

## **Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance**

**6-7 July 2026, Geneva**

### Draft Note on themes and structure of the Global Dialogue

Artificial intelligence is of growing importance across a wide range of contexts and dimensions, and its increasing relevance has reinforced the urgency of continued international cooperation, inclusive participation and exchange among Governments and relevant stakeholders. As reflected in recent United Nations outcomes, the rapid evolution of digital and emerging technologies is already shaping a broad range of economic, social and institutional developments, highlighting the importance of maintaining open and inclusive discussions on issues of common interest.

The proposed thematic clusters and overall structure of the Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance are intended to reflect the mandate established by the General Assembly in resolution A/RES/79/325, which established, within the United Nations, the Global Dialogue as a platform involving Governments and all relevant stakeholders to discuss international cooperation, share best practices and lessons learned, and facilitate open, transparent and inclusive discussions on artificial intelligence governance.

In that regard, the present proposal seeks to support a first Global Dialogue that is balanced, inclusive and genuinely multi-stakeholder in nature, while remaining closely aligned with the modalities established by Member States and conducive to meaningful substantive exchange.

This proposal has been informed by the broad range of consultations, exchanges and inputs received throughout the preparatory process from Member States, relevant stakeholders and the United Nations system, including through informal consultations, multistakeholder exchanges, bilateral discussions and side events.

In a context in which many discussions, initiatives and approaches related to artificial intelligence governance are already under way at different levels, the Dialogue can help connect those efforts, identify practical lessons, and promote greater coherence, interoperability and mutual understanding across different processes, where feasible. In doing so, it can help strengthen complementarities across the broader landscape and provide an inclusive United Nations platform for continued discussion and cooperation among Governments and relevant stakeholders.

## I. Proposed thematic clusters

- **AI opportunities and implications: societal, cultural and economic dimensions - 4(c)** the social, economic, ethical, cultural, linguistic and technical implications of AI.
- **Bridging AI divides: capacity-building, access and digital foundations - 4(b)** capacity gaps, with a view to leveraging existing United Nations and multi-stakeholder mechanisms to support AI capacity-building to bridge AI divides, facilitate access to AI applications and build capacity in high-performance computing and related skills in developing countries; **4(g)** the development of open-source software, open data and open artificial intelligence models.
- **Safe, secure and trustworthy AI: responsible and interoperable approaches - 4(a)** the development of safe, secure and trustworthy AI systems; **4(d)** the interoperability and compatibility of artificial intelligence governance approaches.
- **Respecting, protecting and promoting human rights: transparency, accountability and human oversight - 4(e)** respect for and protection and promotion of human rights in the field of AI; **4(f)** the transparency, accountability and robust human oversight of artificial intelligence systems in a manner that complies with international law.

## II. Proposed Structure

The proposed structure of the Global Dialogue seeks to give practical effect to the modalities established by Member States for a two-day Dialogue to be convened back-to-back in the margins of existing relevant United Nations conferences and meetings, including its initial holding in the margins of the International Telecommunication Union Artificial Intelligence for Good Global Summit in Geneva in 2026.

In line with those modalities, the present proposal seeks to frame a first Dialogue composed of a multi-stakeholder plenary meeting with a high-level governmental segment, the presentation of the annual report of the Independent International Scientific Panel, and thematic discussions, in a manner conducive to balanced, inclusive and substantive exchange across the issues identified in the mandate.

The present proposal is also guided by the objective of supporting a meaningful and forward-looking Dialogue that can serve as an inclusive platform for substantive exchange among Governments and relevant stakeholders on issues related to international cooperation on artificial intelligence governance. In that regard, it seeks to provide a balanced framework for discussion that can facilitate broad and constructive engagement across the different components of the Dialogue, contribute to greater coherence and synergies across the broader

landscape, and help lay a credible foundation for continued cooperation beyond this first iteration.

## **DAY 1 - Setting the Scene: Science, Context and Shared Understanding**

### **9:00 - 9:30 Opening Ceremony**

### **9:30 - 10:30 High-level governmental plenary segment: Advancing inclusive and interoperable AI governance approaches**

- High-level governmental segment for statements by Heads of Delegation and other senior representatives of Member States.
- Interventions would provide an opportunity to outline perspectives, priorities and expectations regarding international cooperation on artificial intelligence governance.
- Its organization would seek to support broad and meaningful participation by Member States, consistent with the format of the segment.
- Member States may also wish, where appropriate, to deliver statements on behalf of regional groups or other groupings to help reflect common perspectives.
- The segment would be open to relevant stakeholders to follow the discussion.

### **10:30 - 11:30 High-level multi-stakeholder plenary segment: Advancing inclusive and interoperable AI governance approaches: Multistakeholder experiences and perspectives**

- Moderated exchange among high-level participants, governments, industry, civil society, academia, technical community, international organizations.
- The session will provide an opportunity to present perspectives, experiences, new initiatives and announcements, as well as practical opportunities for partnerships and cooperation initiatives relevant to artificial intelligence governance.

### **11:30 –12:30 Plenary presentation of the annual report of the International Scientific Panel**

- Presentation by the International Scientific Panel providing an overview of its first report and main findings.
- The session will be structured around introductory presentations by the Co-Chairs of the Panel, followed by brief reflections from other Panel members, Member States and relevant stakeholders.

### **12:30 – 14:30 Lunch & Side Events [breakout]**

**14:30 – 16:30 Thematic discussions [breakout]**

**AI opportunities and implications: societal, cultural and economic dimensions.**

**Bridging AI divides: capacity-building, access and digital foundations.**

- Structured multistakeholder conversations organized around the proposed thematic clusters derived from the areas identified in the modalities.
- Will be held in breakout format, with up to two thematic discussions taking place in parallel.
- Thematic discussions will be co-chaired by a Member State and a relevant stakeholder.
- Possible format could include brief scene-setting interventions, including from members of the Independent International Scientific Panel or other relevant experts, followed by a moderated panel discussion. These discussions will then be followed by remarks from Member States and relevant stakeholders, based on prior inscription.
- Discussions will help surface practical policy and cooperation insights, as well as possible priority actions, for consideration in the Co-Chairs' summary.

**16:30 – 18:00 High-level governmental plenary segment: Advancing inclusive and interoperable AI governance approaches**

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**DAY 2 - Reflections, Convergences and the Way Forward**

**9:00 – 10:30 Opening plenary: Summary of Day 1 and moderated discussion on related governance initiatives and approaches**

- To provide a summary of the main elements emerging from the first day of the Dialogue.
- To hold a moderated discussion with invited representatives of relevant initiatives, processes and approaches related to artificial intelligence governance.

- To help situate the Dialogue within the broader landscape of ongoing efforts and encourage reflection on complementarities, lessons and possible connections across different processes.

#### **10:30 – 12:30 Thematic discussions [breakout]**

##### **Safe, secure and trustworthy AI: responsible and interoperable approaches.**

##### **Respecting, protecting and promoting human rights: transparency, accountability and human oversight.**

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##### **14:30 – 16:30 Multi-stakeholder plenary meeting with a high-level governmental segment: Dialogue of Dialogues**

- High-level plenary segment with high-level participants, governments, industry, civil society, academia, technical community, international organizations.
- To provide reflections on the main elements emerging from the thematic discussions.
- To convene a moderated roundtable exchange between Governments and relevant stakeholders.
- To identify areas of convergence, complementarity and mutual learning across discussions and approaches.

##### **16:30 – 17:30 Multi-stakeholder plenary meeting with a high-level governmental segment: Shaping the way forward**

- To bring together high-level participants, governments, industry, civil society, academia, technical community, international organizations.

- The session could be organized as a moderated exchange, including brief interventions from high-level participants.
- It would provide an opportunity to highlight key messages, practical perspectives and possible pathways emerging from the Dialogue.
- It could also help draw together cross-cutting reflections ahead of the Co-Chairs' summary.

**17:30 – 18:00 Closing Ceremony**