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## **Artificial Intelligence Conference The Role of Parliament in Shaping the Future of Responsible AI**

**28-30 November 2025 | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

### **Concept note**

#### **Introduction**

The world is in the midst of a profound technological transformation driven by artificial intelligence (AI). The unprecedented speed and scale of AI development present a dual reality: on the one hand, immense opportunities to accelerate human progress, and on the other hand, significant risks to fundamental rights, democratic processes and global stability. From its impact on the economy and the future of work to its role in public services and national security, AI is reshaping our societies. For parliaments, the institutions at the heart of our democracies, engaging with this transformation is not optional – it is an urgent necessity.

As AI systems become more integrated into the fabric of society, legislators are confronted with complex new challenges. These include the potential for algorithmic bias to perpetuate and amplify existing inequalities, the rapid spread of sophisticated disinformation that can erode public trust and disrupt elections, and the need to establish clear lines of accountability for autonomous systems. Without proactive and informed legislative action, there is a risk that AI will be developed and deployed without sufficient regard for public values, human rights and the rule of law.

However, navigating these risks is only one side of the equation. Parliaments also have a significant opportunity to harness AI as a powerful tool for their own institutional strengthening. By strategically and responsibly adopting AI, they can create efficiencies, improve research and analysis capabilities, and strengthen legislative processes to better carry out their responsibilities and serve their populations. Acknowledging this dual reality – the need for both robust governance of AI in society and its proactive, measured adoption within parliament – is essential for a comprehensive approach to the age of AI and provides the foundation for this Conference's focus and approach.

#### **Conference objectives and principles**

The Parliament of Malaysia, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are proud to convene this Conference. The event will provide a vital global platform for legislators and parliamentary officials to build their capacity, share knowledge, and forge a common path towards responsible AI use and governance.

The Conference will be guided by two core objectives:

- 1. To expand inter-parliamentary cooperation, dialogue and knowledge exchange on AI governance.**
- 2. To catalyze political will for building national capacity for AI, including the use of AI within parliamentary institutions.**



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To ensure a focused and impactful dialogue, the Conference is founded on a set of guiding principles. The Conference will be:

- People-centred:** Prioritizing human impact and citizen welfare in all discussions
- Rights-based:** Grounding recommendations in human rights frameworks
- Participatory:** Inviting active engagement from all participants, before, during and after the event
- Action-oriented:** Focusing on concrete outcomes and next steps

## Conference format

The Conference will be organized around a dynamic, module-based structure to facilitate deep dives into key topics. Under the overarching theme, the following areas will be highlighted through a two-track programme:

**Track 1 – AI policy:** This track will focus on the legislative and oversight dimensions of AI. A significant focus will be placed on translating ethical principles into enforceable laws, whilst also addressing the geopolitical landscape of AI and the need to tailor approaches to local and regional contexts. Modules will cover:

- Societal transformation:** How AI will impact jobs, government services, healthcare and the environment.
- Gender-based harms:** Tackling non-consensual intimate images, algorithmic bias and ensuring gender-sensitive AI development.
- Law-making and oversight:** Exploring flexible legislative approaches and holding governments to account.
- Building national capacity:** Discussing national strategies, investment, data governance, and education and training.
- International cooperation:** Engaging with global initiatives and regional frameworks.

**Track 2 – AI in parliament:** This track will focus on the practical application and governance of AI within parliamentary work, exploring how AI tools and strategies can enhance processes, improve efficiencies and strengthen democratic institutions. Modules will cover:

- AI skills building:** Practical training for MPs on AI and data literacy in the parliamentary context.
- Using AI in parliament:** Examining systems, governance, use cases, procurement and data sovereignty.
- The future of parliaments:** How AI will shape the evolving role of parliaments, MPs and citizen engagement.

To facilitate a rich, rewarding and diverse learning experience, the Conference will be designed to offer participants a choice not only of topics but also formats. The modalities will be varied, moving beyond traditional panel discussions to include a dynamic mix of interactive workshops, collaborative problem-solving exercises, and practical, activity-based sessions, ensuring that all participants can engage in a manner that best suits their learning style and objectives for attending the Conference. The conclusions of the Conference will be captured in an outcome document.



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## Participation

The Conference is aimed at:

- Members of parliament, particularly those on relevant committees and those who are actively involved in legislative and oversight work on AI in their parliament.
- Senior parliamentary staff, including Clerks and Secretaries General, Chief Information Officers, research services and IT services.

Please register your delegation via the following link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/tU2d6bKsGr>

The deadline for registration is **11 October 2025**.

The maximum number of participants per parliament is three people. Parliaments are requested to coordinate the nomination of their delegation through the usual authorities, such as the Office of the Speaker, the CPA Branch or the IPU Group. Parliaments are further requested to ensure diverse and balanced representation in their delegation, including gender balance.

Participants will be responsible for their costs, including travel and accommodation.

Please note that:

- Parliaments are encouraged to register their delegation at their earliest convenience.
- **Confirmation of registration will be sent one week after the registration deadline.**
- The maximum number of participants in the Conference is 200 people.
- Once the maximum of 200 participants has been reached, other registrations will be placed on a waiting list.

Where parliaments are members of both the CPA and the IPU, it may be the case that this invitation is received by two separate offices. In such circumstances, we ask that those offices coordinate a single nominated delegation and avoid duplication of efforts.

## Venue

The Conference will take place at the [Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre \(KLCC\)](#).

## Working languages

Documentation will be prepared in English, French and Spanish.

During the Conference, interpretation will be provided in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

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