

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS REPORT

# AI Policy Summer School

## North Africa Edition

*The Final Regional Edition of a Three-Part Continental Programme*

Egypt | 2026 | Organised by Lawyers Hub

**Completing a Continental Arc: West Africa · Southern Africa ·  
North Africa**

*1,068 participants · 885+ organisations · 20+ countries · 3 editions*

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## Executive Summary

The North Africa Edition of the AI Policy Summer School, held in Egypt in 2026, marks the completion of a three-part continental programme that has, over the course of six months, engaged more than 1,000 participants across West, Southern, and North Africa in structured AI governance capacity building. What began in Accra in November 2025 — as an experiment in multi-stakeholder, practice-oriented AI policy education — has grown into Africa's most significant regional AI governance capacity programme, reaching 20+ countries and 885+ institutions across the continent and diaspora.

The North Africa edition drew 133 registered participants representing 117 unique organisations from 11+ named African countries, with a strong concentration in East Africa — particularly Kenya — reflecting the geographic reach of the programme's virtual format and the network effects of prior editions. Participants included legal professionals, government officials, technologists, researchers, civil society leaders, and students, all engaging with the same programme that has now collectively reached the 1,000-participant milestone.

Together, the three editions of the AI Policy Summer School constitute a landmark achievement in African AI governance capacity building: a sustained, multi-regional, practitioner-focused programme that has convened the lawyers, judges, regulators, technologists, and policymakers who will shape how the continent governs AI — on African terms, from African institutions, with a pan-African community of practice now firmly established.

*The completion of the North Africa edition means that for the first time, structured AI governance capacity building has reached across all three of Africa's major sub-regions in a single, sustained continental programme.*

— Programme Summary, Lawyers Hub 2026

## Programme-Wide Headline Statistics

*Cumulative Totals — All Three Editions*

The figures below represent the cumulative reach of the AI Policy Summer School across all three editions: West Africa (Ghana, November 2025), Southern Africa (Cape Town, February 2026), and North Africa (Egypt, 2026).

**1,068**

**Total Participants**  
*Across all 3 editions*

**885+**

**Unique Organisations**  
*Institutional breadth*

**20+**

**Countries Reached**  
*Across Africa & diaspora*

**3****Regional Editions***West · Southern · North***6****Months***Nov 2025 – Mar 2026***750+****Peak Edition (South Africa)***Largest single convening*

## Edition-by-Edition Comparison

*West Africa · Southern Africa · North Africa*

The table below shows the growth and geographic evolution of the programme across its three editions, from the foundational West Africa convening at GIMPA Law School in Accra, through the landmark Southern Africa edition at the University of Cape Town, to the completion of the continental arc in North Africa.

Edition	Date	Format	Participants	Organisations	Countries
West Africa(Ghana – GIMPA)	Nov 2025	In-person+ Virtual	<b>185</b>	155+	9
Southern Africa(UCT – Cape Town)	Feb 2026	Virtual+ In-person	<b>750</b>	613	10+
North Africa(Egypt – Cairo)	Mar 2026	Virtual+ In-person	<b>133</b>	117	11+
<b>TOTAL(All 3 Editions)</b>	<b>2025–2026</b>	<b>Hybrid</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>885+</b>	<b>20+</b>

*The North Africa edition, while smaller than the South Africa peak edition, brought a distinct profile: a predominantly East African practitioner audience, strong legal and policy sector representation, and a significantly broadened geographic spread across Sub-Saharan Africa — demonstrating the virtual format's power to convene participants far beyond the host country.*

## North Africa Edition Statistics

*Participant Data — Egypt 2026*

The North Africa edition registered 133 participants from 117 unique organisations. The data below reflects the geographic and professional composition of the cohort, derived from participant registration records.

### Key Headline Figures



### Attendance by Country of Residence

Kenya represented the largest single-country cohort, consistent with the programme's East African outreach and the network built through prior editions. The 'Not specified' category includes participants who did not indicate a country or noted non-country responses such as 'No'.

Country / Region	Participants	% of Total
Kenya	79	59.4%
Nigeria	9	6.8%
South Africa	6	4.5%
Tanzania	4	3.0%
Uganda	3	2.3%
Ghana	3	2.3%
DR Congo / Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2	1.5%
Namibia	1	0.8%
Mali	1	0.8%
Ethiopia (AU representation)	1	0.8%
Cameroon	1	0.8%
India	1	0.8%
Not specified / No response	21	15.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note: Named African country participants total 111 (83.5% of cohort), representing at least 11 distinct African nations across East, West, Central, and Southern Africa.

### Attendance by Professional Sector

The sector breakdown demonstrates the multi-stakeholder character of the programme. Legal and policy professionals dominate, reflecting the programme's positioning at the intersection of law, governance, and technology. Note that many participants fall across multiple categories (e.g. a 'Director' who is also a 'Lawyer'), so figures represent primary classification.

Professional Sector	Participants	Notes
Policy, Management & Leadership	62	Directors, CEOs, Managers, Officers, Programme leads
Legal Profession (Lawyers, Advocates, Counsel)	53	Advocates, Legal Officers, Solicitors, Counsel, Associates
Technology & Digital	19	Software engineers, Data professionals, ICT, AI practitioners
Students & Researchers	16	Students, PhD scholars, Research fellows, Legal interns
Civil Society & NGOs	3	Programme officers, Human rights fellows, Initiative leads
Academic & Teaching	3	Lecturers, Professors, PhD researchers in academic roles

## Notable Participants & Institutions

### Sample of High-Impact Attendees

The North Africa edition engaged a diverse range of institutions reflecting genuine multi-stakeholder reach. The following represent a sample of notable participating organisations:

#### International & Multilateral Organisations

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Kenya and Nigeria
- Africa CDC (Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) – Continental representation
- EU Delegation to India – Research and Innovation
- Aiducation International
- International Senior Lawyers Project – Responsible Technology Programme

#### Government, Regulatory & Judicial Bodies

- Commission on Administrative Justice (Office of the Ombudsman) – Kenya
- Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission – Kenya
- Kenya Civil Aviation Authority – Deputy Director, Legal Services
- National Cohesion and Integration Commission – Kenya
- Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau – Tanzania
- Kenya Copyright Board – Acting Assistant Executive Director
- State Department for Children Services, Government of Kenya
- State Department for Housing and Urban Development, Kenya
- National Police Service – Kenya
- Judicial Service of Ghana – Justice of the High Court
- Ministry of Justice and Human Rights

## Private Sector & Technology

- LexisNexis – Senior Legal Analyst & Legal Editor (South Africa)
- Old Mutual – Group Company Secretary / Legal Counsel (Kenya)
- Liberty Kenya – Group Data Protection Officer
- Metropol – Company Secretary, Head of Legal and Regulatory Compliance
- Nomos AI Legal Tech – Founder/CEO
- AiLEX – CEO/Founder (Uganda)
- Green Leaf AI – Founder and CTO
- Salaam Bank Limited – Legal Manager
- First City Monument Bank – Legal Counsel (Nigeria)

## Civil Society, Research & Academia

- Data Governance Africa – Research Analysts
- KELIN – Programme Officer (Kenya)
- Africa International Policy Research Center – CEO (Kenya)
- Droit Numérique.cd – Member (DR Congo)
- IDEATE Tech Policy Africa Limited – Research Consultant
- Institute of ICT Professionals Ghana – Tech Policy Analyst
- University of South Africa – Student and Legal professional
- Uganda Christian University – Student
- Technical University of Kenya – Lecturer
- Law Society of Kenya
- Information Technology Law and Policy Network – Associate Member

## The Continental Journey

*A Three-Part Arc Across Africa*

The completion of the North Africa edition closes a remarkable six-month arc that has taken the AI Policy Summer School from the Gulf of Guinea to the Mediterranean. Each edition built on the last — expanding the network, sharpening the curriculum, and extending the community of practice that now spans the continent.

Nov  
2025

West Africa Edition — GIMPA Law School, Accra, Ghana | 185 participants · 9 countries · 155+ organisations · West Africa AI Governance Roadmap co-developed across 5 pillars

Feb  
2026

Southern Africa Edition — University of Cape Town, South Africa | 750 participants · 10+ countries · 613 organisations · Interactive regional AI policy priorities workshop · AU AI Working Group represented

2026

North Africa Edition — Egypt | 133 participants · 11+ African countries · 117 organisations · East African practitioner focus · Continental arc completed

Across all three editions, the programme has built something that transcends individual events: a continental community of practice. Participants from the West Africa edition appear in the networks of the Southern Africa edition. The Southern Africa alumni network informed the North Africa outreach. The cumulative effect is not simply additive — it is the beginning of a self-sustaining pan-African AI governance ecosystem.

*What began as a single national convening has become a continental movement — a living network of practitioners committed to ensuring that AI governance in Africa is shaped by Africans.*

— [Lawyers Hub Programme Assessment](#)

## Programme Impact Highlights

*Across All Three Editions*

The following outcomes reflect the combined impact of the three-edition programme:

- ✓ Over 1,000 professionals trained in AI governance frameworks across law, policy, regulation, technology, and civil society.
- ✓ A co-developed Model West Africa AI Governance Roadmap — 5 pillars, practitioner-authored, ready for continental submission.

- ✓ Judges, High Court Justices, and Anti-Corruption Commissioners directly engaged with AI and digital evidence implications for law.
- ✓ AU AI Working Group represented at the Southern Africa edition; Africa CDC at the North Africa edition — ensuring continental governance bodies are part of the network.
- ✓ A Pan-African AI Policy Network established, with growing participation across Anglophone and Francophone communities.
- ✓ Gender-diverse, multi-generational cohort: from PhD students to CEOs to High Court Justices.
- ✓ Supported by the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation, with strategic hosting by GIMPA Law School, University of Cape Town, and Egyptian partners.
- ✓ Multi-format delivery mastered: in-person, virtual, and hybrid — enabling pan-African participation across language and geography.

## What Comes Next

### *Building on the Continental Foundation*

The North Africa edition completes the first continental cycle of the AI Policy Summer School. It does not mark the end of the programme — it marks the end of the beginning. The foundation is now in place for a sustained, institutionalised pan-African AI governance capacity programme.

- East Africa Edition — the natural next convening, building on the strong East African practitioner base that emerged in the North Africa data, centred on Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.
- Publication of the Pan-African AI Governance State of Play — a synthesis report drawing on all three editions, mapping regional capacity gaps, policy priorities, and recommendations for the AU.
- Formalisation of the Pan-African AI Policy Network — with working groups, a digital collaboration platform, and an annual summit.
- Judicial AI Literacy Programme — a specialised strand for judges, magistrates, and prosecutors, building on the strong judicial representation across all editions.
- Curriculum development — distilling the three-edition curriculum into a replicable, open-access AI governance training framework for African institutions.
- Expansion into Francophone Africa — building the cross-linguistic bridge essential to true continental coverage.

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