



Inter-Parliamentary Union



## Geneva AI Governance Week 6–10 July 2026

Briefing note for parliaments, 18 June 2026

In early July 2026, Geneva will host the most significant concentration of international artificial intelligence (AI) governance activity to date. Three major events will be held in one week at the Palexpo convention centre: the inaugural Global Dialogue on AI Governance, the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2026 and the AI for Good Global Summit. The frameworks, standards and common understanding that emerge from these processes will set the terms within which domestic AI legislation and national oversight operate. The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will help ensure that parliamentary voices are heard across the events.

### Global Dialogue on AI Governance

6–7 July 2026

The Global Dialogue on AI Governance is the first universal, United Nations-anchored forum dedicated to AI governance. Established under [General Assembly resolution 79/325 \(2025\)](#), it stems from the Global Digital Compact adopted at the 2024 Summit of the Future. Co-chaired by the Permanent Representatives of El Salvador and Estonia, the inaugural two-day session is structured around a high-level governmental plenary, a multi-stakeholder segment, the presentation of the first report of the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI, and thematic breakout discussions. The Dialogue's outputs will feed directly into the high-level review of the Global Digital Compact in 2027 and 2028.

The four thematic clusters of the Dialogue are: (1) AI opportunities and implications: social, economic, ethical, cultural, linguistic and technical dimensions; (2) Bridging AI divides: capacity-building, access and digital foundations; (3) Safe, secure and trustworthy AI: interoperability and compatibility of approaches; and (4) Respecting, protecting and promoting human rights: transparency, accountability and human oversight.

[www.un.org/global-dialogue-ai-governance](http://www.un.org/global-dialogue-ai-governance)

### WSIS Forum 2026

6–10 July 2026

The WSIS Forum is the annual multi-stakeholder forum for advancing the implementation of the 11 WSIS Action Lines. The event is co-organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UNDP and UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD). This is the first Forum following the renewal of the WSIS mandate to 2035 under [General Assembly resolution 80/173 \(2025\)](#), which tasks action line facilitators to develop implementation road maps linked to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets and Global Digital Compact commitments. The 2026 Forum features an expanded High Level Track with ministerial participation, thematic sessions, exhibitions and the WSIS Prizes 2026. Issues addressed span the full breadth of digital governance: connectivity and digital infrastructure; cybersecurity, AI policy and governance; data protection and privacy; online safety; digital public services; cultural and linguistic diversity; and the enabling legal and regulatory environment for digital development.

[www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2026](http://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2026)

## AI for Good Global Summit

7–10 July 2026

The AI for Good Global Summit is the UN's principal platform on AI for sustainable development. Organized by the ITU with UN agency partners and co-convened with the Government of Switzerland, the Summit brings together a global community of over 37,000 contributors across 180 countries. The programme is organized around thematic tracks including: AI policy and governance; AI standards; AI and the future of work; AI for health; AI for planet; AI skills and education; AI infrastructure; AI creativity and culture; frontier technologies; and AI and mobility. Key initiatives include: the AI Standards Exchange Database; the AI for Health partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO); standards work on AI and multimedia authenticity to counter deepfakes; AI for food systems with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP); and the Innovation Factory startup accelerator. The Summit also features the UN AI Resource Hub, mapping AI activities across 55 UN entities and over 165 countries.

[aiforgood.itu.int/summit26](https://aiforgood.itu.int/summit26)

## Planned parliamentary activities

The IPU, UNDP and the CPA are organizing a parliamentary presence across the week. Activities are being finalized and will include the following:

- **Global Dialogue on AI Governance: *Parliamentary oversight for transparency and accountability of AI***. This side event will bring together parliamentarians to share concrete examples of legislative and oversight action on AI, aligned with Cluster 4 on transparency, accountability and human oversight. **Proposed for Tuesday, 7 July 2026 (to be confirmed)**.
- **WSIS Forum 2026: *Parliamentary Dialogue on Digital Governance***. This high-level panel will convene parliamentarians and expert practitioners for an exchange on priority issues including AI governance, online safety, gender-based digital harms and data protection. **Confirmed for Friday, 10 July 2026, 10.00–11.00**.
- **AI for Good Global Summit: *Harnessing AI for Good: The parliamentary role***. This panel discussion will explore how parliaments can support national AI strategies through legislation and oversight, ensure AI investments deliver public benefit, and engage citizens in the policy conversation. **Confirmed for Tuesday, 7 July, 11:30–12 noon**.

## How parliamentarians can engage

- **Engage through national delegations**. The Global Dialogue's high-level governmental segment involves ministers and senior officials. Parliamentarians are encouraged to coordinate with their governments to seek inclusion and to ensure parliamentary perspectives are reflected in national positions.
- **Participate in the Geneva week and parliamentary activities**. Contact the IPU, the CPA and UNDP if you plan to attend. We are identifying parliamentarians to participate as speakers and discussants across the planned sessions. We can help coordinate your engagement across events and connect you with relevant sessions and speakers. Expressions of interest are welcome.

"We encourage all parliaments – as institutions that play a central role in ensuring the democratization of international AI governance – to engage actively with these efforts and ensure coherence between domestic legislation and evolving international standards."

— [Kuala Lumpur Declaration: \*Parliaments and responsible AI\*](#), November 2025

## Contact and further information

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