DQ 4 response to Edith

Hi Edith,

This is a very good discussion on the challenges of governance in the new business world. I especially like your exposition in the technology challenge during the pandemic. Allow me expound on the discussion in the following way.

The technological development in Africa has been growing at an exponential rate, however, there is little movement on the governance of these emerging technologies. An example is the data protection provisions and patenting that are still misunderstood and not practiced or enforced in most countries in Africa. With this in mind, it becomes difficult to encourage the innovations through technology as the patenting laws are equally weak and rarely enforced (Oke, Munshi, & Walumbwa, 2009). This implies that even governing in this area is weak hence there are no check and balances within emerging technology.

Whereas the lack of documentation is a key missing variable in the case of Africa, many innovators and programmers take to using the laws used in the developed world, however, they run the risk of not having a place to report to in the case of a problem (Adekoya, 2014; Eluka & Okafor, 2014).

In lieu of this, there is an urgent need to create more knowledge on governance in this field.

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