



## Frequently Asked Questions for the Africa Technology Policy Tracker (AfTech)

### 1. What is the Africa Technology Policy Tracker (AfTech)?

The Africa Technology Policy Tracker (AfTech) is an interactive digital platform that provides insight into the regulatory actions of governments across the African continent based on four digital economy pillars: Digital Infrastructure, Digital Platforms, Digital Skills, and Digital Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

### 2. Why the need for this project?

The Africa Technology Policy Tracker project is essential due to the rapid adoption of digital technologies across African nations. However, the absence of a centralized repository for the diverse regulations governing this transition presents a significant challenge. This initiative addresses this gap by establishing a comprehensive platform to monitor and comprehend the myriad digital economy policies and laws prevailing throughout the continent.

### 3. What are the objectives of this project?

The Africa Technology Policy Tracker project aims to provide a comprehensive resource for tracking digital economy policies, laws, and regulations across African countries, support policy analysis, enhance visibility on the evolving tech regulatory environment in Africa, and facilitate knowledge dissemination and learning among African policymakers and key stakeholders in Africa's digital transformation.

### 4. Who is developing the Africa Technology Policy Tracker?

The tracker is being developed through a collaboration between the Africa Technology Union (ATU) and the Africa Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. ATU has supported with the appointment and coordination of country focal points.



### 5. Who are focal points?

The focal points are country representatives appointed by their government to support the development of the tracker as contacts for data collection.

### 6. How is the data collected for the AfTech tracker managed?

Data is collected via a questionnaire form managed by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace team. The link to the questionnaire or survey form is provided to focal points and relevant stakeholders for input.

### 7. How is data integrity ensured throughout the development and deployment stages of the AfTech tracker?

Data integrity is maintained through the anonymization of entries, rigorous cross-verification processes, and regular audits to ensure accuracy and reliability.

### 8. Is the project a duplication of efforts?

No, the AfTech project is unique in its comprehensive approach to tracking tech regulations across Africa and is not a duplication of any existing Carnegie project. AfTech seeks to complement other research projects on Africa's digital policies.

### 9. How often is the data on the AfTech tracker updated?

The data is updated on a monthly basis to reflect the latest developments in tech regulations across Africa. Major updates are planned to coincide with significant regulatory changes or policy developments.

### 10. Can I suggest improvements for the AfTech tracker?

Yes, users can provide feedback through the following email address: [africatechtracker@ceip.org](mailto:africatechtracker@ceip.org).

### 11. Are there any costs associated with accessing the AfTech tracker?

No, access to the AfTech tracker and its resources is free of charge for all users. The aim is to promote widespread use and benefit from the information provided.

### 12. How can interested parties get involved with the AfTech tracker project?

Interested parties can get involved by contacting the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace's Africa program via [africatechtracker@ceip.org](mailto:africatechtracker@ceip.org) or the Africa Technology Union (ATU) via [m.slimani@atuuat.africa](mailto:m.slimani@atuuat.africa).