

# **DTE-I Ethical Assurance Statement Template**

## **Digital Trust Ethics - Islamic-Inspired Conformance Statement**

### **Document Information**

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## Scope

Clearly define the specific systems, products, or services that this ethical assurance statement covers. Be as precise as possible, e.g., "Our AI-powered customer service chatbot," "All cloud-based data storage solutions," "Our mobile banking application."]

## Audience of the Statement

This statement is intended to clearly communicate our commitment to ethical technology practices to our stakeholders, including but not limited to:

- **Customers and Users:** To build and maintain trust in our digital offerings.
- **Employees:** To foster a shared understanding and commitment to ethical principles.
- **Partners and Vendors:** To ensure alignment with our ethical standards across our ecosystem.
- **Regulators and Oversight Bodies:** To demonstrate compliance and proactive ethical governance.
- **Investors and Board Members:** To provide assurance regarding responsible innovation and risk management.

## PRINCIPLE-BASED COMMITMENTS

We commit to implementing and maintaining cybersecurity and AI systems aligned with the following universal principles:

- **Privacy & Dignity:** Protecting personal information and individual autonomy through technical and procedural safeguards.
- **Confidentiality:** Maintaining information secrecy through encryption, access controls, and secrets management.
- **Integrity:** Ensuring data accuracy and system reliability through validation, logging, and change control.
- **Availability:** Providing reliable service through redundancy, monitoring, and incident response.
- **Accountability:** Accepting responsibility through governance, audit trails, and decision documentation.
- **Transparency:** Enabling understanding through clear communication and explainable systems.
- **Human Oversight:** Maintaining meaningful human control over automated decisions.
- **Fairness:** Preventing discrimination through bias testing and inclusive design.
- **Resilience:** Building robust systems through business continuity and recovery planning.

## STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

This conformance statement demonstrates alignment with:

- **ISO/IEC 27001:2022** Information Security Management
- **NIST Cybersecurity Framework 2.0**
- **ISO/IEC 27701:2019** Privacy Information Management
- **EU AI Act** requirements (where applicable to high-risk AI systems)

## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

We measure our ethical performance through:

1. **Fairness Score:** [Insert Percentage, e.g., 95]% - Measured across protected characteristics with [Describe methodology, e.g., "regular bias audits using historical data and synthetic datasets," "demographic impact assessments"].
2. **Privacy Compliance:** [Insert Percentage, e.g., 98]% - Percentage of data subjects' rights requests fulfilled within SLA [Specify SLA, e.g., "within 30 days"].
3. **Human Oversight Efficacy:** [Insert Percentage, e.g., 90]% - Rate of meaningful human intervention in automated decisions [Describe how this is measured, e.g., "percentage of high-risk AI decisions reviewed and adjusted by human operators," "frequency of human override in critical automated processes"].
4. **Incident Response Time:** [Insert Number, e.g., 4] hours - Average time from detection to stakeholder notification for critical ethical or security incidents.
5. **Training Completion:** [Insert Percentage, e.g., 100]% - Percentage of staff completing annual ethics and security training relevant to their roles.

## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- **Chief Information Security Officer:** [Insert Name] - Overall accountability for cybersecurity and digital trust.
- **Privacy Officer:** [Insert Name] - Responsible for data protection, individual rights, and privacy compliance.

- **AI Ethics Lead:** [Insert Name] - Responsible for algorithmic fairness, transparency, and human oversight in AI systems.
- **Risk Management:** [Insert Name or Committee Name, e.g., "Risk Management Committee" or "Enterprise Risk Management Department"] - Responsible for ethical risk assessment, mitigation, and ongoing monitoring.

## CERTIFICATION & VALIDATION

- ☐ Self-assessment completed using DTE-I checklist
- ☐ Independent third-party assessment [If applicable, specify assessor and date]
- ☐ Stakeholder consultation process [Describe process, e.g., "Annual user feedback surveys and expert panel reviews"]
- ☐ Regular monitoring and review process established [Describe frequency and responsible parties, e.g., "Quarterly reviews by the Ethics & Governance Committee"]

## SIGNATURES

Chief Executive Officer: [Print Name] \_\_\_\_\_ Date: [DD/MM/YYYY] \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Information Security Officer: [Print Name] \_\_\_\_\_ Date: [DD/MM/YYYY] \_\_\_\_\_

Ethics & Governance Lead: [Print Name] \_\_\_\_\_ Date: [DD/MM/YYYY] \_\_\_\_\_

*This statement represents our commitment to ethical technology practices. It does not constitute legal advice and should be reviewed regularly as technology and regulations evolve.*

## MAQASID-INSPIRED VALUES INTEGRATION

Our approach aligns with universal human values:

- **Life Preservation (Hifz al-Nafs):** System availability and safety measures protect human wellbeing
- **Wealth Preservation (Hifz al-Mal):** Financial data protection and business continuity safeguards
- **Dignity Preservation (Hifz al-'Ird):** Privacy controls and respectful data handling practices
- **Intellectual Integrity (Hifz al-'Aql):** Transparent AI systems that enhance rather than replace human judgment
- **Justice ('Adl):** Fair algorithmic decision-making and equitable access to services

## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT COMMITMENT

We pledge to:

- Conduct quarterly reviews of our ethical performance metrics
- Update this statement annually or upon significant system changes
- Engage with stakeholders for feedback on our ethical practices
- Contribute to industry standards development for digital ethics
- Establish clear channels for reporting ethical concerns and commit to thorough investigation and remediation.
- Extend ethical due diligence to cover third-party vendors and partners involved in our systems and services.

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