



Training of Trainers Workshop

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WACP Policy on AI:
Safeguarding Certification, Shaping Training

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Why This Conversation Now?



AI is **reshaping** medical education, training, and assessment globally



Potential to enhance learning and support clinical decision-making



Risks to academic integrity, professional standards, and patient safety



WACP must proactively **guide** AI use in certification and training

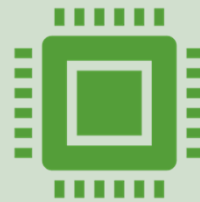


**Remember, technology is a
great servant, but a
terrible master.**

Mocak
Stephen R. Covey



Certification: What We Must Safeguard



WACP mandate
Assure Competence
of Specialists through
Assessment



Pitfalls: AI-assisted
cheating, Over-
reliance in
assessments etc

■ Safeguards:

- Clear policy on acceptable AI use
- Detection tools

Risk: Distinguishing

Candidate's

Knowledge vs. AI





Opportunities

- **Policy role:**

- ## Risks

- Shallow learning
- Digital divide
- Misinformation from AI tools



Guiding Principles for WACP Policy



Integrity

Uphold
exam
credibility
and fairness



Competence

AI
supplements
but never
replaces
candidate
skill



Equity

Fair access
across West
Africa



Accountability

Candidates
remain
responsible
for work



Innovation

Harness AI
to advance
specialist
training





A Policy Pathway for WACP

Consultation

- Engage faculties, examiners, trainees

Draft Guidelines

- Permissible vs. Prohibited uses

Pilot Implementation

- Start with selected areas

Monitoring

- Detection tools, Feedback loops

Adopt & Continuous Review

- Adjust as AI evolves





Concluding thoughts

AI is here to stay: WACP must lead, not just react

Policy should protect certification standards while embracing innovation

Together, we can chart a responsible AI pathway for West African specialist training





"Artificial Intelligence is a tool, not a master. When you have clear goals, it can empower you to achieve them. But without direction, you risk becoming a servant to its evolving capabilities, rather than harnessing its power for your own advancement."

Enamul Haque





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