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| **Abstract:** | Artificial intelligence (AI) presents opportunities for advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), particularly through enabling individuals to access information and services where personal anonymity may be desired and expanding diagnostic and predictive modelling capabilities for hard-to-reach populations. While the potential of AI to improve health service access and delivery continue to emerge, the extent and ways of how AI-based technologies are being used in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and related considerations for their effective, ethical, and safe use requires further exploration. In particular, the intersection of AI and SRHR raises additional implications, including issues related to safeguarding bodily autonomy, navigating gendered digital divides, and regulating risks around the use of sensitive data. This session will provide a high-level overview of emerging use cases across the life course in SRHR and the nuanced risks and considerations. It will also be an opportunity to reflect on areas for further elaboration to maximize the benefits and mitigate the threats posed by use of AI-based technologies in SRHR. |

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