

Smart AI to Enable Smart Governance in Municipal & Public Finance



Context & Urgency

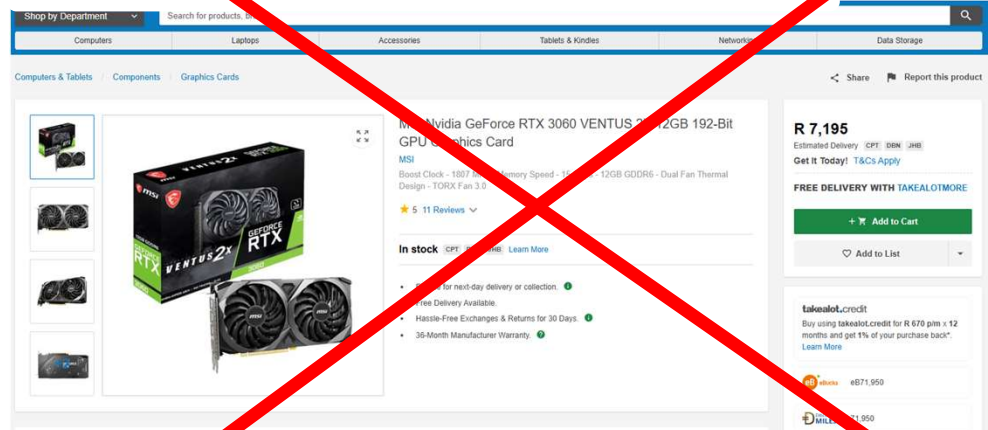


- Rapid urbanisation and service delivery pressures
- Rising citizen expectations for transparency and efficiency
- Fragmented systems and legacy processes in municipalities
- Need for integrated, intelligent governance tools

Initial draft



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What's for Sale?

Pros

AI remains an exciting adventure that presents opportunities that promote:

- Agnostic and Seamless access across integrated data landscapes
- Personalised **User eXperiences**
- Predictability, rinse and repeat.
- Proactive citizenry

Cons

Mainstream LLMs (Large Language Models) data centres remain hosted beyond our borders and present risks such as:

- Data Sovereignty Threats
- Exposure to Foreign Surveillance
- Bias & Misalignment
- Unauditable Decision-Making



Sovereignty > Convenience

National AI Governance Framework:

- Define ethical use, accountability, and risk thresholds for public sector AI.

AI Accreditation for Vendors:

- Certify providers based on compliance with POPI, MSA, and AI data regulations.

Public Sector AI Registry:

- Track all AI systems used in government for transparency and oversight.

Impact Assessments:

- Mandate AI risk assessments before deployment in sensitive domains (e.g., finance, housing, social grants)

AI Literacy begins with your curiosity.

Executive briefings for strategic alignment:

- Staff training in AI ethics, data handling, and prompt design
- Citizen education to build trust and participation
- Internal champions to drive adoption





**“I know, I know,
My time is up,
But Thank You”**

1. **Data Minimisation:** AI systems must only process necessary data
2. **Consent & Transparency:** Citizens informed about AI use
3. **Security Safeguards:** Encryption, access controls, audit trails
4. **Accountability:** Municipalities and Public administrators remain responsible for AI decisions