

# AFRICA GOVERNANCE & CIVIC INNOVATION HUB (AGCIH)

## AGCIH Engagement Pack (2026)

### Institutional Readiness for Responsible AI Implementation

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## 1. Who We Are

The Africa Governance & Civic Innovation Hub (AGCIH) is an independent governance institution established to support public institutions to move from digital and AI ambition to responsible, trusted implementation. AGCIH does not advocate, regulate, or deploy technology. Our value lies in operationalising governance — translating laws, policies, and ethical commitments into practical systems, controls, and institutional capability.

## 2. The Problem We Solve

Across Africa, AI is entering public systems rapidly through digitisation programmes, procurement of vendor platforms, donor-supported initiatives, and department-led experimentation. However, AI governance often remains principle-heavy and tool-light. Institutions face gaps such as unclear ownership, weak risk classification, limited monitoring and audit trails, and absent public trust and remedy pathways. AGCIH exists to close these gaps.

## 3. Our Positioning

AGCIH is a governance readiness and implementation partner. We specialise in the control layer (permissions, checkpoints, monitoring), the institutional layer (roles, mandates, decision rights), and the trust layer (complaints, oversight, remedies). We make AI governance usable inside real ministries — without requiring perfect legislation first.

## 4. What We Offer (3 Service Lines)

### **Service Line 1: Governance Readiness Diagnostics**

Readiness assessments covering ownership, compliance alignment, procurement safeguards, risk classification, monitoring and auditability, and public trust controls.

### **Service Line 2: Governance Tools & Control Systems**

Minimum viable tools ministries can adopt immediately: AI System Intake Checklist, FRIA-Lite, Public Trust Controls, Child-Safe AI Governance Toolkit, and Agentic AI Controls.

### **Service Line 3: Structured Pilots & Implementation Support**

Support to operationalise governance gates, embed safeguards into procurement, train focal persons, configure monitoring and incident response, and run review cycles.

## 5. 2026 Priority Focus Areas

### **A) Child-Safe AI Governance Readiness**

Rights-sensitive safeguards, child-friendly reporting and remedy pathways, and institutional accountability in child-impacted systems.

### **B) Institutional Control Systems for AI**

Governance gates, approval checkpoints, auditability and monitoring, and public trust controls across ministries.

### **C) Agentic AI Governance (Next Frontier)**

Controls for AI agents: action scope and autonomy boundaries, permissioning and identity, high-stakes checkpoints, kill switch and incident response readiness.

## **6. What a 90-Day Engagement Looks Like**

### **Phase 1 (Days 1–15): Readiness Snapshot**

Identify AI systems in use or pipeline, classify risk, confirm ownership gaps, map complaint and escalation mechanisms.

**Deliverable:** Readiness Snapshot + Priority Gap List.

### **Phase 2 (Days 16–45): Governance Controls Setup**

Deploy intake checklist and FRIA-Lite, define approval gates, implement monitoring basics and trust controls.

**Deliverable:** Governance Gate + Control Tools Pack + Monitoring Plan.

### **Phase 3 (Days 46–90): Pilot Implementation + Learning**

Run a controlled pilot, test escalation and remedy pathways, conduct review cycle, produce scale roadmap.

**Deliverable:** Pilot Report + Governance Scale Roadmap.

## **7. Partnership Requests**

**A) Ministry and Regulator Partnerships** — pilot institutions and focal persons for adoption.

**B) Development Partner / Donor Partnerships** — seed funding and capacity building support.

**C) Platform and Implementation Partnerships** — vendor cooperation on auditability, procurement safeguards, transparency.

## **8. Engagement Entry Routes**

- 1) Exploratory readiness conversation (30–45 minutes).
- 2) Readiness diagnostic (short engagement).
- 3) 90-day pilot partnership (structured implementation support).

## **9. Governance Commitment**

AGCIH operates with policy credibility, non-partisan professionalism, rights-based trust-centred governance principles, and public value orientation.

## **10. Contact and Next Step**

For institutional enquiries, request a structured engagement conversation via [admin@agcih.africa](mailto:admin@agcih.africa).

Engagement areas: Child-Safe AI Governance Readiness; Fundamental Rights & Public Trust Controls; Agentic AI Controls & Procurement Safeguards; Readiness Diagnostic; Pilot Partnership (90 days).

*Note:* This is a public reference document. Full implementation tools (templates, SOPs, training packs, scoring instruments and procurement clause sets) are available through structured engagement with AGCIH.