

SDAIA's Regulatory Sandbox — Saudi Arabia's Region-First Testing Ground for Privacy-Enhancing AI

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Saudi Arabia

Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

SDAIA's Data & Privacy Regulatory Sandbox, launched Feb 2023 as the region's first, lets MSMEs test privacy-enhancing AI and data products under supervised rules; its 2025 second-edition launch drew 150+ attendees, though no participant-outcome tally is yet public.

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	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

[Saudi Data & AI Authority \(SDAIA\) — National Data Management Office](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

[Saudi Press Agency — SDAIA Launches Second Edition of Regulatory Sandbox Program](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

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