



The Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence in Ugandan Societies,

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Abstract

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly integrated into various sectors of Ugandan society, including healthcare, education, and governance. However, little attention has been paid to the ethical implications and governance frameworks surrounding AI in this context. The research employs a qualitative approach involving semi-structured interviews and focus group discussions with stakeholders including policymakers, technologists, ethicists, and civil society representatives. Data analysis focuses on thematic content to identify key themes related to AI ethics and governance. Findings indicate that while there is growing awareness of AI's potential benefits in Uganda, concerns about data privacy and the equitable distribution of technological gains are paramount among stakeholders. This study underscores the need for a comprehensive framework that balances technological advancement with ethical considerations to ensure sustainable development in line with local societal values. Recommendations include the establishment of an AI ethics committee involving diverse stakeholders, regular public consultations on AI policies, and training programmes for policymakers on AI governance issues.

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