



AI for Good Global Commission

Strategic Overview

Artificial Intelligence is the most transformative technology of our lifetime - reshaping how knowledge is generated, and increasingly, through AI-powered applications and agents, enabling software to reason, decide and act autonomously. The potential to accelerate science, improve access to essential services, and expand economic opportunity is extraordinary. The challenge is to ensure that these powerful systems are not only powerful but trusted and deliver benefits for people and societies worldwide.

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations' specialized agency for digital technologies, has long played a central role in convening governments, industry, academia and civil society leaders to shape the future of technology. Its flagship AI for Good Global Summit, launched in 2017, has become a leading platform for dialogue and collaboration on how AI should be developed and deployed.

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

Building on this foundation, the AI for Good Global Commission will convene an esteemed group of global leaders to engage directly with the defining technical, socio-economic and policy questions surrounding AI. Its purpose is not simply to advance dialogue, but to help identify practical pathways to strengthen trust, support responsible innovation, and enhance human capability.

The Commission's work will include exploring how people, data, digital applications and AI agents work together across the AI value chain. It will consider both the transformative potential and limitations of large language models, challenges of access to infrastructure and reliable data in multiple languages, workforce readiness, and the policy choices involved in balancing rapid innovation with transparency and accountability. This work is intended to inform responses to emerging opportunities and risks, including how societies should respond to unintended consequences or negative outcomes, how concentration of compute and data impact AI's development, and how growing reliance on generative AI could influence human judgment, learning, and resilience – particularly for younger generations.

The Commission builds on the experience of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, which for more than 15 years has tracked progress, shaped policy debates and mobilized investments to advance universal connectivity. It will draw on a broad evidence base including international data and benchmarking, scientific research, and lessons from earlier technology waves such as policy actions for managing social media platforms. Its work will complement other UN initiatives, including the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and the Global Dialogue on AI Governance.

LEADERSHIP

The Commission will be co-chaired by **H.E. President Paul Kagame of Rwanda and Marc Benioff, Chair, CEO and Co-Founder of Salesforce, with ITU Secretary-General Doreen Bogdan-Martin serving as Permanent Vice-Chair**. The ITU will provide Secretariat support.