



THE 2026 SOVEREIGN AI READINESS CHECKLIST

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Classification: Strategic Audit Framework

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PILLAR 1: DATA SOVEREIGNTY & RESIDENCY

- [] **Local Residency:** Is 100% of your primary PII (Personally Identifiable Information) stored on servers physically located within Kenyan borders?
- [] **Air-Gap Capability:** Can your core business logic operate if the connection to external APIs (OpenAI/Anthropic) is severed?
- [] **Zero-Training Clause:** Do you have legal confirmation that your data is not being used to train public foundational models?

PILLAR 2: ARCHITECTURAL INTELLIGENCE (AEO)

- [] **Schema Injection:** Does your website contain `application/ld+json` blocks defining your Brand, Services, and Key Personnel?
- [] **Citable Facts:** Does your "About" or "News" section provide structured data points (years, percentages, locations) that LLMs can easily parse for grounding?
- [] **Vector Readiness:** Is your internal documentation (PDFs/Wikis) formatted in a way that is "chunk-friendly" for Vector Database embedding?

PILLAR 3: AGENTIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- [] **Logic Decoupling:** Are your AI workflows "Agentic" (autonomous decision loops) or just simple "Prompts" (one-off inputs)?
- [] **M-Pesa/API Integration:** Does your AI have direct, secure handshake protocols with your local payment and CRM gateways?
- [] **Inference Latency:** Is your local model response time under 800ms? (Anything higher fails the 2026 UX standard).

PILLAR 4: SECURITY & COMPLIANCE

- [] **DPA 2019 Alignment:** Does your AI deployment strategy meet all requirements of the Kenya Data Protection Act?

- **Weight Ownership:** Do you have the capability to host "Model Weights" on private hardware?
- **Audit Trails:** Is every AI-generated decision logged in a tamper-proof internal ledger for forensic review?

PILLAR 5: THE BOTTOM LINE (ROI)

- **SaaS Waste Audit:** Have you identified at least 3 subscription-based tools that can be replaced by a single local Agent?
 - **Scalability Coefficient:** Can your current AI architecture handle a 10x increase in customer queries without a 10x increase in API costs?
 - **The Genius Gap:** Does your executive team understand the difference between "Using AI" and "Owning Intelligence"?
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SCORING

- **12-15 Points: SOVEREIGN ELITE.** You are ready for full Agentic Swarm deployment.
- **7-11 Points: TRANSITIONAL.** You have high risk of data leakage. Immediate "Lift and Shift" required.
- **0-6 Points: LEGACY.** Your architecture is vulnerable to the "SaaS Tax" and AI-displacement.

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