

High-Level Panel on Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

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Artificial intelligence (AI) is a frontline technology with profound implications for human beings, cultures, societies and the environment. While AI has the potential to be our ally in the struggle for a more equitable, fair, and sustainable future, it also poses significant risks and challenges, especially in terms of deepening the existing divides, exacerbating gender disparities, and infringing on human dignity and human rights.

While AI is being developed and applied at an exponential rate, there is no global ethical framework to promote its beneficial use and to help mitigate its risks. However, this is about to change, as UNESCO was given the mandate by its Member States to elaborate the first global normative instrument in the field: the Recommendation on the Ethics of AI. The Recommendation aims to provide an anticipatory framework of values and principles to help mitigate future risks and offers concrete policy actions designed to resolve the emerging challenges.

During this High-Level Panel, you will have a chance to hear leading voices from different disciplines and segments of society, including governments, civil society, academia, private sector, and youth. Speakers from around the world will share their perspectives on the latest developments in AI and their ethical implications, focusing on the ways that a global ethical framework can contribute towards beneficial development and application of AI technologies and successful mitigation of the inherent risks.

PROGRAMME

15h00 - 15h05 Introduction to the High-Level Panel

- **Audrey Azoulay**, Director-General of UNESCO

15h05 - 15h20 Keynote Speech

- **Yoshua Bengio**, Scientific Director, Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms (MILA)

15h20 - 16h20 Panel I. Impact of AI on Policies and Markets

- **Gabriela Ramos**
Assistant Director-General, Social & Human Sciences, UNESCO
- **John Denton**
Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce
- **Teki Akuetteh Falconer**
Founder and Executive Director of Africa Digital Rights Hub
- **Henri Verdier**
Ambassador for Digital Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France
- **Yoichi Iida**
Deputy Director General for G7/G20 Relations,
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan
- **Agita Pasaribu**
Founder and Executive Director, Bullyid App Indonesia

Q&A Session with the audience

16h20 - 17h20 Panel II. Regional Perspectives on Ethics of AI

Moderator: Gabriela Ramos, ADG/SHS, UNESCO

- Chairs / Representatives of the six regional groups of UNESCO

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