

AI in Kenyan Education

The Critical Dialectical Pluralism Approach



DIALECTICAL PLURALISM

A metaparadigm for mixed methods and engaging multiple paradigms, values, and stakeholders.



Embracing
Multiple Views



Process-Oriented
Inquiry

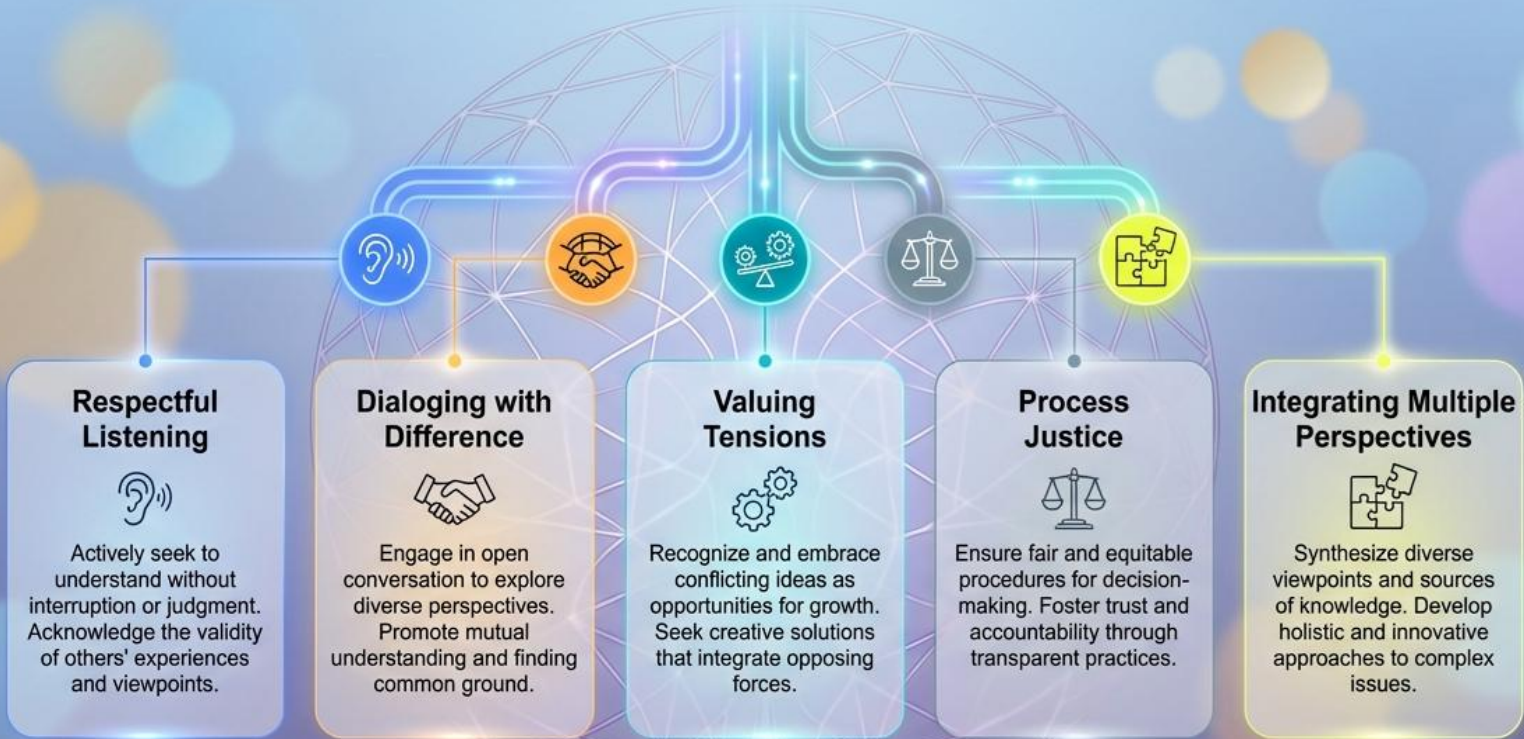


Integrating
Diverse Methods



Engaging Complex
Values & Stakeholders





Source: R. Burke Johnson, 2016

CDP's Justice Lens: Building on DP with Critical, Justice-Oriented Stance

CDP (Critical Digital Practices) expands upon established Digital Practices (DP) by explicitly incorporating a critical perspective focused on social justice, equity, and ethical considerations within the digital realm.

Power Structures

Analyzing power imbalances in digital design & tech.

Inequality

Addressing digital access and representation gaps.

Digital Practices (DP)

Inclusion

Fostering equitable participation in digital spaces.

Procedural Justice

Ensuring fairness in digital processes and outcomes.

Social Equity & Inclusion



Strict Positivism/Technocracy:

- Over-reliance on measurable data, ignoring qualitative context.
- Rigid methodologies that can lead to inflexibility.
- Limits adaptability to complex, evolving situations.



CDP (Contextual Democratic Pragmatism):

- Integrates diverse data with democratic values & context.
- Promotes inclusivity and continuous feedback loops.
- Balances empirical evidence with societal goals.



Pure Constructivism w/o Criteria:

- Lacks objective standards for evaluation.
- High subjectivity, leading to fragmented outcomes.
- Struggles with practical application and scalability.

Naive Pragmatism: Lacks foundational principles.

CBC Implementation

- Ongoing evolution with revised learning paths
- Integration of digital literacy
- Focus on skill acquisition and talent development

Challenge/Opportunity

- Bridging the rural-urban digital divide while leveraging cultural diversity for richer learning experiences



Multilingual Contexts

- Kiswahili (National Language) 
- English (Official Language) 
- Local Languages (Community Connection) 

Key Challenges

- Resource allocation inequalities across regions
- Teacher training and preparedness for CBC
- Infrastructure gaps, especially in remote areas




DEVICE & CONNECTIVITY CONSTRAINTS

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- Inequitable Access to Devices
- Poor Internet Bandwidth & Stability
- Outdated Hardware & Software

IMPACT STATEMENT

Digital divide and administrative burden significantly hinder educational quality and teacher well-being.



TEACHER WORKLOAD & ASSESSMENT PRESSURES



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- Increased Administrative Tasks
- Complex Grading & Feedback
- Curriculum Adaptation Challenges



Ensures
Equity



Contextual
Relevance



Fosters
Trust



Mitigates
Bias

CDP's focus on power, inequality, and inclusion directly addresses AI's potential pitfalls and maximizes its benefits in diverse Kenyan contexts.

By embedding principles of equity and cultural relevance, CDP guiding frameworks ensure AI solutions are developed and deployed and deployed ethically, fostering technological advancement that is fair and beneficial for all communities.



Needs Assessment.

Objective: Identify key business challenges, evaluate AI readiness, and gather stakeholder requirements for strategic alignment.

Piloting.

Objective: Develop and test a pilot AI solution in a controlled environment (localized testing) to validate feasibility and gather initial feedback.

Scaling & Governance.

Objective: Deploy the validated AI solution across the organization, establish ethical governance frameworks, and ensure sustainable growth and long-term impact.

Stage 1: Foundation

Stage 2: Development

Stage 3: Expansion



Stakeholder Identification

Identifying all relevant actors, community members, educators, authorities, and local businesses impacted by AI implementation.



Needs Analysis

Focusing on educational gaps, learning barriers, resource scarcity, and specific community requirements for skill development.



Asset Mapping

Highlighting existing resources, infrastructure, digital tools, network connectivity, and community-based knowledge systems.



Value Alignment

Ensuring AI solutions are culturally relevant, ethical, consistent with local values, and socially acceptable.



Co-creation Workshops

Detailing collaborative ideation and brainstorming sessions involving diverse stakeholders.



Prototype Development

Showing iterative building, coding, and refining of the AI solutions.



Feedback Loops

Highlighting continuous improvement through user testing and iterate cycles.



Ethical Review Integration

Ensuring justice, equity, and fairness are embedded in every step.

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Teacher Support



Lesson Planning:
AI-assisted content generation & resource alignment.



Differentiated Instruction:
Tailored activities based on student data.



Feedback:
Automated grading & personalized performance insights.



Student Support



Tutoring:
24/7 personalized assistance & doubt resolution.



Language Scaffolds:
Real-time translation & vocabulary building.



Special Needs:
Adaptive interfaces & specialized learning tools.



Admin Support



Resource Allocation:
Optimizing timetables & asset management.



Dropout Early Warning:
Predictive analytics to identify at-risk students.



Safeguarding Principles



ARID AND SEMI-ARID LANDS (ASALs): Mapping Remote Connections



INCLUSIVE CLASSROOM



REFUGEE CONTEXTS: Education in Displacement



INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

- > **Addressing Disability Integration:** Strategies for Universal Design for Learning.
- > **Teacher Training & Support:** Equipped educators for diverse needs.
- > **Accessibility Resources:** Providing adequate learning materials and tech.



ASAL CONTEXTS

- > **Unique Challenges:** Scarcity of resources and harsh environments.
- > **Nomadic Education:** Flexible learning models for mobile populations.
- > **Infrastructure Development:** Building sustainable schools and access.



REFUGEE CAMPS

- > **Education in Disbursement:** Continuity of learning during crises.
- > **Psycho-social Support:** Trauma-informed teaching approaches.
- > **Integration Pathways:** Bridging to national education systems.

Inclusive Education Progress Tracker
DIVERSITY INDICATOR



Warning: AI Risks



Algorithmic Bias

- Flawed data & design perpetuate historical inequalities.
- Discriminatory outcomes in grading & admissions.
- Lacks transparency in decision-making.



Surveillance & Monitoring

- Erosion of student privacy & autonomy.
- Over-monitoring chills expression & participation.
- Data misuse & security vulnerabilities.

RISK ANALYSIS



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

- Concerns about cheating and plagiarism
- Difficulty verifying genuine learning
- Devaluation of independent thought



DEPENDENCY & AUTONOMY

- Over-reliance on AI tools
- Reduced critical thinking skills
- Erosion of individual skill development



DATA PRIVACY & SECURITY

- Risks of personal information exposure
- Potential for large-scale data breaches
- Misuse of sensitive student records



Ethical Charters & Guidelines

- Establish clear value frameworks.
- Define acceptable AI behaviors.
- Regularly update policy documents.



Continuous Stakeholder Dialogue

- Engage users & developers.
- Gather diverse feedback loops.
- Address concerns proactively.



Transparent Algorithms

- Prioritize model explainability.
- Document data sources & logic.
- Enable audit logs & traceability.



Robust Data Governance

- Implement strict access controls.
- Ensure data privacy compliance (e.g., GDPR).
- Encrypt sensitive information.



HERO VISUAL



Mixed Evidence Integration

Arial bold

- Combines quantitative metrics with qualitative insights for holistic view.
- Synthesizes survey data, interviews, and observational findings.
- Enhances understanding of complex evaluation contexts.



Stakeholder Legitimacy

- Prioritizes participatory feedback from all levels.
- Builds trust and ensures data relevance to beneficiaries.
- Incorporates local knowledge for validate findings.



Adaptive Learning Cycles

- Utilizes iterative analysis for continuous improvement.
- Enables rapid adjustments based on real-time evidence.
- Fosters a culture of data-driven decision-making.



Performance Dashboard



ENSURES EQUITY & INCLUSION

Promotes fair access and unbiased AI for all, prioritizing a justice lens.



CONTEXTUALLY RELEVANT SOLUTIONS

Delivers AI tailored to local needs, respecting cultural and environmental context.



SUSTAINABLE & ETHICAL AI

Focuses on long-term positive impact, responsible resource use, and ethical practices.

90-DAY PLAN



Form CDP Working Group



Conduct Initial Needs Assessment Pilots



Develop Ethical AI Guidelines



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