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The Machinery of Public Control

Five recent publications examine how governments oversee artificial intelligence (AI), sustain computing services and enforce integrity, with lessons for Kenya, the Global South and the wider world.

Recent research, official reports and institutional analysis, examined for public decisions in Kenya, the Global South and the wider world.

Edition in Brief · The publications in focus were published between 17 September and 1 October 2026. None featured in an earlier edition.



GOVERNMENT AI

Across 60 economies, adoption is advancing faster than the institutions around it.



PUBLIC REGISTERS

8,368 inventory records reveal the difference between disclosure and useful scrutiny.



ALGORITHMIC SAFEGUARDS

Dutch research asks which risks an official safeguard makes visible, and which it misses.



SOVEREIGN INFRASTRUCTURE

Six African deployments connect local computing with skills, data and recurring finance.



PUBLIC INTEGRITY

A Dominican Republic review tests the durability and local reach of integrity arrangements.

The governance test

Can the institution see the system, challenge its effects and change its course?



Where is the public inventory?



Who can change the system?



What survives the launch?

Public control depends on useful records, authority to intervene and the capacity to keep both working.

Evidence: World Bank; Das and Guha; Schepers and colleagues; United Nations Development Programme; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The sources have different methods and reach. Each source is read within its stated evidential limits.

