

Global Forum on the Ethics of AI 2025

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UNESCO's Global Forum on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence marks an important milestone towards building a robust international coalition ensuring the ethical development and use of AI worldwide.

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Summary

The Second Edition

The First Edition

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a frontline technology with profound implications for human beings, cultures, societies and the environment. It has the potential to be our ally in the struggle for a more equitable, fair, and sustainable future: the unprecedented analytical capacity of this technology has helped improve decision-making in all domains of life. For instance, AI has been critical in global efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic by accelerating the discovery of the vaccines. However, AI technologies also pose significant risks and challenges, especially in terms of deepening existing divides, exacerbating gender disparities, and infringing on human rights and fundamental freedoms.



The 2nd Global Forum on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence with the theme "**Changing the Landscape of AI Governance**" was hosted in the **Brdo Congress Centre of Kranj, Slovenia** on the 5th and 6th of February 2024. Read more about this event [here](#).

The First Edition

The First Global Forum on the Ethics of AI, with the theme, "**Ensuring inclusion in the AI world**", was hosted by **the Czech Republic on 13th December 2022 in Prague**, under the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union and under the patronage of UNESCO. It marked an important milestone towards building a robust international coalition ensuring the ethical development and use of AI worldwide following the adoption of the Recommendation of the Ethics of AI in November 2021.

The Forum comprised three major components:

- **Ethical Development and Use of AI in the EU:** reinforcing national regulatory frameworks and institutions. This session explored the reform priorities for more effective governance at the national level, examined the complementarities of UNESCO's Recommendation and the emerging EU legal framework and identified the possibilities for UNESCO-EU partnership over domestic reform agendas on AI governance.



AI: this session featured digital ministers from across the world, including Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia and the Pacific. These ministers led a discussion on the opportunities presented by the promotion of AI technologies globally, and the challenges of building ethical safeguards to ensure their beneficial use. This section of the Global Forum underpinned by the collaboration that is being discussed between the European Commission (INTPA) and the Social and Human Sciences at UNESCO for the EU to support their efforts, particularly in Africa, to implement the Recommendation.

- **Special Topics:** parallel sessions dedicated to the exploration of the state of AI from different angles — Gender Equality, Environmental Protection, Readiness and Ethical Impact Assessments, Transparency and Non-discrimination.

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