REAIM SUMMIT 2027 · PRESIDENTIAL POLICY ALIGNMENT · NAIROBI, 14-15 APRIL 2027

Strengthening Capability for Human Agency

Creation, capability and sovereignty

A Kenya as a co-creator of technology

9 FEBRUARY 2026

"We will participate as co-creators of technology, governance, use and benefits of artificial intelligence."

B Building and inventing future technologies

28 JULY 2026

"The future will not belong merely to those who master today's technologies. It will belong to those who imagine, invent and build the technologies that the world has not yet conceived."

C Technological agency and sovereignty

21 SEPTEMBER 2026

"Political sovereignty without technological agency risks becoming sovereignty in law but dependency in practice."

D Capability and values

21 SEPTEMBER 2026

"Values without capability can leave nations dependent. Capability without values can make power dangerous. We require both."

E Shared sovereignty

21 SEPTEMBER 2026

"Shared sovereignty is not sovereignty surrendered. It is agency enlarged through organised cooperation."

F Technological independence

21 SEPTEMBER 2026

"We must not become tenants in a future built from our data, powered by our resources, shaped by technologies we cannot influence and governed by rules we did not write."

Risks, human oversight and safeguards

G AI risks and weaponisation

14 JUNE 2024

"We have also witnessed the potential for AI to be weaponized to accentuate biases, escalate the propagation of extreme ideologies and enable a broad range of dangerous, antisocial conduct and abuses."

H Human direction, oversight and control

22 SEPTEMBER 2026

"AI must remain under human direction, oversight and control."

Joint statement signed by President Ruto; not attributed as personal remarks.

From presidential policy to REAIM 2027

The President's statements support a policy direction that combines technological creation and co-design, national capability and sovereignty, informed choices, responsible use, and oversight of AI-related risks. The Summit applies this wider policy direction to artificial intelligence in the military domain; the alignment is an interpretation, not a claim that these remarks specifically endorsed the revised REAIM theme.

PILLAR I

Capacity and Capability

Enabling States and Institutions to Exercise Informed Agency

Enabling agency: developing the human, institutional and technological ability to assess, procure, develop, evaluate and govern AI.

PILLAR II

AI-Enabled Decision-Making and Human Control

Advancing Human Judgment, Control and Responsibility Across AI Applications

Exercising agency: maintaining judgment, control and responsibility across decision support, delegated functions and applications with varying degrees of autonomy.

PILLAR III

Assurance, Safeguards and Responsibility

Building Confidence Through Evaluation, Oversight and Accountability

Sustaining agency: linking testing, independent evaluation, monitoring, safeguards and legal and institutional accountability.

POLICY CONCLUSION

The proposed theme, Strengthening Capability for Human Agency, connects capability, decision-making and human control, and assurance across countries with different levels of readiness. The three pillars address the conditions that enable, exercise and sustain human agency while recognising the distinct responsibilities of states and military authorities.

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