Group Assignment

Note: Dear Fellows, after attending and engaging in two of the insightful seminars we would like to hear from you. This is a group assignment for all fellows, kindly find your group member below the questions.
- Guidelines for answering questions here: LINK
- Slides and meetings are on the Dashboard.
- Deadline: 18h GMT, Monday, 31st March 2025
- Submit directly here: Link or on your Dashboard here: Link to Dasboard
- *Contact Sandra or Simeon for any enquiries or clarifications.*

Questions

1. Given the funding structures discussed, what innovative financing mechanisms (beyond government and donor funding) could be explored to sustainably develop Africa's digital infrastructure, particularly in underserved regions? (Give practical mechanisms tailored to an African country of your choice).

2. Considering the multiple digital policies and frameworks at the continental, regional, and national levels (e.g., AU Digital Transformation Strategy, ECOWAS Data Protection Act), how can African governments harmonize regulatory frameworks to accelerate digital transformation without stifling innovation?

3. How does the Transformative Innovation Africa Hub (TIAH) approach (system approach) differ from conventional Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) policies? Identify the potential challenges in implementing this approach across diverse African economies and propose effective measures to address these challenges.

4. From your perspective, what key factors should African policymakers prioritise to effectively drive digital transformation through system optimisation, redesign, and innovation in socio-technical change? Why do you think those factors are the most pressing?

5. How do economic and political risk analyses influence policy decision-making in African countries, and what strategies can policymakers use to mitigate these risks while promoting sustainable development?

6. If you were leading an advocacy campaign to influence a major digital policy reform in your home country (such as internet governance, digital inclusion, twin transitions, or cybersecurity), what multi-stakeholder engagement strategy would you employ to ensure tangible policy impact? Outline key steps and justify your approach.

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