



# Cyberlaw and Data Protection in Southern Africa: An Ethio-Perspective

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## Abstract

Cyberlaw and data protection in Southern Africa are areas of growing legal interest, with Ethiopia being a notable jurisdiction within this region. A mixed-methods approach was employed, including qualitative interviews with legal experts and quantitative surveys among citizens to gather insights into current practices and attitudes towards cyberlaw and data protection. Findings indicate that while Ethiopia has established a comprehensive cyberlaw framework, there is significant room for improvement in terms of public awareness and enforcement mechanisms. The study concludes by highlighting the need for enhanced public education campaigns and strengthened legal enforcement to ensure effective implementation of existing laws. Specific recommendations include increasing investment in digital literacy programmes and establishing a dedicated cybercrime unit within law enforcement agencies.

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