



Global South Network for AI in Education

A [ground-up movement](#), a collective of enthusiasts and experts in education including teachers, researchers, edtech founders, policy advisors from the Global South. We aim to understand, develop, use, and govern AI in education, rooted in our cultures, languages, histories, and collective wisdom, leaving no teacher or student behind in this technological transformation.

Why this Network?

- The region is central to future [global education dynamics](#), over 85% of the world's under-25 population lives in the Global South. However, [learning access](#) is severely scarce, with 7 in 10 children unable to read a simple story by age 10. These learners are trapped in learning scarcity, exacerbated by a flood of AI tools developed far from their lived contexts.
- The research and reality gap: [A systematic review of 138 AI-in-education \(AIED\) studies](#) (across Q1 journals and major conferences) found that Asia accounted for 41% of the research (primarily China), Europe 30%, North America 21%, while only >5% came from South America and Africa.
- Most Global South countries [have or are formulating national AI policies](#), but only [very few](#) have a [clear national AI strategy](#) coupled with a measurable [investment plan](#) for the [public and private sectors](#) backed with systematic governance structures.

Why Now?

These research and policy gaps highlight a profound underrepresentation of the Global South in top-tier AIED research that further translates into the rise in [Neocolonialism and Technofeudalism](#), risking the region becoming a consumption market rather than an innovation and development hub for AI. We can't govern what we do not understand and develop. Without governance, AI will amplify existing gaps. Grassroots action is essential to raise awareness, conduct research and projects to inform evidence-backed policy advocacy and demand accountability for building Global South authority in education.

Vision

A future where our audacious grassroots movement continues to shape practice and policies in education, establishing authority of the Global South in the global conversation on education and technology grounded in our shared context and collective wisdom.



Move the Movement

- We invite you to join us as a [member of the network](#). And, get access to knowledge and lessons learnt from peers around the Global South through regular workshops and whitepapers.
- Join us at our [Second Online Workshop on 12 August 2025, 12:00 UTC](#), featuring international discussion on education-AI research priorities/challenges and connecting its dots to public-private incentive alignment for engineering business/research opportunities.

Your voice has the power to shape education and how AI evolves in our classrooms as well as its governance system. It is THE way to strengthen the education system and make global AI governance truly global!

Find out more on our LinkedIn Page, [HERE](#), and Website [HERE](#).

For curious questions and interesting conversations, get in touch with [Gunjan Mathur](#).