Artificial Intelligence: Technology to Serve Humankind

Setting Legal Standards

Side event Invitation and Concept Note

Place: Room CR 7, UN Headquarters, New York
Date: Monday, 28 October 2019, time 3:00-4:30 pm

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Background Brief

Artificial intelligence (AI) holds the potential to serve humankind and to bring benefits to individuals, societies and businesses. The use of big data, AI and machine learning significantly enhances findability of information, can assist law enforcement agencies in predicting crime and help banks perform credit ratings. Furthermore, AI can also help tackle social, economic and environmental challenges: poverty, climate change and inequality. As such, it can contribute to the efforts of the global community to attain sustainable development goals through smart and effective public policies.

Information-processing technology and machine learning tools make services more economical and deliver substantial efficiency gains in task and system performance in a wide range of public and private fields. Increasing numbers of people are reaping the benefits of AI as new tools for communication, news consumption, education, entertainment, commercial transaction and many other facets of daily life fundamentally transform societies.

This is of course not without risks. The design, development and implementation of AI tools must be compliant with human rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule of law, and should support economic and political stability.

Technological advancements can enhance human development and contribute to creating optimal conditions for the exercise of human rights. At the same time, we need to address questions of fairness, of the risk of perpetuating bias and stereotypes, of discriminatory decision-making patterns, and of challenges related to interpretability, privacy, security and oversight. And we should ask ourselves: what can countries and international organisations do to address the challenge of "algocracy"?

Objectives

The discussion Artificial Intelligence – Technology to Serve Humankind will engage the audience in critical reflection on the challenges and opportunities that AI carries for individuals and societies, and for the viability of institutional frameworks, with a special emphasis on the use of the technology for public policies that enhance the quality of life and progress of humankind.

The event will:
  ➢ Address the legal and ethical questions that accompany the current and potential use of AI in our society and identify potential ways forward.

Registration

The event will take place in Room CR 7 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on Monday, 28 October 2019 at 3:00 pm. The event is open to all interested parties. Everyone wishing to attend, including co-host delegations and speakers, must register by 23 October 2019 even if a valid UN ground pass is issued.

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Programme

Opening Remarks and Moderation:
Mr Gregor Strojin, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Republic of Slovenia

Keynote Speeches:

Keynote Speech
Mr Fabrizio Hochschild-Drummond, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General, United Nations

Standards on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law: Towards a Legal Framework for the Development, Design and Application of AI
Mr Jan Kleijssen, Director of the Information Society and Action against Crime Directorate, Council of Europe

Flash Presentation: Principles for Artificial Intelligence: Towards a humanistic approach
Ms Marie Paul Roudil, Director, UNESCO Representative to the UN

Panellists:
- Professor Joanna Bryson, Associate Professor, University of Bath
  What is AI and why does governance matter?

- Ms Moira Patterson, Global Market Affairs and Community Engagement Director, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
  What technical standards exist for AI design, development and deployment?

- Mr Marko Grobelnik, Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia
  AI certification approach in theory and practice

Open discussion

Closing Remarks:
Ambassador Darja Bavdaž Kuret, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations