

Canada and Nigeria Partner at COP29 to Launch Carbon-Neutral Al Initiative

Pioneering partnership between NASENI and DigiHub Shawinigan establishes carbon offset system, leading to GenerlA's groundbreaking carbon-neutral AI



First AI carbon-neutral

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- At COP 29, Canada and Nigeria announce a strategic partnership to create an innovative carbon credit model to support Nigeria's economic and ecological development. This project, led by Nigeria's National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI) and the DigiHub Shawinigan, establishes a carbon offset system specifically designed for the Nigerian market, enabling credits generated to be reinvested directly into the local economy. The goal is to fund the transition toward carbon neutrality while integrating each country's sustainable development objectives.

This partnership comes at a time when the energy footprint of digital technologies is growing rapidly. According to the International Energy Agency, data centers, which previously consumed 1% of global electricity, now reach 460 TWh with the rise of artificial intelligence (AI) and cryptocurrencies. By 2026, this consumption could double, matching that of a country like Japan. This joint initiative addresses this sustainability challenge by developing compensation and energy efficiency solutions for resource-intensive technologies, particularly AI.

A tangible example of this collaboration is GenerIA, a startup from DigiHub Shawinigan that is already developing language models. This company is set to launch the world's first carbonneutral AI, with a strong commitment to eco-responsibility. GenerIA is already offering a frugal AI, consuming 50 to 60% less CO than comparable technologies. Thanks to the carbon offset system established through the partnership with NASENI, this AI will achieve total carbon neutrality – an unprecedented breakthrough in the field.

This unique partnership offers significant advantages: DigiHub will be able to provide carbon offsetting to its partner companies, thus strengthening its leadership in sustainability, while

NASENI will benefit from funding and new industrial capabilities. This collaboration allows Canada to strengthen its bilateral relations with a strategic African partner while promoting an inclusive and ecological development model.

COP 29 symbolizes this international cooperation, laying the foundations for a future where technology and ecology come together to build a more sustainable world.

dedicated to the development of infrastructure in science, technology, and engineering. It aims to strengthen the country's technological capabilities by promoting local solutions, supporting industrialization, and creating jobs. With a network of 12 specialized institutes, NASENI collaborates with universities, industries, and international organizations to drive innovation and Nigeria's technological autonomy. https://naseni.gov.ng

transformation since 2014. With its high computing capacity and expertise in AI, DigiHub is more than a tech hub: it's an incubator of innovation, where startups, researchers, and industries join forces to create the technologies of tomorrow. With its new Technological Convergence Hub, it combines AI, blockchain, quantum computing, and the metaverse to develop groundbreaking solutions. https://digihub.ca

Al solutions, combining exceptional performance with environmental respect. The company designs professional Al tailored to execute directly on client data, ensuring maximum security and reduced energy consumption. Its upcoming series, Nexus, a generation of generalist Als inspired by ChatGPT's spirit, will set new standards by combining quantum computing power, energy frugality, and total carbon neutrality. https://generia.ai

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