

Smart Court System: Ethiopia's Federal Supreme Court Pairs AI Transcription With a Nationwide E-Filing Mandate

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Ethiopia's Federal Supreme Court, with the Ethiopian AI Institute, is rolling out a 'Smart Court System' with AI transcription, a citizen chatbot and a binding e-filing directive, backed by a 2.2-billion-birr budget, though independent performance evaluation is not yet published.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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