

AI, for everyone

Artificial Intelligence (AI) represents an unprecedented opportunity to accelerate economic development, strengthen governance and unlock innovation at national scale. Building on decades of global investment in digital infrastructure, countries today have a unique chance to move quickly in developing their own national AI capabilities.

At this pivotal moment in the AI transformation, nations have a rare chance to shape AI systems from the ground up. They can build capabilities that reflect their languages, values, and priorities—and establish leadership in strategically important domains. By doing so, they can catalyse new industries through AI designed for their own national contexts, rather than solely adapting to technologies built for others. Realising this opportunity, however, requires confronting AI's very real risks. By embedding responsible AI practices from the start, nations can build systems that are not only powerful, but also trustworthy and socially legitimate.

The Responsible AI Future Foundation (RAIFF) exists to help make sovereign AI for nations responsible, practical and possible, with a specific focus on the Global South. We enable and support nations to become AI producers, building the sovereign capabilities needed to compete, govern and innovate on their own terms.



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The Global South cannot afford to be a passive consumer of AI technologies developed elsewhere. RAIFF provides nations with the frameworks and partnerships needed to build sovereign capabilities that reflect their unique contexts and priorities.

Baroness Joanna Shields

Executive Chair, Responsible AI Future Foundation

AI, your way

Our strategic approach

Backed by our founding partners Microsoft and G42, RAIFF is committed to enabling nations develop the expertise and infrastructure to make independent choices about their own AI future, rather than defaulting to solutions designed for other contexts.

Unlike initiatives focused solely on AI ethics or governance dialogue, we bridge the gap between principle and practice. We provide actionable implementation frameworks and access to the infrastructure, partnerships and expertise required to build sovereign AI capabilities.

Our approach emphasises building lasting in-country capabilities so nations have access to diverse sovereign technology options. It also is distinctly Global South-centered, ensuring that AI development serves the interests of countries and communities that have too often been relegated to users of technologies designed elsewhere. We are developing our first national AI playbook—to be initially implemented in selected countries as a sandbox, testing and refining frameworks that will further inform sovereign AI development across the Global South.

We make AI responsible



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[RAIFF] marks a defining moment in shaping the future of responsible AI. By bringing together leading minds in research, policy, and industry, we are building a foundation that will drive ethical AI development at a global scale.

Dr. Andrew Jackson
Group Chief Responsible AI Officer, G42

How we deliver

We work with governments, NGOs and local enterprises to shape the future of AI in key sectors including healthcare, education, agriculture, energy and citizen services.

Our work includes:

Sovereign and responsible AI implementation roadmaps

Developing comprehensive playbooks and tools that guide nations from strategy to deployment, drawing on lessons from early adopter countries while adapting to local political, economic and regulatory contexts.

In-country capacity development

Building capability through sharing knowledge and delivering training with organisations including the Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI), UN partners, and regional experts to build lasting domestic AI expertise.

Compute infrastructure pathways

Developing innovative strategic options for accessing compute resources—preserving national flexibility and negotiating leverage.

Access and advocacy

Convening key partners and building coalitions to drive sovereign AI approaches and responsible adoption. We shape the global AI narrative by positioning the Global South as technology producers and thought leaders, not just consumers.

AI is what we make it, together

RAIFF provides governments with the strategic frameworks, technical capabilities and partnerships needed to turn AI sovereignty from aspiration into operational reality.

Let's work together

Contact us to discuss how RAIFF can support your nation's sovereign AI ambitions:

Strategic AI roadmap development

Co-develop responsible, sovereign AI strategy with implementation timelines.

Pilot programmes

Test sovereign AI frameworks in specific ministries or sectors.

National AI implementation

[Strategic] deployment of sovereign AI systems across government.

Regional coalition building

Partner on with multi-country initiatives to share resources and develop standards.