From Digital Consumption to Digital Production: Reimagining Africa's Innovation Economy

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ABSTRACT

Africa's expanding digital economy offers opportunities for economic diversification, innovation and sustainable development. Yet the diffusion of digital technologies does not automatically generate domestic technological production, local value capture or globally competitive firms. This paper examines the transition from digital consumption to digital production as a pathway for strengthening Africa's innovation economy. It asks how structural and institutional conditions shape productive capability, how firms, universities, governments and development partners can build innovation ecosystems, and which policy instruments can support inclusive, regionally integrated digital production. The manuscript uses a conceptual integrative review of scholarship on innovation systems, institutional economics and global value chains, complemented by comparative analysis of African policy and development reports. It synthesizes evidence concerning infrastructure, skills, finance, research and development, firm capabilities, market scale and governance. On this basis, it proposes an African Digital Production and Innovation Framework comprising six mutually reinforcing pillars: foundational infrastructure; skills and organisational learning; research-commercialisation linkages; patient and risk-tolerant finance; market-shaping institutions and regulation; and regional value-chain integration. The framework shifts assessment of digital transformation from connectivity and adoption alone toward domestic capability formation, productivity, and value capture and quality employment. It also identifies risks of exclusion, technological lock-in and environmental burden. The paper provides an analytical foundation for country-level testing and policy development by African governments, enterprises, universities and international development partners.

KEYWORDS

Digital economy, digital production, innovation systems, technological capability, economic transformation, global value chains

I. INTRODUCTION

Digital technologies have become central to contemporary production, trade and public administration. Broadband networks, mobile platforms, cloud services, data analytics and artificial intelligence can lower coordination costs, widen market access and enable new business models. For African economies, these technologies are often presented as a route to leapfrogging infrastructure constraints and accelerating development. However, the economic consequences of Digitalisation depend not only on access to technologies but also on the capabilities of firms and institutions to use, adapt, produce and govern them.

A central tension therefore exists between digital consumption and digital production. Consumption refers here to the adoption and use of digital products, platforms and services, many of which are designed and supplied elsewhere. Production refers more broadly to the domestic creation, adaptation, manufacture, maintenance and export of digital goods and services, alongside the capacity to supply technology-enabled inputs to other sectors. The distinction is analytical rather than absolute: imported technologies can support local innovation, while locally developed applications may still rely on foreign cloud, payment or distribution infrastructures. The relevant question is whether adoption builds durable productive capabilities and allows domestic actors to capture a meaningful share of the value generated.

This question is important because Africa's structural transformation requires productivity growth, economic diversification and the development of firms capable of competing in regional and global markets. UNCTAD (2023) identifies opportunities for African economies to participate more substantially in technology-intensive supply chains, while also noting constraints involving logistics, capital, technological capabilities and institutional conditions. The World Bank's Digital Africa report similarly argues that digital technologies can support jobs and welfare, but that affordability, productive use and skills are necessary to realize these gains (World Bank, 2023). These findings suggest that connectivity is a foundation, not a complete development strategy.

This paper argues that the transition from digital consumption to digital production should be understood as a capability-building process. It is shaped by interactions among infrastructure, human capital, finance, research institutions, firm-level learning, public policy and access to markets. The paper makes three contributions. First, it integrates innovation-systems and global-value-chain perspectives to explain why adoption may not translate into domestic production. Second, it proposes a framework for analysing the institutional complements required for productive digital transformation. Third, it identifies policy implications for strengthening local value creation while avoiding technological isolation or protectionism that undermines competition and learning.

A. Problem Statement and Research Gap

African digital transformation strategies frequently prioritize connectivity, digital public services, financial technology and the expansion of digital skills. These priorities are essential, but adoption indicators alone provide an incomplete account of economic transformation. A country may record growing internet use and digital transactions while domestic firms remain concentrated in low-value activities, depend heavily on imported platforms and equipment, or struggle to scale beyond small markets. Conversely, locally developed digital services may create value even when they use imported infrastructure. A more nuanced analytical approach is therefore needed.

The research problem is not that digital consumption is inherently undesirable. Imported technologies can increase productivity, support entrepreneurship and facilitate knowledge transfer. The problem arises when consumption does not generate cumulative learning, local supplier development, research capacity, or opportunities for firms to move into more sophisticated activities. This can reproduce dependency through limited bargaining power, weak domestic intellectual property portfolios, low local content in supply chains and restricted capacity to shape standards.

Existing work provides important but often separately treated insights. Innovation-systems research emphasizes interaction among firms, universities, governments and other knowledge institutions. Global-value-chain scholarship examines how firms and countries participate in production networks and capture value. Digital development research focuses on connectivity, access, skills and adoption. The analytical opportunity is to bring these perspectives together around the transition from use to production, and to specify the mechanisms through which policy and institutional arrangements can support that transition (Freeman, 1987; Gereffi et al., 2005; World Bank, n.d.).

B. Research Aim and Objectives

The aim is to develop an integrated conceptual framework explaining how African economies can convert digital adoption into domestic productive capabilities and inclusive economic value.

- Identify the structural and institutional conditions that enable or constrain digital production in African economies.
- Examine how innovation-system actors—firms, universities, governments, financiers and development partners—can support capability formation.
- Analyse the roles of regional markets and global value chains in scaling African digital enterprises and suppliers.
- Develop a framework and policy directions for assessing progress from digital consumption toward production and value capture.

C. Research Questions

- What conditions shape the conversion of digital technology adoption into domestic productive capabilities?
- How do infrastructure, skills, finance, research linkages and institutional quality interact to influence local digital production?
- How can regional integration and participation in global value chains expand opportunities for African firms to create and capture value?
- What indicators can be used to assess whether digital transformation is strengthening inclusive domestic production?

II. CONCEPTUAL CLARIFICATIONS

A. Digital consumption

Digital consumption denotes the acquisition and use of digital devices, software, platforms, cloud services and digitally delivered products. It includes household access and use, as well as organisational adoption of technology to communicate, transact, manage information or deliver services. Consumption can generate substantial welfare and productivity benefits; it should not be treated as a passive or economically unproductive activity (World Bank, 2023).

B. Digital production

Digital production is used in this paper as an umbrella concept covering: (a) the creation of digital products and services, including software, applications, data services and platform-based solutions; (b) the manufacture, assembly, repair and maintenance of digital

equipment and components; (c) the production of technology-enabled goods and services in sectors such as agriculture, health, logistics and finance; and (d) the development of local supplier capabilities, technical standards, intellectual property and specialized skills. This broad definition recognizes that production is not limited to hardware manufacturing.

C. Domestic value capture

Domestic value capture concerns the share of economic value retained by local workers, firms, institutions and governments through wages, profits, taxes, intellectual property, supplier contracts and learning effects. It is distinct from gross output or the value of digital transactions. A digital service may expand market activity while a significant portion of revenue, data control or intellectual property value accrues to external providers. Assessing value capture therefore requires attention to ownership, employment quality, supplier relationships and capability spill overs.

D. Innovation ecosystem:

An innovation ecosystem comprises interacting organizations, rules, resources and networks that support the creation, diffusion and commercialisation of knowledge. It includes firms, universities, technical and vocational institutions, research Centres, investors, public agencies, standards bodies and users. Innovation is understood as a cumulative process involving experimentation, adaptation and learning, rather than simply invention.

III. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Innovation systems and capability formation

National innovation systems scholarship emphasizes that innovation emerges from relationships among firms and institutions, rather than from isolated research activity (Freeman, 1987; Lundvall, 1992; Nelson, 1993). For developing economies, the capacity to absorb, adapt and improve existing technologies is especially consequential. Cohen and Leviathan (1990) describe absorptive capacity as the ability to recognize, assimilate and apply external knowledge. This concept helps explain why technology transfer does not produce uniform results: firms require prior knowledge, skilled workers, managerial routines and organisational investment to turn access into learning. From this perspective, digital production depends on a system of complementary capabilities. Firms need technical skills and management practices; universities need incentives and mechanisms to collaborate with industry; financiers must understand uncertain innovation cycles; and governments must provide predictable rules and public goods. Weakness in one component can reduce the returns to investment in others.

B. Global value chains and upgrading

Global value-chain analysis distinguishes participation in international production networks from the ability to upgrade within them. Gereffi et al. (2005) show that governance structures influence how lead firms coordinate suppliers and how opportunities for upgrading are distributed. Humphrey and Schmitz (2002) identify process, product, functional and inter-sectorial upgrading as routes through which firms can improve their position. Applied to digital production, participation may begin with business-process services, software

maintenance, component assembly or digitally enabled logistics, but the development objective is to build capabilities that permit movement toward more knowledge-intensive and higher-value functions. Upgrading is not automatic. Supplier standards, access to finance, infrastructure reliability, intellectual property arrangements and the bargaining power of local firms affect the distribution of benefits. Policies that focus only on attracting foreign investment may therefore be insufficient unless they also build linkages with domestic suppliers and support skills and technology diffusion.

C. Digitalisation, productivity and employment

Digital technologies can reduce information frictions, improve matching between buyers and sellers, and enable firms to access new markets. The World Bank (2023) reports evidence that internet availability in African settings can contribute to jobs and welfare, while also emphasizing affordability and productive use. These benefits underline why the consumption–production distinction should not become a false dichotomy.

Wider adoption can create demand, improve firm efficiency and provide a platform for new production. The analytical concern is whether these gains are accompanied by local capability accumulation and inclusive distribution. The employment effects of digital transformation are similarly mixed and context dependent. Digital tools can complement skilled labour and create new occupations, but automation and platform-mediated work may also displace tasks or produce insecure employment. Skills policy must therefore encompass foundational digital literacy, advanced technical training, managerial capability and opportunities for continuous learning.

D. Structural constraints in African economies

Institutional and infrastructure constraints interact. Unreliable electricity increases operating costs for digital firms and manufacturers; logistics bottlenecks weaken supplier competitiveness; high financing costs limit investment in research and equipment; and fragmented markets constrain scale. UNCTAD (2023, 2025) highlights the potential of regional value chains and digital technologies for strengthening African firms, while identifying constraints such as limited finance, informality, low digital adoption and weak integration into supply chains.

These barriers are not uniform across countries or sectors, which supports a comparative rather than one-size-fits-all approach. The World Bank's Digital Economy for Africa framework organises digital development around infrastructure, digital platforms, financial services, businesses and skills (World Bank, n.d.). This provides a useful foundation, but a production-oriented analysis adds questions about domestic ownership, supplier development, technology adaptation, commercialization and value capture.

E. Research gap and analytical proposition

The literature establishes that digital technologies can support productivity and that innovation depends on institutions and capabilities. The gap addressed here is integrative: how do these factors combine to determine whether digital adoption becomes a platform for domestic production and value capture in African contexts? The paper proposes that the

transition is most likely when complementary capabilities are developed simultaneously and when firms can access both domestic and regional demand. This proposition is conceptual and requires testing through country- and sector-level empirical research.

IV. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

A. Innovation systems theory

Innovation Systems Theory provides the primary lens for understanding the relationships among firms, knowledge institutions, government and finance. It directs attention away from isolated technology inputs toward the quality of interactions that enable learning, experimentation and commercialisation. In this paper, it explains why domestic production requires coordinated institutional support and why innovation outcomes depend on the capacity to absorb and adapt knowledge.

B. Institutional economics

Institutional economics complements this perspective by examining how formal rules, informal norms and enforcement arrangements shape incentives and transaction costs (North, 1990). Predictable regulation, competition policy, contract enforcement, intellectual property rules and public procurement can influence whether firms invest in innovation. Institutions can enable productive risk-taking, but poorly designed rules may entrench incumbents, encourage rent-seeking or restrict market entry.

C. Global value chain perspective

The global value-chain perspective situates domestic capability development within regional and international production networks. It helps distinguish market participation from upgrading and highlights the importance of supplier linkages, standards, lead-firm relationships and access to markets. Together, the three perspectives support an integrated analysis: innovation systems explain learning and coordination; institutional economics explains incentives and governance; and value-chain analysis explains production relationships and value capture (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development [OECD], 2013).

V. METHODOLOGY

A. Research design

This manuscript adopts a conceptual research design based on an integrative review of academic literature and comparative analysis of institutional policy reports. It is intended to develop and clarify a framework rather than claim new causal estimates or report primary field findings. The approach is appropriate for synthesising bodies of scholarship that address related dimensions of innovation, digitalization, institutions and production.

B. Sources and selection approach

The literature base comprises foundational peer-reviewed works on innovation systems, absorptive capacity, institutions and global value chains, alongside policy and diagnostic Publications from organizations such as UNCTAD and the World Bank. Sources are selected for conceptual relevance, methodological transparency and direct connection to African digital transformation, productive capabilities or regional integration. The paper prioritizes comparative and cross-sectorial insights while recognizing that institutional reports may have different purposes and evidentiary standards from peer-reviewed studies.

C. Analytical procedure

The analysis proceeds in three stages. First, concepts and mechanisms are extracted from the theoretical literature. Second, policy evidence is mapped against recurring capability domains: infrastructure, skills, finance, research linkages, firm capabilities, institutions and markets. Third, relationships among these domains are synthesized into a framework that identifies enabling conditions, feedback loops and potential risks. The framework is presented as a proposition for future empirical validation.

D. Limitations

As a conceptual study, the paper does not establish causal relationships or measure the relative effect of each framework component. African economies differ in industrial structure, institutional capacity, resource endowments and market size; consequently, the framework should be adapted rather than applied mechanically. The integrative review is not a systematic review with a preregistered search protocol. Future research should test the framework using country comparisons, firm-level surveys, interviews and sector-specific case studies.

VI. ANALYSIS: FROM ADOPTION TO PRODUCTIVE CAPABILITY

A. Infrastructure as a productive foundation

Reliable electricity, affordable broadband, data infrastructure, transport and logistics form the foundation of digital production. Connectivity enables firms to access cloud services and markets, but production also requires dependable power, equipment maintenance, secure payment systems and efficient movement of goods. Infrastructure policy should therefore be coordinated across digital, energy and industrial strategies. Public investment, competition and carefully structured public-private partnerships can help expand access, while affordability and service quality remain essential (African Union Commission, 2020; World Bank, n.d.).

B. Human capital and organisational learning

A production-oriented skills agenda must extend beyond basic digital literacy. It should develop software engineering, data science, cyber security, hardware maintenance, product design, advanced manufacturing, digital marketing and technology management. Equally important are organisational capabilities: firms need to redesign workflows, train workers, adopt quality standards and learn from customers. Partnerships among employers, universities and technical institutions can improve the relevance of training, while apprenticeships and work-integrated learning can reduce the gap between formal education and production needs (World Bank, 2023).

C. Research, commercialisation and university–industry linkages

Research institutions can contribute to production through applied research, testing facilities, standards development, entrepreneurship support and skilled graduates. However, research output does not automatically become commercial innovation. Effective linkages require collaborative research funding, technology-transfer capacity, clear intellectual property arrangements, incubators connected to real markets and incentives for researchers to engage with industry. Governments and development partners can support proof-of-concept funding and shared facilities, while ensuring that programmes are evaluated by outcomes such as adoption, firm growth and problem-solving rather than activity counts alone.

D. Finance and risk allocation

Innovation often involves uncertain returns, intangible assets and long development periods. Conventional lending may not suit early-stage firms that lack collateral or predictable cash flow. A diverse financing ecosystem can include seed and venture capital, patient equity, credit guarantees, development finance, grants for research and blended finance. Public support should address genuine market failures and be transparent, time-bound and linked to learning or performance. It should not insulate firms indefinitely from competition or divert resources from essential public services.

E. Institutions, competition and public procurement

Regulatory quality influences entry, investment and trust. Policies concerning data protection, cyber security, intellectual property, competition, taxation and digital trade need to be coherent and proportionate. Public procurement can create early demand for locally developed solutions, but poorly designed local-preference rules risk raising costs or protecting low-quality suppliers. Competitive procurement, open standards, interoperability requirements and transparent evaluation can create opportunities for domestic firms while maintaining accountability and value for money (African Union Commission, 2020; North, 1990).

F. Regional markets and AfCFTA

Fragmented markets constrain scale, especially for firms developing software, digital services and specialized components. Regional integration can expand addressable markets, support cross-border supply chains and encourage specialization. The African Continental Free Trade Area offers a platform for reducing trade barriers and strengthening regional production networks, although implementation depends on customs efficiency, transport links, regulatory cooperation and trust in cross-border transactions. Harmonization should focus on practical interoperability and predictable rules while allowing countries to respond to local conditions.

G. Inclusion, sustainability and resilience

A production strategy must assess who participates and who benefits. Women-owned enterprises, rural businesses, informal firms and people with disabilities may face unequal access to finance, skills, devices and networks. Targeted support should address these barriers without treating inclusion as a separate add-on.

Environmental impacts also matter: device manufacture, energy consumption, electronic waste and data-centre operations can impose costs. Circular design, repair ecosystems,

responsible procurement, renewable energy and e-waste management can strengthen sustainability. Finally, diversified suppliers, cyber security practices and local maintenance capacity can improve resilience without assuming that self-sufficiency is feasible or desirable in every technology domain (UNCTAD, 2024).

H. Proposed African Digital Production and Innovation Framework

The framework conceptualises the transition from digital consumption to digital production as the outcome of six interdependent pillars. It is not a linear checklist: capabilities reinforce one another, and progress may be uneven across sectors and countries.

Table 1: Proposed African Digital Production and Innovation Framework

Pillar	Core components	Illustrative indicators
1. Foundational infrastructure	Affordable and reliable electricity; broadband; data infrastructure; logistics; interoperable systems.	Connectivity cost and quality; power reliability; logistics performance; access to secure digital services.
2. Skills and organisational learning	Technical and vocational skills; management capability; lifelong learning; workplace adoption and adaptation.	Advanced digital skills; employer training; technology use by firms; productivity and wage trends.
3. Research and commercialisation	Applied R&D; university–industry partnerships; testing facilities; technology transfer; intellectual property and product development.	Business R&D; collaborative research; patents and other IP; prototypes commercialised; research-derived firms.
4. Finance and investment	Patient capital; innovation grants; guarantees; venture finance; development finance; risk-sharing mechanisms.	Early-stage finance; SME credit access; R&D investment; survival and scaling of innovative firms.
5. Institutions and market rules	Competition; predictable regulation; data governance; standards; procurement; contract enforcement.	Firm entry and growth; procurement access; regulatory predictability; interoperability; compliance costs.
6. Regional and global integration	AfCFTA implementation; supplier development; export readiness; cross-border payments; value-chain participation.	Intra-African digital trade; local supplier participation; export diversification; domestic value added; upgrading.

The framework's central outcome is productive digital transformation: the sustained ability of local firms and institutions to create, adapt and supply technology-enabled goods and services, while generating productivity gains, quality employment and domestic value

capture. This outcome should be assessed alongside distributional and environmental effects (UNCTAD, 2023, 2024; World Bank, 2023).

VII. DISCUSSION

The framework suggests that the transition from consumption to production is not achieved through a single intervention. Connectivity without skills may yield limited productive use; skills without finance can leave entrepreneurs unable to commercialize ideas; research without industry linkages may produce few market applications; and local firms without access to larger markets may struggle to scale. Policy coherence and sequencing therefore matter. Governments should diagnose binding constraints within particular sectors rather than assume that every country requires identical instruments.

The analysis also qualifies the idea of technological sovereignty. Building domestic production does not require complete self-reliance or withdrawal from global markets. In many sectors, imported components, foreign investment and international knowledge are essential. The policy objective is to strengthen the capacity to choose, adapt, negotiate and learn—so that external participation builds rather than displaces local capabilities. Strategic openness, supported by competition and supplier-development policies, may be more productive than technological isolation.

For international development partners, the framework points toward support that strengthens systems rather than isolated pilots. Investments in connectivity, enterprise support, skills, research and regulatory capacity should be coordinated and evaluated for their contribution to domestic capability formation. NGOs and development organizations can contribute through digital skills programmes, responsible procurement, local innovation partnerships and knowledge sharing, while ensuring that interventions respond to locally identified needs.

For African firms, the transition requires investment in management and learning as well as technology acquisition. Firms can pursue incremental upgrading—improving processes, developing products, taking on new functions and entering adjacent sectors. Partnerships with universities, larger firms and regional customers can support these pathways. Public policy can facilitate such relationships, but firms remain central actors in experimentation and commercial execution.

VIII. CONCLUSION

Africa’s digital transformation presents an opportunity not only to expand access to technology but also to strengthen the productive capabilities on which long-term economic development depends. This paper has argued that the transition from digital consumption to digital production is best understood as an institutional and capability-building process. Innovation systems, institutional incentives and value-chain relationships jointly shape whether digital adoption generates domestic learning, competitive firms and locally retained value.

The proposed African Digital Production and Innovation Framework brings together infrastructure, skills, research-commercialisation linkages, finance, institutions and regional integration. Its central implication is that digital progress should be evaluated not only by

the number of people connected or transactions completed, but also by whether firms and workers develop capabilities, whether domestic suppliers move into higher-value activities, and whether economic benefits are inclusive and environmentally sustainable (African Union Commission, 2020; UNCTAD, 2024).

The framework remains conceptual and requires empirical testing. Future studies could compare selected countries or sectors, examine firm-level pathways to upgrading, and assess how specific policy instruments affect innovation and value capture over time. Such research would help distinguish interventions that merely accelerate technology adoption from those that build durable productive capacity. Ultimately, the goal is not to replace digital consumption but to ensure that it becomes a foundation for African innovation, economic agency and sustainable development.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Adopt production-oriented digital strategies. Complement connectivity and adoption targets with measures of domestic supplier development, commercialisation, productivity, exports, quality employment and value capture.
- Coordinate digital, industrial, energy and education policies. Establish cross-ministerial mechanisms that identify sector-specific bottlenecks and align infrastructure, skills, research and investment programmes.
- Strengthen local firm capabilities and supplier linkages. Support technical upgrading, quality certification, management training, supplier databases and partnerships between domestic SMEs and larger regional or international firms.
- Expand appropriate innovation finance. Develop transparent instruments for early-stage research, proof-of-concept work and scaling, with risk-sharing arrangements and evaluation criteria suited to innovation cycles.
- Build effective university–industry collaboration. Fund applied research partnerships, shared laboratories, technology-transfer offices and work-integrated training, while clarifying intellectual property and commercialisation rules.
- Use public procurement to create fair market opportunities. Adopt open standards, transparent tendering and proportionate innovation challenges that allow local firms to compete without weakening accountability or service quality.
- Deepen regional integration. Prioritise interoperable digital systems, cross-border payment and trade facilitation, mutual recognition of standards and practical implementation of AfCFTA commitments.
- Embed inclusion and sustainability. Track participation by gender, geography, firm size and disability; promote affordable access, decent work, repair and circularity, renewable energy and responsible e-waste management.
- Invest in measurement and learning. Develop comparable indicators and publish evaluations of programmes, including unsuccessful initiatives, to support policy adaptation and evidence-based resource allocation.

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