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To:
– ITU Member States
– Permanent Missions and Embassies in Geneva

Subject: **Global Dialogue on AI Governance at Palexpo, Geneva, Switzerland, 6 and 7 July 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the United Nations Secretary-General has formally issued an invitation to Heads of State and Government to participate in the inaugural Global Dialogue on AI Governance, being convened pursuant to United Nations General Assembly Resolution [79/325](#) of 26 August 2025 at Palexpo International Exhibition and Congress Centre in Geneva, Switzerland, 6 and 7 July 2026.

The Global Dialogue on AI Governance, co-chaired by the Permanent Representatives of El Salvador and the Republic of Estonia to the United Nations in New York will be held back-to-back in the margins of the 2026 AI for Good Global Summit taking place from 7 to 10 July 2026 at Palexpo (invitation letter available [here](#)). This milestone week provides a strong foundation for enhanced global cooperation on AI, positioning Geneva as the central forum where governments, civil society, private sector, academia and the technical community can shape a shared approach to AI.

ITU is pleased to co-coordinate the Dialogue together with UNESCO, as part of a joint secretariat that also includes the Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies and the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General.

The Global Dialogue on AI Governance will serve as a platform for Member States and all relevant stakeholders to discuss international cooperation, share best practices and lessons learned, and facilitate open, transparent and inclusive discussions on AI governance.

In this context, and for your information, I am pleased to share the official invitation letter issued by the United Nations Secretary-General. The letter is attached in full to the present communication.

I hope that your delegation will participate in the high-level discussions and networking engagements during this week in Geneva. The programme will provide a dedicated opportunity for Heads of State or Heads of Government to address the audience, as well as for senior government representatives to contribute to thematic panel deliberations. Additionally, if your country or organization would like to support the hosting of the Dialogue by contributing towards defraying the cost of its organization, please contact us through chief.spm@itu.int. To facilitate preparations, we kindly encourage you to inform us of your interest in participating at your earliest convenience.

For any additional information you may require, please contact ai.dialogue@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Secretary-General

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

26 February 2026

Excellency,

I have the honour to invite you to participate in the inaugural Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance, being convened pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 79/325 of 26 August 2025.

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The Global Dialogue on AI Governance will serve as a platform for Member States and all relevant stakeholders to discuss international cooperation, share best practices and lessons learned, and facilitate open, transparent and inclusive discussions on AI governance to contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and to closing the digital divides between and within countries.

In the *Pact for the Future*, adopted on 22 September 2024, Member States reaffirmed their commitment to seizing the benefits of digital technologies and to strengthening international cooperation to address emerging risks. The *Global Digital Compact*, as an annex to the Pact, delivers this commitment through proposals for the establishment of a multidisciplinary Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and a Global Dialogue on AI Governance.

I hope that the Dialogue will serve as a historic milestone to advance a truly global, inclusive and impactful path forward for cooperation on the governance of artificial intelligence. I count on your active participation to make the Dialogue a success.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'António Guterres', written over a horizontal line.

António Guterres

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