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Guidelines for AI in parliaments

# Key points for senior parliamentary managers

The IPU's [Guidelines for AI in Parliaments](#) emphasize that the adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) should be approached as a strategic transformation initiative, requiring strong leadership and a clear vision. Senior parliamentary managers play a pivotal role in ensuring that AI enhances parliamentary effectiveness while maintaining institutional integrity.

The Guidelines provide a comprehensive governance framework for implementing AI in parliaments, with crucial considerations for secretaries general and other members of parliamentary leadership.

## Strategic considerations

AI implementation requires careful strategic planning and robust governance structures. It demands clear policies for data management, privacy protection and cybersecurity. The technology offers opportunities to enhance parliamentary efficiency and effectiveness, but success depends on the establishment of appropriate suitable oversight mechanisms and risk management frameworks, as well as on adequate resource allocation. Senior parliamentary managers must balance innovation with the preservation of parliamentary integrity and democratic values.

## Governance requirements

AI governance necessitates new organizational structures and policies. This includes establishing clear lines of responsibility, developing comprehensive data governance frameworks and implementing robust security protocols. Senior parliamentary managers must ensure compliance with relevant laws and regulations while maintaining alignment with national and international AI frameworks. The governance structure must enable both innovation and appropriate control.

## Essential principles

1. **Strategic alignment:** AI initiatives that support parliamentary strategic objectives
2. **Risk management:** comprehensive frameworks for identifying and mitigating risks
3. **Resource optimization:** effective allocation of financial and human resources
4. **Change management:** structured approach to organizational transformation
5. **Stakeholder engagement:** active involvement of all relevant parties

## Implementation framework

Successful AI implementation requires a structured yet flexible approach. Parliaments are advised to begin with pilot initiatives that demonstrate value while minimizing risk. A robust project portfolio management approach is essential, supported by clear metrics for success.

Implementation should be accompanied by comprehensive training programmes and change management strategies. Regular evaluation and adjustment of approaches ensures continued effectiveness and alignment with parliamentary needs.

## Key responsibilities for senior parliamentary managers

1. Establishing clear governance structures and policies
2. Ensuring adequate resource allocation
3. Overseeing risk management and compliance
4. Driving organizational change and adoption
5. Maintaining stakeholder communication and engagement
6. Ensuring ethical principles are embedded in all AI initiatives
7. Monitoring performance and impact

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