

HAITI + AI: SCHOLARLY DOCUMENTARY SUMMARY

AI Evolution in Haiti, 2022–2026 | Doctor Vermeille Global EdTech & Research LLC

DOCUMENT OVERVIEW

- Scholarly documentary tracing AI evolution in Haiti from educational foundations (2022) through emerging national initiatives (2026)
- Argues Haiti's sustainable AI path requires human-centered adoption: Haitian knowledge, linguistic inclusion, verification, ethical governance, and accountable judgment remain primary
- Central principle: NI + AI™ (Natural Intelligence first, Artificial Intelligence second)—governance principle for purpose, control, verification, and responsibility

CRITICAL TIMELINE: 2022–2026

- 2022: Systemic curriculum transformation begins (MENFP, UNESCO-IBE, IDB); establishes foundations before AI explicitly enters conversation
- 2023: Curriculum roadmap emphasizes competency-based learning, Haitian context, Creole integration
- May 2024: UNESCO-IBE institutionalizes Haitian Creole as language of learning; identifies AI literacy requirement for linguistic inclusion
- April 2025: MENFP launches curriculum redesign phase; 37 Haitian specialists + 11 international experts begin revising preschool/basic-school programs
- June 27, 2025: IDB approves ProAI (Program to Create Digital Opportunities in Haiti Through AI); US\$300,000 technical-cooperation funding for AI skills, business adoption, government capacity, governance framework development
- October 2025: AI explicitly enters curriculum engineering (Cap-Haïtien workshop); AI presented as support tool, not curriculum author
- January 2026: US\$6.8M agreement signed for curriculum implementation phase (2026–2029); digital + offline pedagogical resources developed
- March 2026: Université d'État d'Haïti (UEH) places AI research + inclusive innovation among strategic priorities
- June 2026: National Commission for Digital Transformation of Education established (11-member body); oversees digital plans, standards, connectivity assessment
- August 4, 2026: AI-assisted quality control of state examination results begins (Northeast Directorate); AI detects anomalies, humans validate final decisions

- August 10–11, 2026: Collaboration agreement signed (Banj, ISOC Haiti, ESIH, ARAI) to develop national responsible-AI roadmap
- August 24, 2026: LAMA-UEH announces specialized AI research conference on mathematical models for emotion recognition

SEVEN OVERLAPPING STAGES OF HAITI'S AI EVOLUTION

1. Educational Foundations: Curriculum reform establishes human-learning priorities, emphasizes Haitian language/culture/competencies/inclusion
2. Digital Infrastructure: Modernizes education platforms, connectivity, devices, databases, institutional capacity
3. AI-Assisted Educational Design: AI supports curriculum engineering while human specialists retain responsibility
4. AI Ecosystem Development: ProAI connects training, entrepreneurship, businesses, government, innovation, policy
5. Institutional Research: UEH pursues AI research + inclusive innovation; specialized scholarly activities emerge
6. Operational Public-Sector AI: AI begins assisting state administration (examination quality control, data verification)
7. Governance & Public Literacy: Organizations develop responsible-AI roadmap; community initiatives democratize AI literacy beyond technical elites

FIVE CRITICAL PILLARS

Haitian Creole: Must be fully represented in AI systems; affects education, healthcare, government, employment, accessibility, culture, democracy

Infrastructure: AI adoption inseparable from electricity, internet, devices, digital identity, institutional capacity, educator training, technical standards

Education & Research Capacity: Students need reasoning skills to identify unreliable AI;

Haiti needs researchers, evaluators, engineers, ethicists, policymakers, not just users

Human-in-the-Loop Governance: AI detects → Human investigates → Evidence checked → Human validates → Institution accountable (not: AI decides → Human accepts)

Cultural Sovereignty: Haiti's history/culture cannot be assumed accurately represented by AI-generated text; requires Haitian oversight and knowledge

THE HAITIAN AI OPERATIONAL SEQUENCE

KNOW → ASK → VERIFY → CORRECT → DECIDE → REMAIN ACCOUNTABLE

Human establishes knowledge → Human sets purpose → AI assists → Human checks output against evidence → Human corrects mistakes → Human determines appropriateness → Human/institution remains accountable for decisions

HAITI'S AI FUTURE: UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

- Will Haitian Creole become fully represented in the AI era?
- Will Haitian students reason with AI or surrender reasoning to AI?
- Will Haitian universities create original AI research?
- Will AI expand economic opportunity or deepen inequality?
- Who will control Haitian data and cultural knowledge?
- Who will teach artificial intelligence about Haiti?

BOTTOM LINE

Haiti is not an AI-powered nation (as of September 2026), nor is it absent from AI transformation. It stands at an identifiable transition point: curriculum reformed, AI-specific financing approved, research prioritized, governance frameworks developing, community literacy initiatives emerging. The trajectory is visible; the destination is not predetermined. The next chapter must be written not about Haitians, not for Haitians, but increasingly by Haitians themselves.

Evidence Categories: Documented institutional action (UNESCO-IBE, IDB, UEH) | Haitian public-sector reports (HaitiLibre) | Community/diaspora initiatives (AI Lakay Nou, NI + AI framework)