

Next Digital, Lakeba Group, AqlanX, & Agentic Dynamic Launch AfricAI: A Strategic Joint Venture for African Sovereign AI

The four-way joint venture will start in Nigeria, building sovereign, inclusive, and context-aware AI ecosystems across Africa, built locally, for local needs

LAGOS, NSW, NIGERIA, August 18, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In a landmark initiative to advance Africa's AI sovereignty and regional digital infrastructure, four technology leaders, [Lakeba Group](#) (Australia), Next Digital (Nigeria), [AqlanX](#) (UAE), and [Agentic Dynamic](#) (Netherlands) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a Joint Venture named AfricAI, focused on localizing, deploying, and commercializing enterprise-grade AI solutions tailored to African markets.



The four way joint venture will build Africa's sovereign AI capabilities

AfricAI will immediately focus on Nigeria as its flagship market, leveraging existing national data centers and edge infrastructure to deliver impactful AI applications in healthcare, digital identity, document automation, public administration, and enterprise services. The Joint Venture aims to position Africa as an active developer of sovereign, inclusive, and context-aware AI ecosystems — built locally, for local needs.

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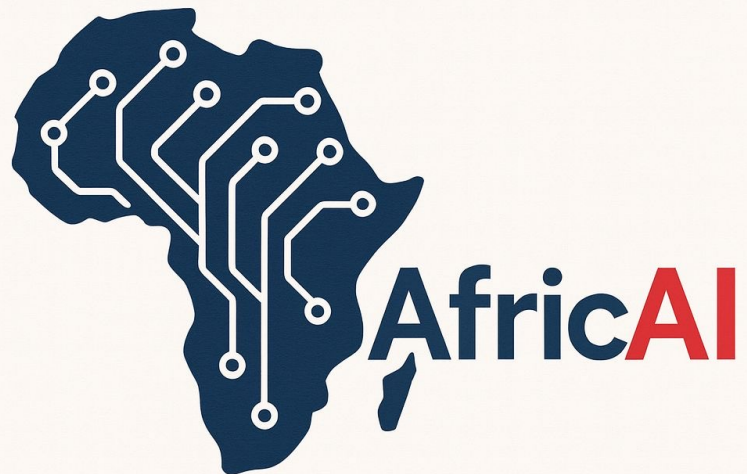
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AfricAI's mission is not outsourcing AI to Africa; it's developing it within Africa, by Africa, for Africa.

A CONTINENTAL VISION

AfricAI envisions the development of a distributed, interoperable AI network across Africa. With localized applications in agriculture, urban planning, public services, and education, AfricAI seeks to empower African governments, enterprises, and communities with trusted, transparent AI infrastructure.

By 2026, the JV plans to expand into Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, and Rwanda and train over 100 regional AI professionals while firmly establishing data, deployment, and decision-making on the continent.



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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OBJECTIVES

- Develop and deploy sovereign AI applications tailored to local market needs in areas such as digital identity, document automation, healthcare, education, and enterprise services.
- Integrate modular, agent-based AI architecture to enable adaptive and explainable AI across sectors like human resources, CRM, legal, and public policy.
- Leverage existing Nigerian edge and cloud infrastructure to ensure AI workloads are hosted, processed, and governed locally, in alignment with national data residency requirements.
- Establish a Center of Excellence (CoE) to cultivate a regional talent pipeline in AI development, cybersecurity, model tuning, and ethical deployment.
- Enable AI lifecycle management, observability, and orchestration using infrastructure-level intelligence to ensure real-time compliance, system health, and scalable deployment.
- Strengthen regional digital sovereignty by embedding compliance frameworks, multilingual capabilities, and secure access controls into every layer of the AI deployment stack.
- Accelerate public-private partnerships through targeted pilot programs across key sectors such as government services, fintech, healthcare, utilities, and smart infrastructure.
- Expand into neighboring African countries with interoperable platforms and open standards that support multilingual models, agentic workflows, and federated AI networks.

USE CASES UNDERWAY

AfricAI will prioritize the design and deployment of scalable AI solutions that address national

development goals and market opportunities. Initial deployments include:

- Sovereign AI for Identity & Compliance: Localized AI models for digital onboarding, ID verification, and regulatory compliance, tailored to national documents and hosted on local infrastructure.
- Document Intelligence & Knowledge Automation: Semantic indexing and classification for government registries, legal systems, and enterprise workflows to enhance service delivery and transparency.
- Agentic AI Assistants: Modular AI agents that automate HR, education, policy planning, and innovation management, with explainability and interoperability built in.
- Multilingual Health & Citizen Services: AI-powered assistants trained in local languages (Yoruba, Hausa, Igbo, Pidgin) to improve access to healthcare, education, and support services.
- Secure Smart Document & Transaction Validation: Cyber-secured AI layers for fraud detection, document authentication, and secure digital transactions.
- AI Observability and Infrastructure Resilience: Infrastructure-aware AI for real-time monitoring, compliance, and orchestration across edge environments.

PARTNER STATEMENTS

Prince Malik Ado-Ibrahim, Chairman of Next Digital:

“At Next Digital, we’re not just deploying AI — we’re shaping it to reflect who we are as Nigerians and Africans. AfricAI is about more than software. It’s about exporting our intelligence, building our future on our terms, and making Africa a force in the global AI conversation. Nigeria will lead that movement — and we are ready.”

Giuseppe Porcelli, CEO of Lakeba Group:

“Lakeba has long been at the forefront of global AI innovation. AfricAI marks a bold next step — not just for Lakeba, but for the future of sovereign AI. Nigeria offers the ideal launchpad for building a truly African AI ecosystem. With our flagship DoxAI platform and deep capabilities in cybersecurity, automation, and orchestration, we are proud to architect the AI infrastructure Africa needs and deserves.”

Demetrio Russo, Founder and CEO of AqlanX:

“Localization, multilingual compliance, and digital trust are core to our AI philosophy. AfricAI reflects a strategic intent by AqlanX to help shape Africa’s digital sovereignty agenda while enabling secure, AI-first innovation ecosystems built for scale, ethics, and inclusion.”

Eren Sivasli, Chairman of Agentic Dynamic

“We believe in scalable, domain-specific automation that truly supports human workflows. That’s why we’re excited to bring Agentic Dynamic’s segment-oriented agent architecture into this multinational collaboration.”

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