

# Best of December 2025





## Almawave Partners in AI4EAC Innovation Challenge

Almawave is a partner of the AI4EAC Innovation Challenge, a strategic initiative of the East African Community (EAC) AI Alliance dedicated to developing artificial intelligence as a driver of inclusive growth in East Africa.

Guided by the EAC Secretariat, in collaboration with IUCEA and EASTECO, implemented by the German Development Corporation (GIZ), and supported by UNESCO Campus Africa, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and other partners, the Challenge aims to engage 2,000 students from 50 universities across the eight EAC countries, offering a training and experimentation pathway focused on applying AI to solve real-world challenges with socio-economic impact.



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East Africa's  
Brightest Minds  
Build Real AI  
Solutions**

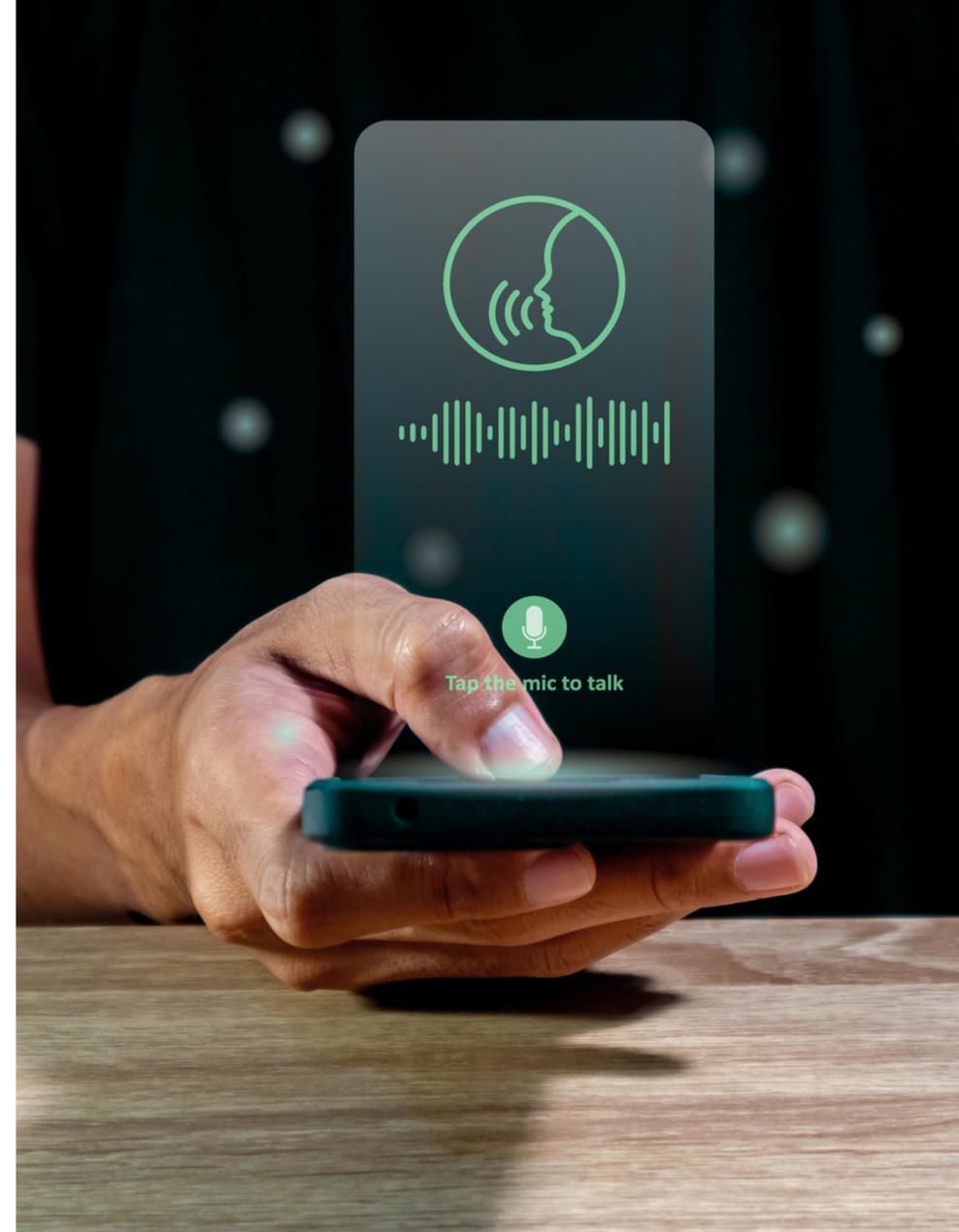




## Almawave included in the Gartner® report “Competitive Landscape: Conversational Solutions”

Almawave has been included in the Gartner report and recognized among the leading providers of conversational AI solutions with revenues between \$5 and \$10 million.

The conversational solutions market is undergoing a profound transformation with the rise of GenAI. Almawave has developed models and methodologies designed to ensure the highest levels of reliability, security, and transparency. Among its flagship projects is Velvet, our family of multilingual, lightweight LLMs, easily adaptable to various industries and capable of delivering high-quality results.





## Almawave present at the Italy-Africa Forum

Franco Martino, International Business Director, attended the fifth meeting of the International Forum on the Italy-Africa strategic plan, titled “Growing Together.” The event highlighted the increasingly close collaboration between Italy and Africa, aiming to promote shared and sustainable development.

In the panel “Private Sector Use Cases & Proposals for Growth in Strategic Industries,” our expert showcased Almawave’s commitment to developing innovative, tailored solutions for African local contexts, presenting in particular Velvet, our family of LLMs.





## Velvet expands with new Made-in-Italy models

Almawave has expanded the Velvet family with new models – designed for real-world contexts such as public administration, healthcare, industry, transport, and more, while maintaining efficiency, coherence, and speed.

From the 25-billion-parameter Velvet 25B to the multimodal Speech 2B model, the LLM family grows without increasing energy impact.

This article explores the features of each new model, highlights the differences with the existing ones, and shows how the company continues to develop a project firmly rooted in sustainability, specialization, and innovation.

A large, 3D-rendered character of the Velvet AI. It is a white, rounded sphere with a simple, friendly face consisting of a grey, curved shape for a mouth and a solid black circle for an eye. The character is surrounded by vibrant, iridescent light trails in shades of blue, purple, and pink, giving it a futuristic and dynamic appearance.

# Velvet

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## Growth and innovation: Valeria Sandei's presentation at the 4Manager event

Valeria Sandei, CEO of Almaxwave, participated in the presentation of the seventh annual report on "Production Chains in the Era of Augmented Knowledge." During the event, she emphasized that AI reveals its full value only when effectively integrated into production processes.

Today, however, only a few small and medium-sized enterprises have achieved this. To fully harness AI's potential, two key conditions are essential: having access to data and knowing how to share it, aligning technologies with the sector's real needs, and investing in skills and training to use and manage AI tools consciously and effectively.





## Almawave was mentioned in the report “The Document Mining and Analytics Platforms Landscape, Q4 2025”

Almawave has been included in Forrester’s Q4 2025 report on Document Mining and Analytics platforms. This recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to advancing intelligent document processing and supporting organizations in their digital transformation journeys by delivering reliable, AI-based solutions.

Through advanced AI-driven solutions, we help organizations optimize workflows, improve efficiency, and seize new opportunities for data-driven decision-making.



EBOOK



## Velvet in action: 10 AI use cases in practice

From analyzing complex documents to supporting professionals, AI has become an integral part of daily processes.

In the new ebook, we present 10 real-world examples based on Velvet, Almawave's family of LLM models, covering diverse areas: healthcare, public administration, education, and enterprise.



# 10 use cases



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