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Concept note

Background

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) [resolution on AI and democracy](#) acknowledges both the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI) and its risks to democratic institutions and processes. It advocates for regulatory frameworks that balance innovation with safeguards, emphasizing transparency and accountability in AI development. The resolution calls for parliamentary oversight, international cooperation and inclusive governance models to ensure that AI systems respect fundamental rights and constitutional principles while protecting society from algorithmic discrimination.

Since the resolution was adopted in October 2024, the AI landscape has continued to evolve at exceptional speed. The role of parliaments is increasingly vital, yet parliaments face immense challenges in effectively legislating on AI. The technology's rapid pace of development outpaces traditional legislative processes, while its profound technical complexity creates knowledge asymmetries between lawmakers and technology developers. Additionally, the global nature of AI development demands international coordination that transcends national boundaries, complicating comprehensive regulatory approaches.

The session contains three segments of approximately 60 minutes each:

1. **Parliamentary actions on AI since October 2024**

This segment provides delegates with an opportunity to report on recent actions in their parliament and to share experiences and lessons learned.

Since October 2024, many parliaments have intensified regulatory approaches to AI, emphasizing human-centred frameworks and ethical boundaries. Notable developments include expanded data protection measures, increased funding for AI safety research, and cross-border collaborative initiatives. Many parliaments have established specialized committees to address the implications of AI for democracy, human rights and national security.

2. **Recent developments in international cooperation in AI governance**

This segment offers a space for discussion with experts on the state of international cooperation and future perspectives.

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International AI governance has evolved through multiple parallel frameworks, including the principles of the United Nations AI Advisory Body, the UNESCO *Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence*, and the G7 Hiroshima AI Process for model evaluation. The AI Safety Summit series has fostered collaboration between governments and industry on frontier AI risks. Regulatory approaches diverge regionally, with the European Union's comprehensive AI Act contrasting with the emphasis on voluntary commitments in the United States of America. Technical standards are advancing through the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), but challenges persist in harmonizing regulations, establishing binding agreements and ensuring that developing nations are meaningfully represented in governance discussions.

3. The use of AI in parliaments

This segment explores how AI is being used in parliamentary settings, examining both individual and institutional applications.

MPs leverage AI for constituent communications, speech drafting and policy research analysis. Institutionally, parliaments employ AI for document processing, translation services and legislative tracking systems. The IPU's groundbreaking work on guidelines for parliamentary AI adoption addresses challenges of transparency, bias mitigation and the digital divide while promoting knowledge-sharing across Member Parliaments to establish responsible AI governance standards.

Resources

IPU resources

- [Entry page on ipu.org on artificial intelligence](#)
- [Resolution: *The impact of artificial intelligence on democracy, human rights and the rule of law*](#)
- [Guidelines for AI in parliaments](#)
- [Use cases for AI in parliaments](#)

To be published shortly:

- Summary for parliamentarians of the *Guidelines for AI in parliaments*
- Parliamentary actions on AI policy

External resources

- [Commonwealth Parliamentary Association: *Parliamentary Handbook on Disinformation, AI and Synthetic Media* \(2023\)](#)
- [Council of Europe: Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence](#)
- [European Union: AI Act](#)
- [Internet Governance Forum Parliamentary Track](#)
- [ITU: Artificial intelligence](#)
- [OECD.AI Policy Observatory](#)
- [United Nations: AI Advisory Body](#)
- [United Nations: Global Digital Compact](#)
- [UNESCO: Artificial intelligence](#)
- [Westminster Foundation for Democracy: *Guidelines for AI in Parliaments* \(2024\)](#)