A Contribution to the UN Summit of the Future

UNU Macau AI Conference 2024

AI for All : Bridging Divides, Building a Sustainable Future

24-25 April 2024, Macau SAR, China

Introduction

The rapid advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI) have provided the world with immense opportunities for development. However, they have also raised the alarm about its potential to impact our safety, security, and equality negatively. The risks and potentialities of AI are international in nature and are influenced by and affect all levels of society, including citizens, government, and industry.

Under the theme AI for All: Bridging Divides, Building Sustainable Futures, the United Nations University Institute in Macau (UNU Macau) is convening a multisectoral conference to provide a platform for coordination and collaboration of diverse stakeholders in explicating the problems and solutions of AI.

As a UN system think tank focusing on leveraging digital technologies for sustainable development, UNU Macau aims to connect the problem-owners (e.g. policy makers) and solution providers (e.g. academia and technology industry) and to facilitate dialogue between the Global North and the Global South, as well as between the Cultural East and West.

The objectives of the conference are to:

- Create a platform for knowledge sharing on applied AI issues from multiple perspectives;

- Connect stakeholders and support collaboration among diverse groups via common topics of interest related to AI;

- Co-create solutions for and with AI that are data-driven, inclusive, and sustainable to help accelerate SDGs;

- Support and enable a multi-stakeholder community on AI that is inclusive of the Global South and the Cultural East.

Thematic Tracks

AI to Accelerate SDGs

Exploring what AI can do to accelerate the achievement of SDGs. For instance, some AI-empowered tools can support poverty reduction or address climate change.

AI Governance for the Future

Examining the complex issues related to the ecosystem and governance of AI. Highlighting the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders in ensuring ethical, legal, and social good outcomes of AI, in promoting equitable development and in empowering vulnerable, marginalized and underrepresented communities.

AI and Capacity Building

Harnessing the full potential of AI by building the capacity of individuals, organizations and societies, notably government officials, technology communities and teachers, to understand, create and use AI effectively and responsibly.

Preliminary Programme
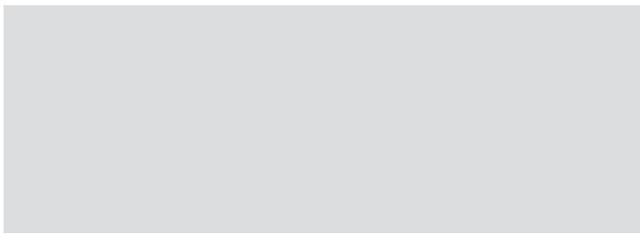
Wednesday 24 April	Thursday 25 April
	9:00-10:00 Opening Plenary
	10:00-11:30 Morning Parallel Sessions
	11:30-13:00 Lunch
	13:00-18:00 Afternoon Parallel Sessions
17:10-18:30 Welcome Reception	18:00-18:15 Closing Plenary
19:30-21:30 High Level Networking Dinner	18:15 Farewell Reception

Participants

The conference will host 500+ international participants, who are:
Academics - working with a range of disciplines associated with AI, e.g., computer science, ethics, and law.
Civil Society Organizations
Foundations and Donners
Government Officials - 60-80 senior participants representing ministries of ICT from 20 developing countries.
Technology Industry Leaders
UN System Representative - 2-3 UN top leaders will participate in the conference.
Youth - University students from the Global South (developing regions).
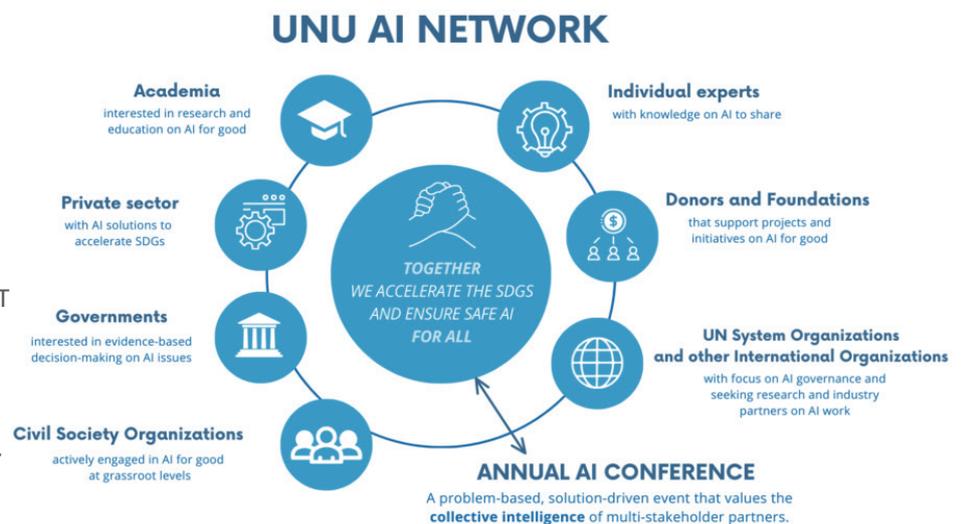
Participation information

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- Sponsorship packages: https://aimacau-2024.org/support-us/
- Submit your ideas: https://aimacau-2024.org/call-for-submissions/

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