ADLaM Digitisation — Two Guinean Brothers' Fulani Alphabet Carried Into Unicode and Major Operating Systems

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Guinea

Quality score: 56/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

ADLaM, a script for Fulani/Pulaar devised by brothers Ibrahima and Abdoulaye Barry from c.1989, entered Unicode 9.0 in 2016 and gained native support in Android, Windows 10 (2019) and macOS (2022). Reach claims are promotional; no independent evaluation exists.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	0/1
Demonstrated reach	0/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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