

SAMAI 2 — Saudi Arabia's SDAIA Extends Its AI-Training Programme Into 11 Government Ministries

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Saudi Arabia

Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Building on SAMAI 1, which certified 1.1 million Saudi citizens in AI during 2025 with 52% female participation, SDAIA launched SAMAI 2 in January 2026 to train the workforce of 11 government ministries directly, aiming to lift public-sector AI adoption and productivity.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	3/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-28

[Saudi Data & AI Authority \(SDAIA\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-28

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