



# Data Sovereignty in Southern Africa: Crafting Cyberlaw and Data Protection Frameworks

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## Abstract

Data sovereignty in Southern Africa is increasingly recognised as a critical issue, particularly with the rapid growth of digital economies and the increasing importance of cyberlaw frameworks to protect data privacy and security. No empirical results are provided; rather, this Perspective Piece synthesizes existing literature on cyberlaw and data protection, drawing from case studies and international best practices to inform the discussion of potential frameworks in Ghana. This Perspective Piece highlights the urgent need to establish comprehensive cyberlaw frameworks that protect data privacy and security in Ghana, aligning these efforts with broader regional initiatives to foster a more cohesive digital ecosystem. Recommendations include developing a unified framework for data protection laws across Southern Africa, incorporating elements of international best practices while also allowing room for local adaptation. Additionally, promoting regular dialogue between legal authorities from different countries is crucial for effective implementation and enforcement.

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