PEP – AI for Pandemic and Epidemic Preparedness

AUDA-NEPAD - African Union Development Agency - New Partnership for Africa's Development

CGEM - General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises

COMESA – Common Market for East and Southern Africa.

DBG – Development Bank of Ghana

EBRD - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

EHA – Egypt Healthcare Authority

FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization

FEC - Federal Executive Council

GIRSAL - Ghana - Incentive-Based Risk-Sharing System for Agricultural Lending Project

ICFJ - International Center for Journalists

IGAD - Intergovernmental Authority on Development

IPDC - Industrial Parks Development Corporation

ITC - International Trade Centre

JKIA – Jomo Kenyatta International Airport

LWB - Libraries Without Borders

MIND - Machine Intelligence and Neural Discovery

MSMEs - Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

MUST - Mbarara University of Science and Technology

NERDC - Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council

SIC - Samsung Innovation Campus

TWGs - Technical Working Groups

UBEC - Universal Basic Education Commission

UNDP – United Nations Development Program

UNESCO - The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

UNILAG – University of Lagos

ZICTA - Zambia Information and Communication Technology Authority

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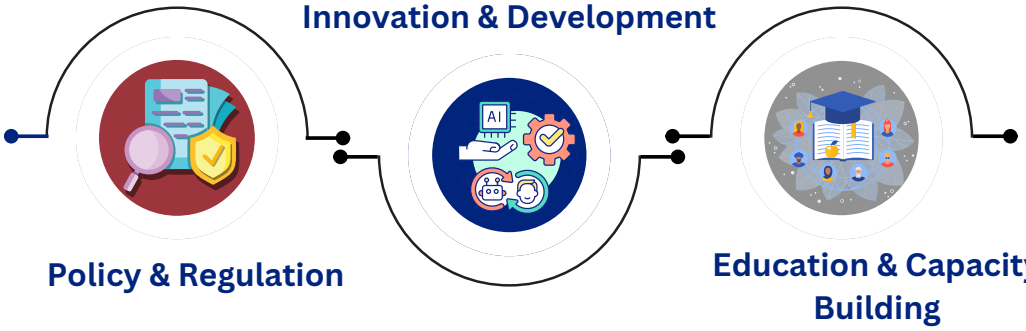
Executive Summary

The first quarter of 2025 has seen remarkable advancements in AI governance, capacity building, and innovations across Africa. Governments, institutions, and key industry players have intensified their efforts to establish comprehensive AI strategies and policies, invest in infrastructure, and promote innovation. Picking up from Q4 2024, several nations started the year by launching National AI strategies, reflecting a growing recognition of AI as a cornerstone for economic growth, digital sovereignty, and service delivery improvements.



Kenya, Namibia, and Côte d'Ivoire unveiled their national AI strategies, while Cameroon and Zimbabwe began drafting them. Toward the end of 2024, Egypt announced its plans to launch the second edition of its National AI Strategy, and true to its word, the country delivered by officially unveiling its National AI Strategy (2025 -2030), which places a strong emphasis on governance, infrastructure, and workforce development.

Additionally, Morocco and Nigeria have emphasized AI integration in education and academia, while Ghana's AI community is drafting an AI Practitioners' Guide Book to ensure ethical and inclusive AI use. Meanwhile, the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA) has hinted at developing a regional AI Strategy and is currently researching Policies and Principles that could form the basis of a model Regional Regulatory Framework, based on international standards.

AI-driven digital transformation continues to accelerate across the continent. Senegal unveiled its New Digital Transformation Strategy which aims to modernize public services and strengthen its digital economy. Morocco also took a bold step by partnering with Saudi Arabia to drive socioeconomic development. Additionally, Benin also expressed interest in seeking the expertise of skilled professionals to drive change in its government, create a modern, efficient, and inclusive government, and strengthen the development environment for digital public services.

AI education and workforce development took center stage as governments and institutions recognized the need for skilled AI professionals. Investments in training programs, ethical AI awareness, and AI-driven research initiatives have increased across the continent. Egypt's updated AI strategy aims to cultivate 30,000 AI professionals and establish 250+ AI companies by 2030. Meanwhile, The University of Lagos (UNILAG) announced plans for an AI policy governing ethical use in academia, reinforcing responsible AI adoption in education.

International Players & Partnerships

The advancement of AI in Africa is being significantly shaped by international collaborations, with global technology leaders, academic institutions, and intergovernmental organizations actively participating in the region's AI-driven transformation. These partnerships are driving digital transformation, fostering AI research, enhancing digital skills, and strengthening Africa's AI ecosystem across multiple sectors. Below are key international partnerships and collaborations that took place in Q1 2025.

1 Driving Digital Transformation and Economic Growth.

Several international partnerships have been established to accelerate digital transformation and economic growth across the African continent. Eswatini has teamed up with Google to integrate advanced tools into its 'Government in Your Hand' initiative, positioning the country as a leader in the digital economy. Similarly, Nigeria is poised to collaborate with Google to promote AI and digital innovation, concentrating on cloud infrastructure, workforce skills, AI development, cloud adoption, and technological progress.

In Botswana, the Legatum Center for Development and Entrepreneurship at MIT Sloan has initiated a five-year partnership with the government. This collaboration includes a fellowship for African entrepreneurs, AI-driven digital transformation, and the MIT Sandbox program, along with participation in the MIT Regional Entrepreneurship Acceleration Program (REAP)

Microsoft has also committed to significant investments, announcing a $280 million data center investment plan in South Africa to meet growing demands for Azure services and a separate initiative to skill one million South Africans in digital skills by 2026. Oracle plans to certify 350,000 executives across Egypt, Morocco, and other countries in key technologies, including Oracle Cloud Infrastructure and AI services.

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Enhancing Education and Skills Development

Recognizing the need for a more skilled community, international organizations are playing a crucial role in enhancing education and skills development in Africa. Huawei and the Moroccan government are boosting national education transformation through the DigiSchool project, focusing on digital skills and public-private partnerships.

The University of Oxford is expanding its AI in Science Fellowship Programme to support researchers in Africa, in partnership with the Africa Oxford Initiative. The International Center for Journalists (ICFJ) is offering AI and media literacy training in West Africa to combat disinformation. Morocco has also renewed its partnership with Samsung to boost digital education, focusing on AI through the Samsung Innovation Campus (SIC) program.

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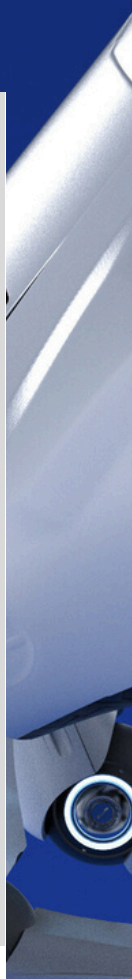
Advancing AI Readiness and Ethical Development

UNESCO has partnered with Mozambique to launch its AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM), providing key recommendations for national AI strategies, gender equality, data collection, ethical principles, and a national AI agenda. The African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), in collaboration with Meta and Deloitte, has launched AKILI AI, an AI-driven support platform for MSMEs, leveraging Meta's Llama model. Meta itself has launched Meta AI in the Middle East and North Africa, supporting the Arabic language. The UNDP has also launched an AI Trust and Safety Re-imagination Programme to address the global AI equity gap, focusing on equitable growth and local contexts. France, along with Morocco, Nigeria, Kenya, and other countries, has launched the 'Current AI' initiative to raise $2.5 billion for responsible AI development and impact assessment.



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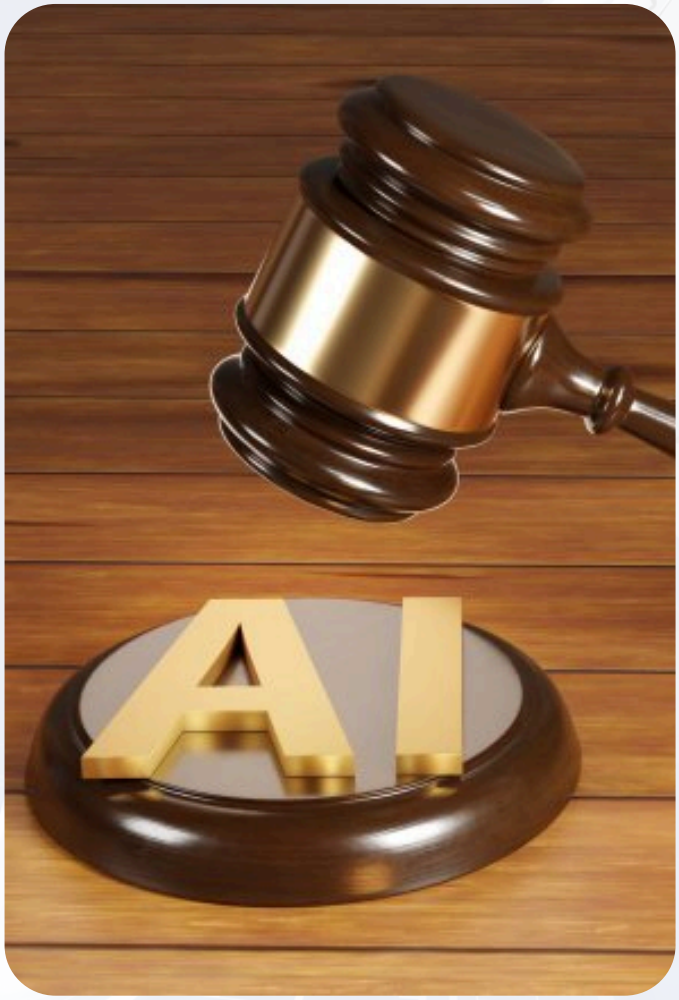
Strengthening Bilateral and Regional Collaborations

Several bilateral partnerships are also strengthening digital transformation and AI development. Morocco and Saudi Arabia have strengthened collaboration in digital transformation and AI. Iran and Ethiopia are collaborating in the knowledge-based economy and AI. Egypt and Latvia are discussing collaboration in digital transformation, AI, outsourcing, and cybersecurity. Morocco and Finland are bolstering cooperation in digital transition and AI.

AI POLICY AND REGULATION

Over the years, African nations have increasingly recognized the need for comprehensive AI strategies and policies to harness the benefits of AI while ensuring ethical and responsible deployment. Initially, AI governance discussions were largely influenced by global frameworks, but as AI adoption accelerates across various sectors, governments have acknowledged the importance of localized policies tailored to Africa's unique social and economic landscape. Countries such as Egypt, South Africa, Rwanda, and Mauritius have taken the lead in developing national AI strategies, while regional bodies like the African Union have worked to establish continental guidelines for AI governance.

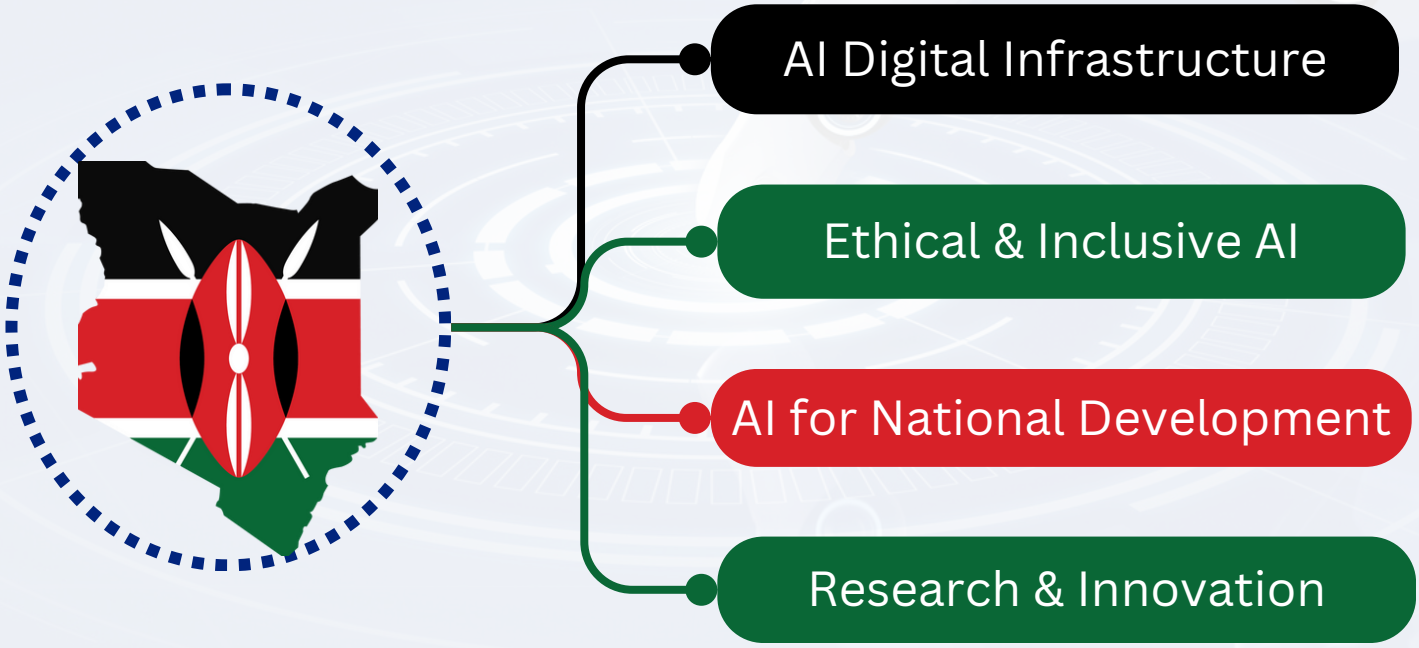


This growing focus on AI policy development reflects the continent's commitment to fostering innovation, protecting data privacy, and ensuring equitable AI adoption. In Q1 2025, more nations are actively drafting or refining AI policies to align with technological advancements and international best practices. This section explores the evolution of AI policy and regulation across Africa, highlighting key milestones, legislative developments, and the role of regional and global partnerships in shaping the continent's AI landscape.

Strategies that came into Force in Q1 2025

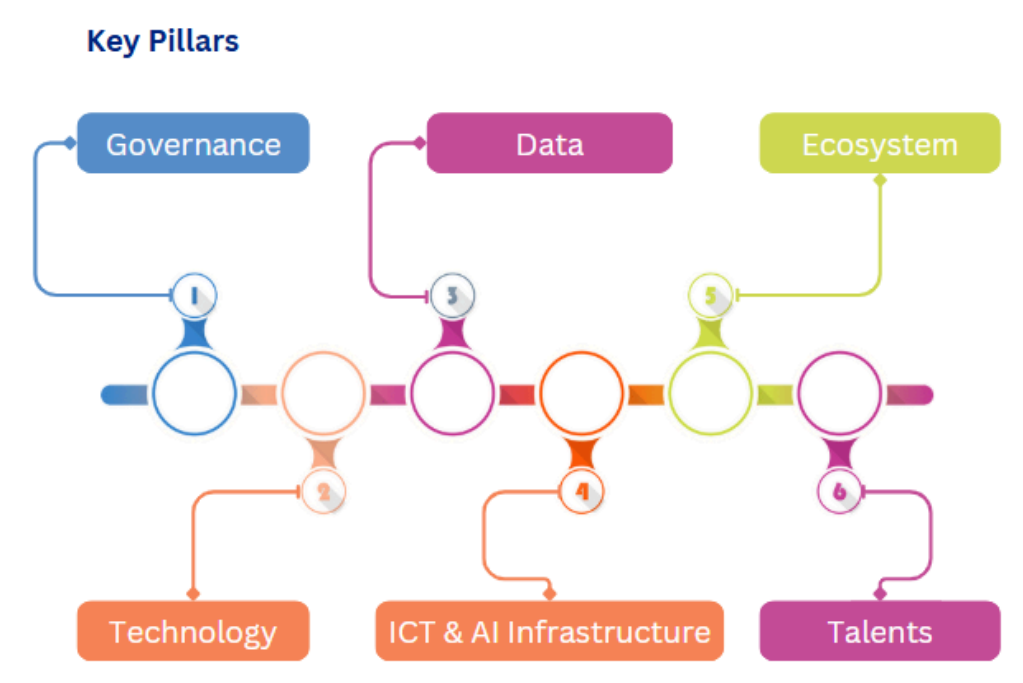
Kenya

Kenya launched its National AI Strategy 2025-2030, marking a step toward positioning the nation as a leader in AI innovation on the African continent. This strategy aims to harness AI technologies to address key national challenges, drive economic growth, and ensure sustainable development while fostering inclusivity and ethical innovation. The draft AI strategy outlines a vision to leverage AI as a transformative tool across sectors, including agriculture, healthcare, education, and public service delivery. At its core, the strategy emphasizes the importance of building a robust AI ecosystem that integrates governance, infrastructure, and talent development. The strategy envisions AI-powered solutions that address the country's unique challenges, such as food insecurity, limited access to quality healthcare, and inefficiencies in public service delivery.



Egypt

Egypt also launched the second edition of its National AI Strategy for 2025 to 2030 early this year. This updated strategy builds upon the foundation laid by their initial strategy which was launched in 2021. With plans to boost the ICT sector's contribution to GDP to 7.7% by 2030, the strategy prioritizes six key areas: governance, technology, data, infrastructure, ecosystem, and talent. This ambitious roadmap also targets the establishment of 250+ AI companies and a workforce of 30,000 AI professionals by 2030.



Namibia

Namibia, whose AI ecosystem is in its early stages also launched its National AI strategy demonstrating its proactive commitment to fostering AI-driven efficiency and productivity. The strategy aims to drive socio-economic growth and also foster innovation across critical industries such as Healthcare and Agriculture. At the core of this initiative is the creation of a National AI Council, supported by sector-specific Technical Working Groups (TWGs). These bodies will oversee AI implementation, ensuring alignment with national objectives.

Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire has launched its National AI Strategy. This launch marked an important milestone in the country's approach to digital transformation in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The Strategy is built on three fundamental pillars. The first focuses on investment in skills and infrastructure, particularly through the construction of data centers and sovereign cloud systems to host and secure local data. The second pillar is regional and social inclusion, ensuring that all cities and social groups benefit from digital transformation. The third pillar addresses governance, aiming to establish a legal and ethical framework for AI development to ensure optimal and responsible growth conditions.

Sector-Specific AI Policies and Frameworks

Countries are also developing policies to address specific sectors and ethical considerations. Morocco has called for the development of a strategy to promote AI use in education, emphasizing its potential to enhance accessibility and effectiveness. The University of Lagos (UNILAG) plans to unveil a policy document on the ethical use of AI in academia, aiming to enhance critical thinking. Kenya convened stakeholders to review its AI Statement of Principles, focusing on safety, inclusivity, and trustworthiness. Ethiopia has finalized its Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Policy Implementation Strategy, marking a critical step in empowering the country's home-grown economy and innovation efforts. The strategy, which was approved by ministers in 2022, focuses on top national priorities such as human capital, research, local innovation, and more.

In addition to these national strategies, Cameroon has unveiled plans for its National Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy, aiming to be a key player in the global AI ecosystem. Senegal has launched its "New Deal Technologique," a digital transformation strategy to modernize public services and strengthen its digital economy. Zambia has introduced the Public Service Change Management Framework to improve service delivery and digital transformation, aligning with technological innovations and citizen expectations. Egypt's President also emphasized digital transformation, AI strategy, and telecom investment to solidify Egypt's tech leadership.

AI For Digital Transformation

The first quarter of 2025 has witnessed several AI innovations and development across Africa, as nations strategically deploy AI solutions to address pressing challenges and stimulate economic growth. These initiatives span diverse sectors, including healthcare, agriculture, transportation, public service, and economic development, reflecting the continent's unwavering commitment to leveraging AI for transformative impact.

Healthcare

The potential of AI to address the evolving dynamics of healthcare is immense. With this in mind, several African countries have made bold steps in harnessing the potential of AI in the healthcare sector.

Egypt Healthcare Authority (EHA) is spearheading a transformative initiative by exploring strategic partnerships with MHC and Millensys to integrate cutting-edge AI technologies and digital health solutions. This collaboration aims to enhance diagnostic precision, improve patient care, and advance digital health infrastructure, particularly in remote diagnostics for critical conditions like lung, breast, prostate, and thyroid cancers. By leveraging AI-powered image analysis and predictive algorithms, EHA seeks to streamline diagnostic processes and ensure timely access to specialized care, particularly in underserved regions.

In East Africa, Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) is driving the “Dialogues of Delivery” project, which utilizes AI to address the critical issue of low antenatal visit attendance rates in Uganda. By deploying AI-driven chatbots and mobile health platforms, MUST aims to provide personalized health information and reminders to expectant mothers, improving maternal and child health outcomes.

Tunisia is also making significant strides in AI-driven healthcare by developing a new AI tool that assists doctors in analyzing medical images like X-rays and MRIs with greater speed and accuracy. This software, powered by advanced image recognition algorithms, aims to revolutionize disease diagnosis and detection, potentially reducing diagnostic errors and improving patient outcomes. Early trials have demonstrated a potential 20% increase in diagnostic efficiency, leading to faster treatment and improved patient care.

Senegal is also making steps in digital health. This comes after The AI4PEP team in Senegal, AI4DECLIC-Senegal, led by the Head of the Vaccine Surveillance and Response Division at the Ministry of Health and Social Action conducted a critical mission to enhance community-based epidemiological surveillance in Senegal. This initiative, grounded in the One Health concept, underscores the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health, aiming to develop a more resilient public health system. Early warning systems are not the sole responsibility of health authorities; they require community-wide vigilance and engagement. Through AI-driven tools like 3S, AI4PEP Senegal is advancing towards a more proactive and interconnected approach to public health. The team will continue hosting more interactive sessions to deepen discussions on AI-powered epidemiological surveillance.

Agriculture

Agriculture has long been considered the backbone of many African economies, contributing significantly to GDP, employment, and food security. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), agriculture accounts for approximately 15% of Sub-Saharan Africa's total GDP, with some countries making contributions as high as 30-40%. Additionally, it employs over 60% of the continent's population, making it a critical sector for economic stability and rural development.

Development Bank Ghana (DBG) and Opportunity International, in collaboration with GIRSAL Ltd, have launched FarmerAI, an innovative AI-powered chatbot designed to provide smallholder farmers with immediate, tailored agricultural advice. By leveraging natural language processing and machine learning, FarmerAI offers timely information on crop management, pest control, weather forecasts, and market prices, empowering farmers to make informed decisions and improve their yields. This initiative has been reported to help increase crop yields by an average of 10% in test regions, contributing to food security and economic empowerment in rural communities. Besides partnering with DBG, Opportunity International has also partnered with Safaricom Kenya to launch FarmerAI in Kenya.

To modernize its agricultural sector, increase exports, and attract foreign direct investment, Ethiopia has launched an AI-powered vertical farming system. This came after the Industrial Parks Development Corporation of Ethiopia (IPDC) and Africa Farming Industries (AFI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding that allows AFI to produce and export strawberries and saffron. This new farming system will ensure year-round production, high yields, and strict quality control.

Public Service Delivery and Public Good

Nigeria has introduced "Service-Wise GPT," an AI-powered tool designed to enhance public service efficiency by streamlining access to government information, automating policy drafting, and improving administrative workflows. This tool, powered by natural language processing, enables citizens to interact with government services more intuitively and efficiently. Nigeria's Federal Executive Council (FEC) has also approved the National Artificial Intelligence (AI) Trust, which will mobilize resources and oversee AI development, ensuring strategic investments in AI-driven innovation.

Mauritius is embarking on an ambitious plan to transform into a Hi-Tech Intelligent Island through a comprehensive digital transformation of government services. This initiative focuses on citizen-centered, data-driven, and transparent governance, aiming to digitize all life events for individuals and businesses.

MTN Zambia has deployed "Call Natasha," an AI customer service conversational agent, to bridge the digital divide and provide AI-driven support. Early trials indicate a 73% improvement in time efficiency for users, with a 90% satisfaction rate, demonstrating the effectiveness of AI-powered customer service. The service is designed for customers to expand their knowledge across various fields, from financial tips to international news.

Nigeria has committed $2 billion to digital infrastructure to enhance connectivity, protect digital identities, and stimulate economic growth through technological advancement. This investment will strengthen the nation's digital ecosystem, enabling the development and deployment of AI-powered solutions across various sectors.

Algeria's state-owned telecom company, Algérie Télécom, has launched an $11 million AI startup fund to support startups in AI, cybersecurity, and robotics, aiming to establish 20,000 startups and foster a vibrant tech ecosystem.

Rwanda plans to develop 50 AI applications across various sectors within four years to enhance public services and drive economic growth, focusing on areas like healthcare, education, agriculture, and finance. These solutions aim to tackle pressing local challenges to improve healthcare delivery, optimize agricultural productivity, enhance financial inclusion, as well as streamline government operations through automation and data-driven decision-making.

IGAD has adopted AI to improve weather forecasting in the region through the Second Phase of the Strengthening Early Warning Systems for Anticipatory Action (SEWAA) Initiative, enhancing early warning systems and mitigating the effects of extreme weather events.

Transport

Ethio Telecom launched an AI-powered electric vehicle (EV) charging station in Addis Ababa, contributing to Ethiopia's green economy and sustainable transportation goals. The facility uses AI to optimize charging speed and power delivery based on vehicle battery requirements and user preferences, ensuring efficient and convenient charging for EV users.

Additionally, Kenya is modernizing its airports, particularly Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), with AI-powered security and digital immigration systems. These systems, incorporating facial recognition, biometric authentication, and advanced data analytics, aim to improve passenger processing speed, security effectiveness, and operational transparency. These systems have reduced passenger processing times by 15% during peak hours, significantly enhancing the overall passenger experience.

AI Education and Capacity Building

As AI continues to reshape industries across Africa, the need for education and capacity building in AI has become increasingly evident. Recognizing the importance of equipping their workforce with AI skills, African governments, academic institutions, and private sector players have been investing in AI education, research, and training programs over the years. Universities across the continent have introduced AI and data science courses, while organizations and innovation hubs are providing specialized training to bridge the AI skills gap. In Q1 2025, AI education continues to expand, with more institutions integrating AI into curricula and policymakers emphasizing the need for AI literacy at all levels of education. This section examines the progress made in AI education and capacity building, highlighting key initiatives, partnerships, and strategies aimed at strengthening Africa's AI ecosystem.

Fostering AI Research and Academic Excellence

The establishment of robust AI research centers and academic institutions is crucial for nurturing local talent and driving innovation. In South Africa, the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) has taken a significant step by launching the Machine Intelligence and Neural Discovery (MIND) Institute. This institute aims to position Africa at the forefront of AI research, focusing on scientific discoveries and the development of specialized AI expertise. With state-of-the-art facilities and collaborations with leading international researchers, the Wits MIND Institute is set to become a hub for cutting-edge AI studies.

PAIX Data Centres is constructing an ultra-modern data center in Dakar, Senegal. This facility will provide essential infrastructure for AI research, development, and deployment, ensuring that local innovators have access to the necessary resources.

Expanding AI Education and Digital Skills Training

The demand for AI skills is rapidly increasing across all sectors, necessitating comprehensive training programs and educational initiatives. Nigeria seems to be making very strategic steps toward AI education and promoting digital skills. The Nigerian Federal Government has launched a free AI Academy in partnership with the Commonwealth Secretariat and Intel Corporation. This academy offers a wide range of courses, workshops, and hands-on training, providing participants with opportunities to compete for AI ambassadorial roles and secure internships with Intel.

Furthermore, Nigeria is investing in its educators by launching an AI training program for 6,000 senior secondary school teachers nationwide. This initiative aims to integrate AI into the educational system, enhancing teaching methods and empowering educators to prepare students for a technology-driven future. Lastly, the country also plans to launch Africa's first dedicated AI university, the Wini Institution in Epe, Lagos. This institution will offer specialized curricula and research opportunities, equipping young Nigerians with advanced AI skills and fostering a new generation of tech leaders.

In Tanzania, AI is being leveraged to transform the education system, with AI-based language learning apps helping students improve their English proficiency, a crucial skill in the global economy. The Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) and the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) have committed to boosting robotics and AI in smart schools, focusing on design thinking and AI curriculum development to prepare young learners for the digital age.

Recognizing the importance of early exposure to technology, Uganda has opened a new robotics and AI school in Kampala. The school is expected to provide children with foundational skills in information and communication technology, including training and application for economic development as well as AI and Robotics.

Morocco is implementing a comprehensive national program to teach youth about AI and digital technology, aligning with the “Morocco Digital 2030” strategy. This initiative focuses on developing digital skills from an early age and promoting responsible technology use. The General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM), in collaboration with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and LinkedIn, has launched "Generation AI: Boosting 1000 Moroccan SMEs," aiming to equip Moroccan entrepreneurs with the knowledge and skills necessary to leverage AI for enhanced competitiveness and productivity.

Recognizing the importance of public-private partnerships, MTN Group and Ghana have signed a landmark agreement to support the government’s ‘One Million Coders Program,’ focusing on AI, coding, and digital skills for young Ghanaians.

Lastly, the Zambian government, in collaboration with the International Trade Centre (ITC), the Zambia Information and Communication Technology Authority (ZICTA), and the Women’s Entrepreneurship Access Centre, has launched an initiative to train youths on AI and cybersecurity to boost employability in the digital labor market, addressing the growing demand for digital skills in the workforce.

Enhancing Learning with AI-Powered Tools

AI is also being integrated into educational tools to personalize and enhance the learning experience. The international NGO Libraries Without Borders (LWB), in collaboration with the Senegalese Ministry of Education and the French Development Agency, has launched a project to improve language learning in Senegal. This project utilizes AI in its language learning app, Karibu, to provide personalized exercises and feedback for teachers, aiming to improve their proficiency in French and boost students' academic performance. By tailoring learning content to individual needs and providing detailed feedback, AI-powered tools are making education more accessible, engaging, and effective. These initiatives highlight the growing recognition of AI's potential to revolutionize education and build a skilled workforce for the future.

Q2 2025 Outlook

As Q1 2025 concludes, the African AI landscape looks very promising come Q2. Building upon the strong foundation laid in the first quarter, we anticipate significant advancements across policy, innovation, and capacity building.

The momentum in AI policy and regulation is expected to intensify. Several nations, including Cameroon, Zimbabwe, and Uganda, are on track to finalize and release their national AI strategies, further solidifying the continent's commitment to AI-driven development. These strategies will likely emphasize ethical considerations, data governance, and strategic alignment with national development goals.

We foresee a surge in sector-specific regulations, particularly in the rapidly evolving healthcare and financial sectors, as governments strive to balance innovation with consumer protection and data security.

Regional bodies like the African Union and COMESA are expected to play a crucial role in pushing for harmonized AI frameworks, fostering cross-border collaboration, and addressing shared challenges.

AI adoption is projected to expand significantly across key sectors in Q2 2025. Agriculture will continue to be a major beneficiary, with increased deployment of AI-powered tools for precision farming, crop monitoring, and market analysis. The healthcare sector is expected to witness a surge in the adoption of AI-driven diagnostic tools, telemedicine platforms, and personalized treatment solutions, building on the advancements seen in Egypt, Tunisia, and Senegal.

Additionally, Public service delivery will likely experience a transformation, with governments leveraging AI for citizen engagement, administrative efficiency, and improved service delivery, as exemplified by Nigeria's "Service-Wise GPT" and Mauritius's Hi-Tech Intelligent Island initiative. We also expect to see growth in AI-powered education tools, building upon the momentum of initiatives in Tanzania and Senegal.

Conclusion

The first quarter of 2025 has marked a period of significant advancement in the African AI landscape, characterized by strategic policy development, robust international partnerships, impactful innovations, and concerted efforts in education and capacity building. Governments across the continent have demonstrated a clear commitment to harnessing the transformative potential of AI, evidenced by the launch and development of national AI strategies, sector-specific policies, and collaborative initiatives.

International partnerships have played a pivotal role in driving digital transformation and fostering AI ecosystems, with global technology leaders, academic institutions, and intergovernmental organizations actively contributing to Africa's AI-driven progress. The surge in AI innovation across sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, and public service delivery highlights the tangible benefits of AI in addressing critical challenges and stimulating economic growth.

Moreover, the emphasis on AI education and workforce development underscores the recognition of the need to cultivate local talent and ensure the sustainable growth of the AI sector. Investments in training programs, research centers, and AI-enhanced learning tools are laying the foundation for a skilled workforce and a thriving AI ecosystem.

Looking ahead to Q2 2025, we anticipate continued momentum in policy development, increased AI adoption across key sectors, and a heightened focus on addressing emerging challenges. The commitment to ethical AI practices, data governance, and inclusive development will be crucial in ensuring that the benefits of AI are realized equitably across the continent.

As Africa continues to navigate the complexities of the digital age, the strategic deployment of AI will be instrumental in driving sustainable development, enhancing public services, and fostering economic prosperity. The collaborative efforts of governments, international partners, and the private sector will be essential in realizing the full potential of AI and shaping a future where technology empowers every African.

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