ICTD

## Systems Working Group

# AI-ready tax systems: DPI, data and governance for African tax administrations

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**Are the Systems ready for AI to work effectively and responsibly?**

# Our approach

**Map what exists today**

Concrete AI and advanced Analytics use cases

**Identify what AI can do in the context of DPI**

What data, DPI, institutional and governance conditions make use cases feasible?

**Agree what comes next**

What should future research focus on?

# The five sessions

1. **Set the Frame**
   What do AI and DPI mean for tax administration?

2. **Map current practice**
   Use cases, data flows, and constraints

3. **Assess AI readiness**
   Data, interoperability, skills, law, trust

4. **Govern and institutionalise**
   What do AI and DPI mean for tax administration?

5. **Build the research agenda**
   Questions, policy messages and partnerships

# Expected outputs



USE-CASE MAP



AI-READINESS FRAMEWORK



GOVERNANCE CHECKLIST



RESEARCH AGENDA

# Session 1

- What does DPI mean for tax administrations?
- What do we mean by AI?
- How are AI and DPI connected?