



ECOSOC Special Meeting on Artificial Intelligence

Special meeting of the Economic and Social Council on Artificial Intelligence

6 May 2025, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Logistical Information

The special meeting of the Economic and Social Council on Artificial Intelligence (AI) will take place in person on **Tuesday, 6 May 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** in the **ECOSOC Chamber** at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The meeting will bring together Member States, UN system experts, private sector leaders, innovators, and civil society stakeholders to follow up on the outcomes of the Summit of the Future, including the Global Digital Compact. It will showcase the potential for AI to accelerate sustainable development in the Global South, paying special attention to the role of strategic investments, partnerships, and international cooperation in addressing foundational needs and capacity development.

The meeting will include an opening, two interactive sessions – a fireside chat on “***Emerging Trends of AI Innovations and the SDGs***” and a panel discussion on “***Building Foundations for AI in the Global South***” – and a closing.

This special meeting is part of the [STI Action Day](#) and will take place back-to-back with the 10th Annual Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology, and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals ([STI Forum](#)), scheduled for 7-8 May 2025.

To foster an interactive and dynamic atmosphere, a stage will be set up in the ECOSOC Chamber, as illustrated in the render (subject to small adjustments). This design is intended to encourage dialogue among participants in a more engaging format.





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There will be no advance inscription to speak in the interactive discussions during the fireside chat and panel session. Member States and other participants will be invited to request the floor by pressing the microphone button on their console.

Given the limited time available and to allow the maximum number of participants to intervene, statements during the interactive discussions should be no more than **three minutes** for groups of countries, and no more than **two and a half minutes** for individual delegations. The time limit will be strictly implemented, including through automatic deactivation of microphones, as necessary. Participants are discouraged from reading prepared statements. Instead, they are invited to make informal remarks and engage in an interactive discussion.

For Member States not members of ECOSOC that wish to request designated seating in the Chamber in advance, an online form will be circulated on the e-deleGATE platform in late April.

Representatives of entities and organizations having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the General Assembly, UN entities, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC in possession of valid UN grounds passes are welcome to attend the meeting. Seating for those representatives will be on a first come first served basis. These representatives may request the floor during the interactive discussions, time permitting.

Stakeholders registered for the 10th Annual Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology, and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (7-8 May) and the STI Action Day event (6 May, 10 AM – 1 PM) can observe this special meeting. Those stakeholders will be seated in the gallery area of the ECOSOC Chamber on a first-come, first-served basis.

Interpretation in the six UN official languages will be available.

The meeting will be available LIVE on the UN Web TV website: <http://webtv.un.org>.

For more information, including the programme and concept note for the meeting, please visit:

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