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Africa Accelerates Plans for a Single Digital Market By 2030
Africa is steadily advancing toward a Single Digital Market by 2030, an ambitious vision championed by the Smart Africa Alliance. This year's seventh Transform Africa Summit (TAS), held in Conakry, brought together heads of state, policymakers, and technology leaders for three days of discussions on the continent's digital future.

The summit, organised by Smart Africa in partnership with the Government of Guinea, marked the first time Francophone West Africa hosted Africa's flagship technology gathering. Under the theme "AI for Africa: Innovate Locally, Impact Globally," the summit showcased Africa's shared commitment to leveraging technology for sovereignty, economic growth, and inclusive development. Smart Africa, a bloc of 42 member states, highlighted flagship initiatives such as SANIA, SADX (Smart Africa Data Exchange Platform), and Digital ID. The summit also unveiled new strategic partnerships to accelerate the continent's digital integration, spanning digital skills, payments, data exchange, and internet governance. Together, these initiatives advance Smart Africa's vision of an interconnected, competitive, and sovereign Africa, capable of securing a prominent role in the global digital economy. Founded in 2013, the Smart Africa Alliance has grown from 37 members three years ago to 42 today, evolving from a consultative platform into a fully operational institution executing large-scale digital projects across the continent.
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