



High-level Multi-stakeholder Informal Meeting to Launch the Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance

Thursday, 25 September 2025, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York

Concept Note

As artificial intelligence (AI) spreads globally driven by investment, optimism, and anxiety, so too do its international implications. AI's data inputs, deployments and spillovers cross borders, calling for international cooperation. Yet international cooperation remains fragmented and siloed, with 118 countries entirely absent from prominent international AI governance initiatives.

With the adoption of the Global Digital Compact as an Annex of the Pact for the Future in 2024 and the establishment of the Global Dialogue and the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI through resolution 79/325 in September 2025, the foundations have been laid for enhancing international governance of artificial intelligence for the benefit of humanity through uniquely inclusionary new mechanisms.

The establishment of the Dialogue and the Panel as complementary institutions marks a new era of international cooperation on AI governance, leveraging the United Nations as an inclusive platform anchored in shared norms for addressing issues surrounding this powerful technology.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 79/325¹, the President of the General Assembly will chair a high-level multi-stakeholder informal meeting to launch the Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance on 25 September 2025 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at the United Nations Headquarters, New York.

The high-level multistakeholder informal meeting will launch the Global Dialogue on AI governance, aligning with the principles of the Global Digital Compact, and focusing on grounding international cooperation in tangible, impact-driven dialogue. It will mark the first time the United Nations convenes governments, scientists, the tech community, private sector and civil society in one inclusive forum under the auspices of the General Assembly to address AI governance collectively.

¹ Entitled "Terms of reference and modalities for the establishment and functioning of the Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence and the Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance"

1. Objective

The objective of the high-level multi-stakeholder informal meeting will be to launch the Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance and provide the opportunity to:

- Support the political momentum generated by the Global Digital Compact and reaffirm the UN's role as a key multilateral convener and an inclusive platform for AI governance
- Provide an update on the most recent developments on AI and the future directions of AI
- Spark cross-sectoral dialogue on key dimensions of inclusive and accountable AI governance

2. Format

The high-level meeting will consist of:

Opening segment: The opening segment will feature remarks by H.E. Annalena Baerbock, the President of the General Assembly at its eightieth session, and H.E. António Guterres, the Secretary-General, as well as H.E. Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Spain and H.E. Arnoldo André Tinoco, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica as co-facilitators of resolution 79/325.

The opening segment will be complemented by contributions from three high-level speakers, showcasing concrete examples of how to unlock AI's potential for economic growth in the Global South.

Plenary segment: The plenary segment will feature statements by Member States and Observers of the General Assembly, as well as by United Nations system entities and other stakeholders, with statements by non-governmental actors interspersed regularly among those of Member States. A list of speakers for the plenary segment will be established in accordance with established practices of the General Assembly, and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States. **Time limits will be strictly enforced by means of automatic microphone cut-off.**

Inscription on the list of speakers for the plenary segment will open on the e-deleGATE platform on Friday, 12 September 2025 at 10 a.m. and close on Friday, 19 September 2025 at 5 p.m.

Observers of the General Assembly, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations systems entities that do not have access to e-deleGATE may send their requests for inscription to Mr. Paolo Dua at duap@un.org by Friday, 19 September 2025 at 5 p.m.

The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with the established practice and in consideration of diverse participation of States and other stakeholders. The list of speakers will be made available via the e-deleGATE platform prior to the high-level meeting.

All statements during the plenary segment will be delivered from the lectern. Speakers will be escorted from their seat two speakers prior. Any speakers not present at that time will be given an opportunity to speak after all other speakers on the list, time permitting.

The plenary segment will focus on the theme of *Building Agile, Responsive and Inclusive International AI Governance for Humanity*, engaging on the following guiding questions:

1. What key risks, challenges and opportunities emerge at the international level from current trajectories in AI development, deployment, and use?
2. What international governance arrangements could accelerate innovation while closing international divides and ensuring the protection of human rights in relation to AI?
3. How can international cooperation frameworks remain responsive to rapid changes in the AI technological and industrial landscape?
4. What best practices for harnessing scientific, tech community, private sector and civil society expertise can narrow capacity gaps of government policy decision makers around the world?

Closing segment: The segment will feature a concluding summary delivered by a youth representative from the technology community

3. Programme Outline

Time	Session
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Opening Segment Remarks by H.E. Annalena Baerbock, President of the General Assembly Remarks by H.E. António Guterres, Secretary-General Remarks by H.E. Pedro Sánchez Pérez-Castejón, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Spain Remarks by H.E. Arnoldo André Tinoco, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica Remarks by H.E. Dasho Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Bhutan

	<p>Remarks by H.E. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Minister of State of the United Arab Emirates</p> <p>Remarks by H.E. Ma Zhaoxu, Executive Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, People's Republic of China</p>
3:45 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.	<p>Plenary Segment</p> <p>Statements by Member States and Observers of the General Assembly as well as entities of the UN System and stakeholders</p>
5:50 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<p>Closing Segment</p> <p>Summary by Joon Baek, Youth for Privacy</p>

4. Access arrangements for participating States and Observers

Meeting specific tickets will not be issued for this meeting to participants from Member States and Observer delegations. However, access routes to the Trusteeship Council may differ from routes normally used.

5. Access arrangements for specialized agencies and other UN entities

Specialized agencies of the United Nations are invited to send an expression of interest to attend the high-level multi-stakeholder meeting by sending their request to Mr. Lars Becker at lars.becker@un.org no later than Wednesday 17 September 2025. Members of the United Nations specialized agencies are encouraged to participate at the highest possible level and access and seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Seating will only be issued only to those who receive confirmation of their participation. Meeting specific tickets will not be issued for this meeting to participants from specialized agencies and other UN entities. However, access routes to the Trusteeship Council may differ from routes normally used.

Other UN entities such as Funds and Programmes are invited to send an expression of interest to attend the high-level multi-stakeholder meeting by sending their request to Mr. Lars Becker at lars.becker@un.org no later than Wednesday 17 September 2025. Access and seating will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and participants should expect an email with details on time and location.

6. Access arrangements for NGOs and other stakeholders

The registration process for representatives of civil society organizations and other stakeholders is opened to Wednesday 17 September 2025 via Indico. Speakers from civil society and other relevant stakeholder groups will be selected from the list of registrants that have expressed an interest in intervening at the time of registration. Once applicants receive a confirmation email, they should expect a further email with details on the time and location at which the special events tickets are to be collected.

7. UN Web TV and statement submission

Live and on demand (recorded video) streaming coverage of the high-level meeting will be available [in the 6 UN official languages] on the UN Web TV website at: <http://webtv.un.org>.

Written copies of all statements delivered during the meeting must be sent to estatements@un.org well in advance of the meeting, but no later than two hours before delivery, in order to ensure proper interpretation. The title, date of the meeting, name and delegation of the speaker should be indicated in the heading of the statement and the email subject line. Statements submitted to estatements@un.org will be available on the UN Journal website (<https://journal.un.org>). The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery and then posted.

Statements made in any of the six official languages are interpreted into the other official languages. Speakers are requested to deliver the statement at a speed that is interpretable. While delegations are increasingly given a time frame in which to deliver their statements, they are kindly requested to do so at a normal speed, to enable the interpreters to provide an accurate and complete rendition of their statements. When statements are delivered at a fast pace, the quality of the interpretation may suffer. It is suggested not to exceed the speed of about 100 to 120 words per minute (as a guide for statements delivered in English) to ensure that the statement is delivered at a normal pace.