

<p>Project Description</p> <p>The African AI Language Models project convenes the G6 MNOs and other telecommunications companies, public and private sector actors, academia, and civil society in a collaborative drive to accelerate the building and adoption of scalable, relevant, and inclusive AI language models for African Languages.</p>
<p>Guiding Principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Africa. By Africa. For Africa – African driven and owned - no exclusions to those outside Africa to participate. • Prioritise collaboration and broader ecosystem, rather than duplicating siloes LLMs. • No Language Left Behind – from major indigenous languages to Africanised English, French and Arabic dialects that shape daily and official communication. • Sustainable Commercial Models to be researched but not discussed as part of workstreams • Fail Fast Projects - scale if viable.
<p>Overall Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an African AI Language Models project groups led by G6 MNOs, other MNOs and ecosystem Participants. • Advance four (4) workstreams (“Workstreams”): data, compute, talent, innovation, and market enablement with support from GSMA Foundry for scoping, governance, and initial workstreams. • Alignment on commitment, deliverables, resources, funding and other relevant topics. • Determine sustainable model to support alliance long-term through to the end of the 12-month pilot.
<p>Project Activities</p> <p>All Project Activities are focused solely on planning, preparing, and executing work packages through to MWC Kigali 2026. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating roles and collaboration across workstreams. • Developing work plan. • Preliminary outputs to the GSMAi/African Union whitepaper (“Whitepaper”) (planned in December 2025). • Building, testing, and showcasing PoC, pilots, or live solutions at MWC Barcelona and other events.
<p>Workstreams</p> <p>Four agile Workstreams will seek to address the fundamental challenges to building and adoption of AI models in Africa - designed not as siloed units, but as co-creation hubs with devolved leadership, shared accountability, and a strong bias for delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data & Models - Addressing fundamental challenges to building, using and scaling Data for Model training and inference across the continent • Compute - Identify and address barriers to access and usage of scaled compute for AI training and inference. • Talent - Mobilise and upskill African researchers, developers, and communities. • Innovation & Market Enablement - Drive adoption, application relevance, policy alignment, and commercial pilots. <p>A cross-cutting policy workstream will also address enabling policies for developing African AI language models.</p>
<p>Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed work packages. • Live PoC demonstration – Showcase proof-of-concepts, pilots or live solutions of African AI models at MWC Barcelona 2026 and future events. • Supporting documentation – guidelines, whitepapers, reports to accelerate AI adoption in Africa. • Lessons learned – Insights from the phase 1 shared in an MWC 2026 roundtable of inform priorities and potential future phases in lead up to the end of the 12-month pilot.
<p>Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G6 MNOs • Other mobile network operators (“MNOs”). • Public and private sector organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public sector organisations refer to entities owned or funded by the government, such as departments and agencies. ○ Private sector organisations are operated by individuals or corporations and function independently from governmental oversight. • Academia. • Civil society organisations: independent groups formed by individuals to promote social causes, protect community interests, and encourage civic engagement.
<p>Data Privacy</p> <p>Pursuant to Clause 8, Data Protection, of the NMPA.</p>
<p>All Participants need to be either GSMA Members or have signed a Non-Member Participation Agreement</p>

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