

TECH INNOVATORS NETWORK

newsletter

THiNK Featured in GovStack's Global Use Case Library for AI Chatbots

We're proud to share that Tech Innovators Network (THiNK) has been featured in GovStack's Global Use Case Library under the AI Chatbot Discoverability for Government Services category. This recognition highlights THiNK's commitment to advancing digital innovation and Artificial Intelligence to enhance access to government services and citizen engagement globally, by championing DPUs and open standards in AI.

GovStack's platform showcases global use cases that demonstrate how technology can improve public service delivery and discoverability. THiNK's inclusion underscores our role in developing scalable, human-centered AI solutions for public good through initiatives such as THiNKiT (our federated "Bot of Bots" framework), the Community of Practice (CoP) (fostering collaboration among innovators, researchers, and institutions), and digital tools like THiNK Chain and THiNK ID that power trusted digital ecosystems.

The "Bot of Bots" framework exemplifies THiNK's vision of creating interoperable, reusable AI systems for public service delivery. The chatbot, built using PydanticAI agents and Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG), allows users to interact through text in English and Kiswahili with the inclusion of voice and more local languages in the pipeline. It guides

citizens through various digitized services such as business registration, film permits, and data protection compliance by leveraging structured data, document repositories, and knowledge bases from government entities.

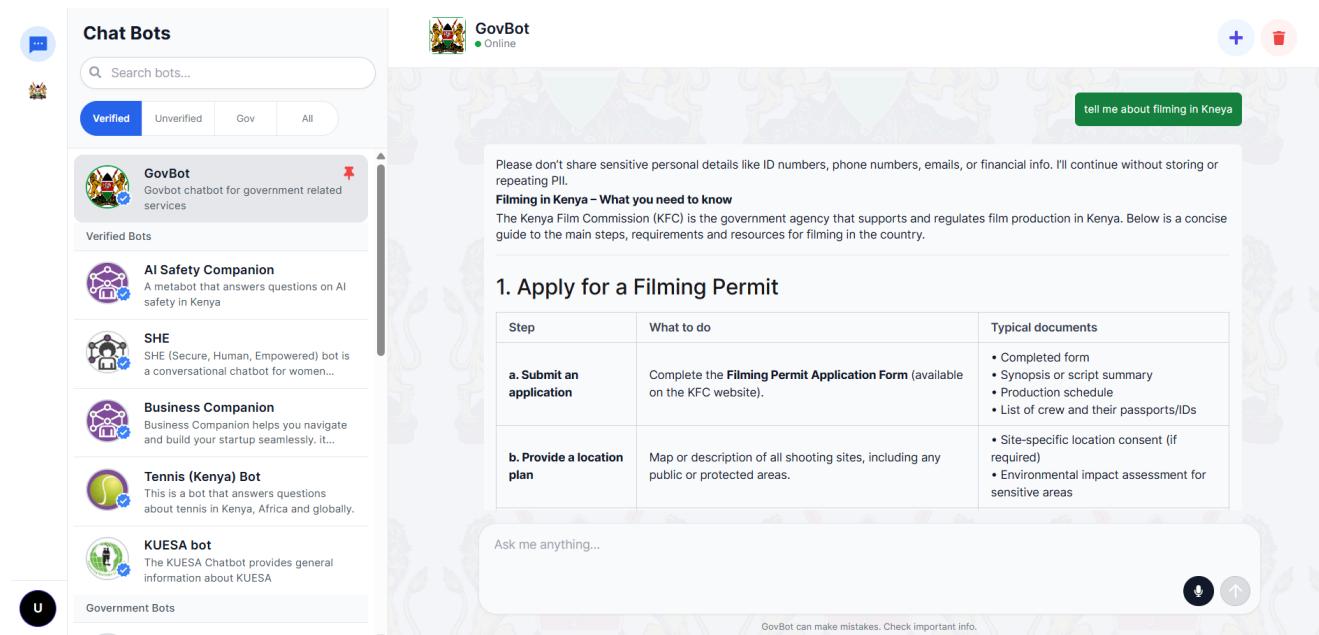
The chatbot uses the GovStack Building Block Approach and adheres to principles of open-source development, digital public goods (DPGs), data privacy, and responsible AI. It has been developed for pilot collaboration with Kenya's Directorate of Citizen Services (eCitizen), the Kenya ICT Authority, and the Konza Technopolis. The architecture allows for the onboarding of chatbots from Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) within the Kenya government by using a reusable open design.



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Filming in Kenya – What you need to know

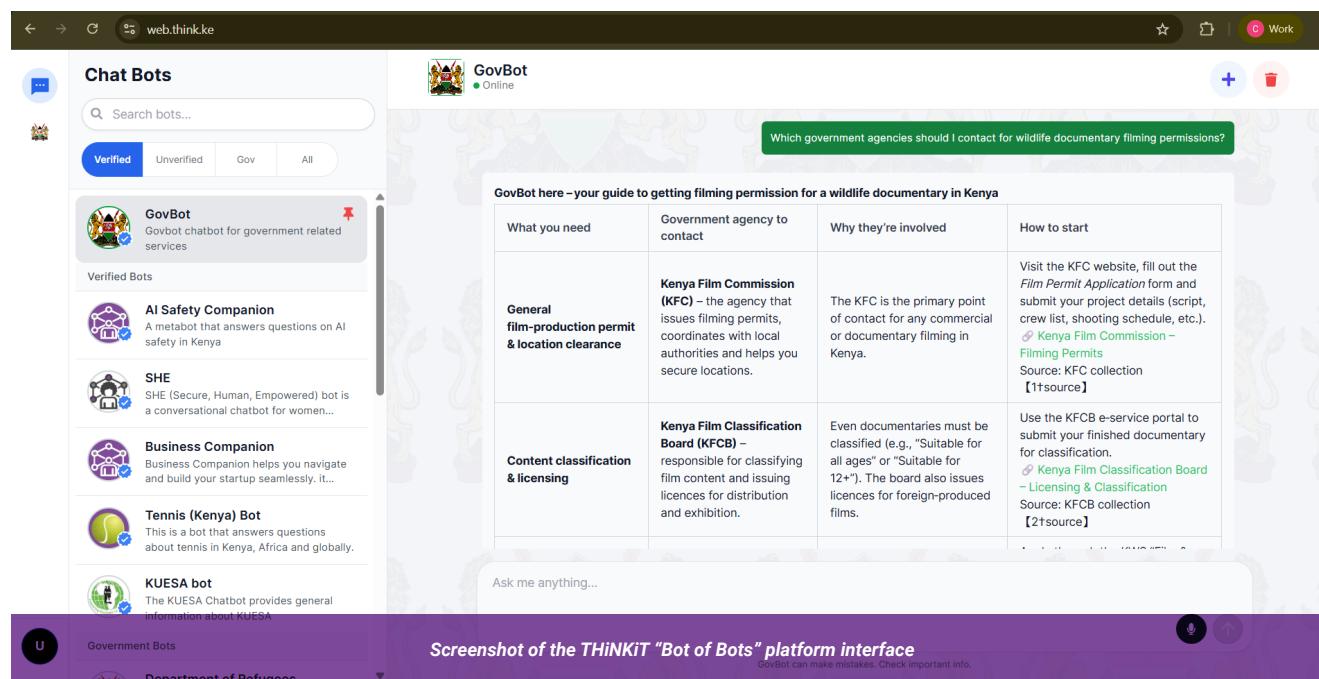
The Kenya Film Commission (KFC) is the government agency that supports and regulates film production in Kenya. Below is a concise guide to the main steps, requirements and resources for filming in the country.

1. Apply for a Filming Permit

Step	What to do	Typical documents
a. Submit an application	Complete the Filming Permit Application Form (available on the KFC website).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed form Synopsis or script summary Production schedule List of crew and their passports/IDs
b. Provide a location plan	Map or description of all shooting sites, including any public or protected areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site-specific location consent (if required) Environmental impact assessment for sensitive areas

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Which government agencies should I contact for wildlife documentary filming permissions?

GovBot here – your guide to getting filming permission for a wildlife documentary in Kenya

What you need	Government agency to contact	Why they're involved	How to start
General film-production permit & location clearance	Kenya Film Commission (KFC) – the agency that issues filming permits, coordinates with local authorities and helps you secure locations.	The KFC is the primary point of contact for any commercial or documentary filming in Kenya.	Visit the KFC website, fill out the Film Permit Application form and submit your project details (script, crew list, shooting schedule, etc.). Kenya Film Commission – Filming Permits Source: KFC collection [1+source]
Content classification & licensing	Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB) – responsible for classifying film content and issuing licences for distribution and exhibition.	Even documentaries must be classified (e.g., "Suitable for all ages" or "Suitable for 12+"). The board also issues licences for foreign-produced films.	Use the KFCB e-service portal to submit your finished documentary for classification. Kenya Film Classification Board – Licensing & Classification Source: KFCB collection [2+source]

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Screenshot of the THiNK "Bot of Bots" platform interface

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The solution offers multi-channel access via REST API and web interfaces, and is built for reuse across different sectors and institutions. The chatbot integrates vector databases, document processing pipelines, and comprehensive analytics to provide accurate, relevant, and timely information to citizens while tracking usage and performance metrics.

This feature affirms THiNK's ongoing mission to drive inclusive digital transformation and empower communities, governments, and innovators to co-create smarter, more responsive public systems.

You can read the full feature on GovStack's website [here](#).

Access the web version here : web.think.ke

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

THiNK and University of Embu Host Online AI Course Series to Build Student Capacity in Artificial Intelligence

In July 2025, Tech Innovators Network (THiNK), in collaboration with the University of Embu, successfully conducted a three-part online course. The program was designed to introduce university students to the world of artificial intelligence (AI) through progressive learning modules that combined theory, practice, and community engagement.

Held virtually via Google Meet, the sessions ran across three consecutive weeks covering topics such as; Introduction to AI; How to Use AI, and; How to Build AI. A total of 20 students participated across the sessions, gaining hands-on exposure to foundational and technical aspects of AI.

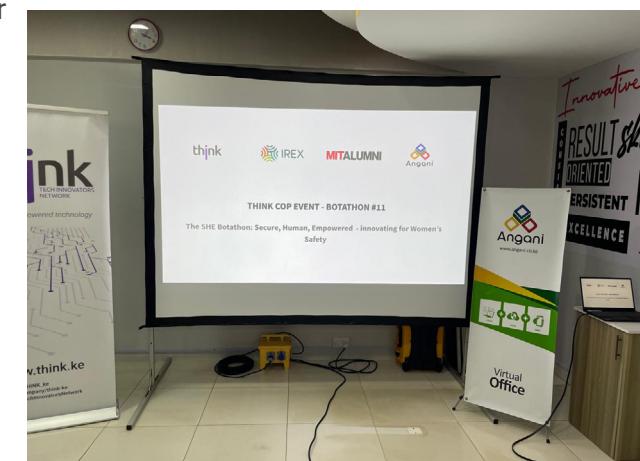
The facilitation aligns with THiNK's mission to promote ethical, inclusive, and practical AI literacy across institutions of learning in Kenya. Participants explored key concepts such as the basics of machine learning, responsible AI use, and the role of Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) and THiNK tools in real-world problem solving. The sessions also connected students with the THiNK Community of Practice (CoP), opening opportunities for mentorship, collaboration, and participation in innovation-driven programs.

Feedback from mentees highlighted the course's accessibility and relevance in demystifying AI and its applications in everyday contexts. Many appreciated the interactive format and expressed interest in deeper technical engagement through future hackathons and mentorship initiatives.

SHE: Botathon #11 Empowering Safety Through Innovation: Launching the SHE Bot at the Women & Safety Botathon

Hosted at Angani, the Women & Safety Botathon was an inspiring milestone in the journey toward using technology to address real-world social challenges. The event brought together innovators, developers, and changemakers passionate about leveraging AI to advance women's safety and empowerment. One of the major highlights was the official launch of SHE Bot, which is a digital assistant designed to promote safety, awareness, and innovation around issues affecting women. The SHE Bot is a companion bot designed and deployed by Angela Kanyi and Aisha Mohamed Nur of THiNK.

SHE Bot, which stands for "Secure • Human • Empowered" is more than just a chatbot – it's an intelligent, multilingual companion built to educate, guide, and connect users to safety resources in real



time. Accessible via our “Bot of Bots” platform on web.think.ke, SHE Bot can interact seamlessly in English, Kiswahili, and French, making it inclusive and accessible to a wider audience across Africa and beyond. By blending human-centered design with artificial intelligence, SHE Bot embodies THiNK’s commitment to developing meaningful digital solutions that empower communities and advance gender equity.

The Women & Safety Botathon showcased how collaboration and creativity can drive innovation for social good. Participants explored how conversational AI can support public awareness, improve access to safety information, and encourage reporting and response mechanisms that protect women and vulnerable groups. The launch of SHE Bot marks an important step in this movement – a testament to what’s possible when technology meets purpose. The innovation was also showcased at the Gendering AI Conference, where Angela Kanyi represented THiNK and shared insights into the vision and development of SHE Bot.



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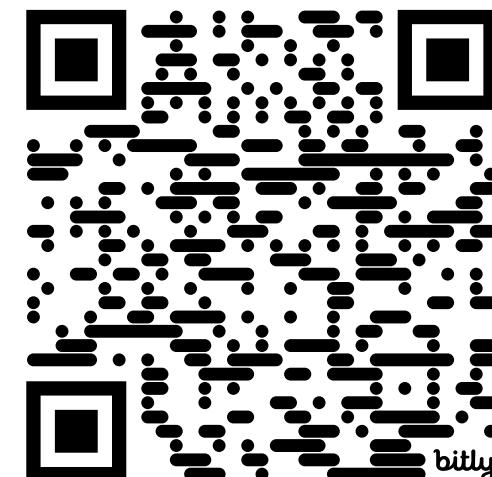
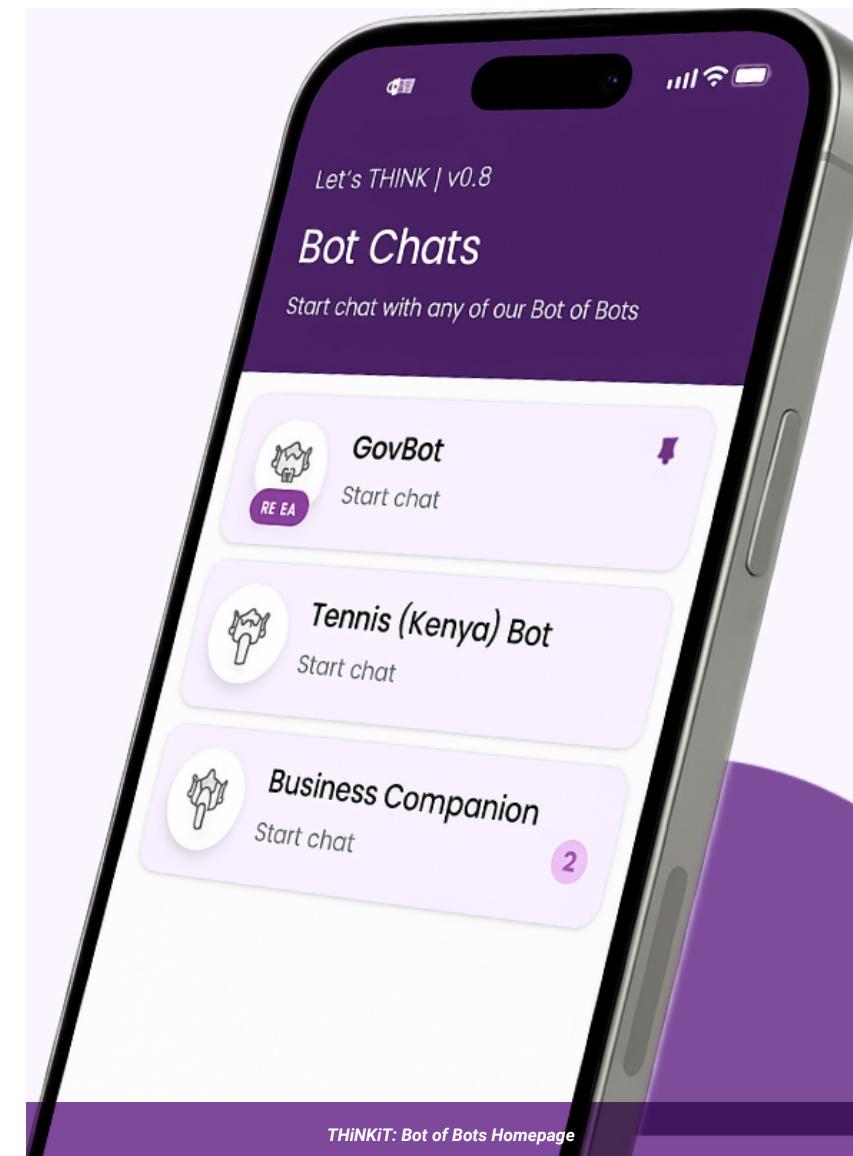
GovBot: A chatbot designed for government-related services that provides users with accurate and up-to-date information on public services, procedures, requirements, and access points.

BRS Companion (Business Registration Service): BRS Companion is a smart helper bot that brings together answers from both the MPSR and CREG chatbots in one place.

ODPC Bot: A chatbot that handles general enquiries, feedback, and complaints from citizens on behalf of the Office of Data Protection.

Safety by Design Bot: Your go-to bot for all things safety by design.

Access the bots here : web.think.ke



RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

AI in Banking white paper

(THiNK, Akili AI and Strathmore University)

The “Banking and AI in Kenya” white paper, developed collaboratively by THiNK (Tech Innovators Network), Strathmore University, and Akili AI, explores how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the future of Kenya’s financial sector. It highlights the profound impact of Generative AI, that is to say the technology behind systems like ChatGPT in improving efficiency, customer experience, and service innovation across banking operations. With the government’s Kenya AI Strategy 2025 committing over KSh 156 billion toward establishing Kenya as a continental AI leader, the paper illustrates how banks can harness AI to automate core functions, enhance compliance, and deliver personalized financial services, ultimately advancing digital inclusion and economic growth.

with Kenya’s Data Protection Act and international AI ethics frameworks.

By starting with practical, high-impact use cases such as intelligent chatbots, document automation, and predictive fraud detection—banks can realize immediate benefits while laying the groundwork for large-scale transformation. The report concludes that AI is more than a technological advancement; it represents a paradigm shift that will soon define every facet of banking, urging early adopters to take decisive steps toward shaping the future of financial services in Kenya.



Workforce Upskilling and Reskilling for AI Readiness

While AI adoption in Kenya’s banking sector is still in its formative stages, the white paper positions this as a unique opportunity for institutions to leapfrog legacy systems and embrace data-driven transformation. It calls for a responsible and well-governed approach aligned



Banking and AI in Kenya

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