"Drafting of judgments is now digitally driven," says Professor Elisante Ole Gabriel, Chief Court Administrator, emphasising the increasing influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technologies in the administration of justice.

The Judiciary began piloting AI-powered systems in 2024, starting with Transcription and Translation Software (TTS), which has been tested across 11 judicial zones.

“We realised that we needed the power of AI. The results have been remarkable,” Prof. Gabriel said during a presentation at the three-day 6th e-Government Annual Meeting held in Arusha from 17th to 19th February, 2026 in Arusha.



Prof. Ole Gabriel explained that the system has significantly transformed the way judgments are written.

“In the past, a judge could spend a long time writing a 200-page judgment. Now, the judge speaks and the software transcribes the content in either Kiswahili or English. This increases l efficiency and also supports the health and well-being of judges,” he noted at well-attended event government officials, ICT experts and private sector representatives from within and outside the country.

According to Prof. Ole Gabriel, the adoption of AI and ICT solutions is primarily aimed at enhancing timely access to justice while improving effectiveness and efficiency in court operations.

The Chief Court Administrator also highlighted improvements in public trust in the Judiciary, attributing the rise to faster case handling.

“In 2019, public trust in the Judiciary stood at 70 per cent. By 2023, it had risen to 88 per cent,” he said.

To make such transformation possible, Prof. Ole Gabriel added that institutional Chief Executive Officers play a crucial role, insisting that “Having the required financial resources is one thing, but using them effectively is another,” he said.

Available statistics show that the Judiciary is currently implementing over 17 programmes, with about 90 per cent focused on ICT development and personnel.

Chief Court Administrator advised executives that “Investing in ICT experts as human capital, not merely as human resources,” he advised.



A major reform initiative is the Electronic Case Management System aimed at phasing out paper-based files.

“Citizens can now file cases from anywhere, track which magistrate is handling their case, and benefit from increased transparency,” he explained.

He also noted that ICT has improved accessibility for witnesses, allowing them to testify remotely.

“Who would have thought that someone in Canada could give evidence without travelling to Tanzania?” he remarked.

Prof. Ole Gabriel emphasized that digital transformation within the Judiciary must be driven by strong leadership to ensure sustainable progress.

The 6th e-Government Annual Meeting brought together a number of top Executives from various public institutions, IT experts and experts from various countries across the globe.

Presenters highlighted how Tanzania is embarking on various initiatives pertaining to the development of ICT to improve efficiency, boost transparency and accountability within the public service and foster development.

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