



Special meeting of the Economic and Social Council on Harnessing Artificial Intelligence for the Sustainable Development Goals

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Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Opening	
3:00 – 3:10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Paula Narváez (Chile), President of the Economic and Social Council • Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
Panel 1: Governance, Artificial Intelligence and the SDGs	
3:10 – 4:30 pm	<p><u>Chair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tomas Lamanauskas, Deputy Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU) <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Carme Artigas, Co-Chair of the Secretary General's High-level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence (virtual) • Mr. Eliot Minchenberg, Director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Office in New York and UNESCO Representative to the United Nations • Mr. Jim Balsillie, Retired Co-CEO of Research In Motion (Blackberry) and Founder and Chair, Centre for International Governance Innovation • Mr. Karan Bhatia, Global Head of Government Affairs and Public Policy, Google <p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Maritza Chan, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica • Ms. Shea Gopaul, Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York for the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) and co-Chair of the Business and Industry Major Group <p><i>Interactive discussion</i></p> <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can international cooperation and collaboration be fostered to ensure that AI technologies are deployed responsibly and in alignment with the pillars of sustainable development?



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can governance frameworks be adapted or enhanced to effectively support AI applications for sustainable development?• What are the key ethical considerations that should guide the integration of AI technologies into initiatives aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?• How can AI be harnessed to promote inclusivity and address disparities in access to resources and opportunities, thereby advancing the overarching goal of leaving no one behind?• What mechanisms can be put in place to ensure that AI technologies contribute to the achievement of the SDGs while minimizing negative social and environmental impacts?• What strategies can be employed to ensure that AI technologies are developed and deployed in a manner that respects and promotes human rights, including privacy, non-discrimination, and freedom of expression?
Panel 2: Real-Life Examples of AI Contributions to the SDGs	
4:30 – 5:50 pm	<p><u>Chair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Akan Rakhmetullin (Kazakhstan), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill, Secretary General’s Envoy on Technology <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Rola Dashti, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) (virtual)• Ms. Celeste Drake, Deputy Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO) (virtual)• Ms. Ligia Noronha, Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) New York Office• Mr. Roberto Moris, Assistant Professor, Catholic University of Chile (UC Chile) and Director, Regional Assisted Integrated Administration Project of the Santiago Metropolitan Region <p><u>Discussants:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Luke Goh, Second Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Singapore• Mr. Jorge Alberto Serra, CEO of VISION <p><i>Interactive discussion</i></p> <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can you share specific examples of AI applications that have directly contributed to achieving SDGs in various sectors?• What measurable impacts or outcomes have been observed as a result of deploying AI technologies in SDG-related projects?



Closing

5:50 – 6:00 pm

Chair:

- H.E. Ms. Paula Narváez (Chile), President of the Economic and Social Council

Closing remarks:

- H.E. Mr. Bob Rae (Canada), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council