

Kenya's Communications Authority Emerging Technologies Sandbox — Three Applications, One Acceptance and a Critic Calling It Toothless

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Kenya

Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Kenya's Communications Authority runs a non-financial ICT regulatory sandbox that lists AI-driven services as in scope. Its Datasphere case study records 3 applications and 1 acceptance; a 2026 critic notes no published outcomes and no binding powers.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	0/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	0/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-29

[Communications Authority of Kenya](#) — accessed 2026-10-29

[Datasphere Initiative — Kenya's ICT Sandbox case study](#) — accessed 2026-10-29

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