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1. About ECOSOC

1.1. History and Origins

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is one of the six principal organs of the United Nations, established in 1945 by the UN Charter. ECOSOC was created to coordinate the economic, social, and related work of the UN and its specialized agencies. Its founding was driven by the realization that peace and security cannot be sustained without economic development and social progress.

Over the decades, ECOSOC has evolved into the central platform for reflection, debate, and innovative thinking on sustainable development. It serves as the bridge between the United Nations and civil society, academia, and the private sector, ensuring that global policies are informed by a wide range of perspectives.

1.2. Mandate and Scope

The mandate of ECOSOC encompasses all matters relating to international economic and social issues, including the promotion of higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development. It coordinates the work of 14 UN specialized agencies, 10 functional commissions, and five regional commissions.

The committee's scope of work includes, but is not limited to, the following areas:

Area	Description
Sustainable Development	Coordinating the 2030 Agenda and the 17 SDGs
Economic Development	Global economic policies, finance, and trade
Social Development	Poverty eradication, health, education, and human rights
Environment	Climate change, biodiversity, and sustainable resource management
Science & Technology	Bridging the digital divide and fostering innovation
Humanitarian Affairs	Coordinating emergency response and disaster relief
Gender Equality	Promoting women's empowerment and gender parity
Youth & Empowerment	Engaging young people in global decision-making

1.3. Functions and Powers

ECOSOC exercises its mandate through several key functions. It convenes a high-level segment annually, bringing together ministers and heads of agencies to discuss pressing global issues. It also oversees the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on sustainable development, which is the central platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

The council's powers include the ability to initiate studies and reports on international economic, social, cultural, educational, health, and related matters; to make recommendations with respect to such matters to the General Assembly, the member states, and the specialized agencies concerned; and to draft conventions for submission to the General Assembly.

1.4. Relationship with UN Agencies

ECOSOC serves as the central coordinating mechanism for the UN's specialized agencies, ensuring a cohesive approach to global challenges. These agencies include:



Agency	Role and Focus
UNESCO	Education, science, culture, and ethics of AI
UNDP	Poverty eradication and sustainable development
ITU	Information and communication technologies
WHO	Global public health and digital health initiatives
UNICEF	Children's rights and digital inclusion for youth
World Bank	Financial assistance for development projects
IMF	Global monetary cooperation and financial stability

2. Introduction to the Agenda

2.1. Why AI Has Become a Global Governance Issue

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is no longer a distant technological concept; it is a present reality reshaping every facet of human existence. From healthcare diagnostics to autonomous vehicles, AI is driving unprecedented economic growth and societal transformation. However, this rapid advancement has outpaced the development of robust regulatory frameworks, creating a critical governance vacuum. The agenda before this committee addresses the urgent need for a coordinated global response to the socio-economic impacts of AI. As AI systems become more autonomous and influential in decision-making, they raise profound ethical, legal, and economic questions. The challenge lies not in halting innovation, but in ensuring that AI serves the common good, respects human rights, and contributes to sustainable development rather than exacerbating existing inequalities.

2.2. The Link to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

AI possesses immense potential to accelerate progress toward the 2030 Agenda. It can optimize resource allocation, improve agricultural yields, enhance educational access, and predict disease outbreaks. Conversely, if left unregulated, AI threatens to widen the digital divide, displace vulnerable workforces, and concentrate power in the hands of a few technological giants. Therefore, this committee must deliberate on how to harness AI as a tool for achieving the SDGs—particularly SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities)—while mitigating its risks.

3. Evolution of Artificial Intelligence

3.1. History of AI

The concept of Artificial Intelligence dates back to the mid-20th century. The term was coined in 1956 at the Dartmouth Conference, marking the formal birth of the field. Early AI research focused on symbolic logic and rule-based systems, attempting to replicate human reasoning through explicit programming. While initial optimism led to the first “AI Winter”—a period of reduced funding and interest due to unmet expectations—the foundational principles of machine learning were established during this era.

3.2. The Modern AI Revolution

The true AI revolution began in the 2010s, driven by three converging factors: the explosion of big data, the availability of advanced computing power (GPUs), and the refinement of neural network architectures. Deep learning, a subset of machine learning based on artificial neural networks, enabled machines to learn from vast datasets without explicit programming. This breakthrough propelled AI capabilities in image recognition, natural language processing, and complex game playing, moving AI from theoretical research into practical, real-world applications.

3.3. Generative AI and Large Language Models

The most recent paradigm shift in AI is the advent of Generative AI, powered by Large Language Models (LLMs). Unlike traditional AI, which classifies or predicts based on existing data, generative models can create entirely new content—text, images, code, and audio—that closely mimics human creation. Models like GPT-4 and others have demonstrated unprecedented fluency and reasoning, blurring the lines between human and machine capabilities. This leap has accelerated the integration of AI into everyday business, education, and governance, making the need for comprehensive oversight more urgent than ever.

3.4. Current Global AI Landscape

Today, the global AI landscape is characterized by intense geopolitical and economic competition. A few major tech corporations and a handful of nations dominate the development of foundational models. The “AI Race” is not merely technological but strategic, as countries recognize that leadership in AI will determine future economic supremacy and national security. This concentration of resources and expertise in the Global North highlights the pressing need for inclusive global governance mechanisms to prevent a widening technological divide.

Era	Key Developments	Impact
1950s–1970s	Symbolic AI, rule-based systems, early neural networks	Foundational theories; initial optimism and subsequent “AI Winters”
1990s–2000s	Machine learning, statistical methods, support vector machines	Practical applications in spam filtering, recommendation systems

2010s–Present	Deep learning, big data, Generative AI (LLMs)	Transformation of industries; autonomous systems; global AI race
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4. Socio-Economic Impact of Artificial Intelligence

4.1. Employment and Labour Markets

The integration of AI into the workforce is fundamentally altering the nature of employment. While AI automates routine and repetitive tasks—threatening jobs in manufacturing, data entry, and customer service—it simultaneously creates demand for new roles in data science, AI ethics, and system maintenance. The primary concern is not mass unemployment, but rather severe job displacement in specific sectors, potentially exacerbating wage inequality and requiring massive investments in workforce retraining and lifelong learning programs.

4.2. Education

AI is revolutionizing education through personalized learning platforms, automated grading, and intelligent tutoring systems. These tools can adapt to individual student paces, providing targeted support and freeing up educators to focus on mentorship and complex instruction. However, the reliance on AI in education raises concerns about data privacy, algorithmic bias in student assessment, and the potential for digital divides where underfunded schools lack access to these transformative technologies.

4.3. Healthcare

In healthcare, AI applications range from predictive analytics for disease outbreaks to AI-assisted diagnostics in radiology and pathology. Machine learning models can analyze medical images faster and sometimes more accurately than human doctors, enabling early detection of conditions like cancer. Furthermore, AI accelerates drug discovery by simulating molecular interactions. The challenge lies in ensuring that these medical AI tools are rigorously tested, transparent in their decision-making, and accessible to public health systems globally, not just in wealthy nations.

4.4. Agriculture and Food Security

AI-driven agriculture, or “precision farming,” utilizes sensors, drones, and predictive algorithms to optimize irrigation, monitor crop health, and predict yields. This technology can significantly increase food production while reducing water usage and chemical fertilizers. For developing nations facing food insecurity due to climate change, AI offers a critical tool for enhancing agricultural resilience and ensuring stable food supplies.

4.5. Finance and Banking

The financial sector has been an early adopter of AI, utilizing it for algorithmic trading, fraud detection, credit scoring, and customer service chatbots. AI enhances efficiency and risk management but introduces systemic risks if complex algorithms make erroneous decisions in high-frequency trading.

Additionally, the use of opaque algorithms in credit scoring can perpetuate historical biases, denying financial services to marginalized communities.

4.6. Public Administration

Governments worldwide are deploying AI to improve public service delivery, optimize traffic flow, and detect tax evasion. “Smart cities” use AI to manage energy grids and respond to emergencies more effectively. However, the use of AI in public administration, particularly in law enforcement (predictive policing) and social welfare distribution, requires stringent oversight to prevent human rights violations and ensure transparency in state decision-making.

4.7. Impact on Developing Countries

For developing economies, AI presents a dual-edged sword. On one hand, it offers leapfrogging opportunities—such as using mobile-based AI for agricultural advice or telemedicine in remote areas. On the other hand, developing nations often lack the digital infrastructure, computational resources, and technical expertise to participate in the AI economy, risking further marginalization in the global supply chain as low-skill manufacturing jobs are automated.

5. Responsible AI Governance

5.1. Ethical AI and Algorithmic Bias

The core of responsible AI governance is ensuring that algorithms are fair and non-discriminatory. Algorithmic bias occurs when AI systems produce prejudiced outcomes due to flawed training data or biased design. For example, facial recognition systems have been shown to have higher error rates for people of color and women. Ethical AI requires rigorous testing for bias, diverse development teams, and continuous auditing of deployed systems to ensure they align with universal human rights principles.

5.2. Transparency and Explainability

As AI systems become more complex, particularly deep neural networks, they often operate as “black boxes,” making decisions that even their developers cannot fully explain. Explainable AI (XAI) is a critical governance requirement, ensuring that individuals affected by AI decisions (e.g., loan denials or medical diagnoses) understand the reasoning behind them. Transparency builds public trust and allows for accountability when systems fail or cause harm.

5.3. Accountability and Liability

Establishing clear lines of accountability is essential when AI systems cause harm. If an autonomous vehicle crashes or an AI medical diagnostic tool misidentifies a disease, who is liable—the developer, the user, or the manufacturer? Responsible governance frameworks must define legal liabilities, ensuring that victims have avenues for redress and that developers are incentivized to prioritize safety over rapid deployment.

5.4. Data Privacy and Security

AI systems require massive amounts of data to function effectively, raising significant privacy concerns. The collection, storage, and processing of personal data must adhere to strict privacy regulations (such as GDPR) to protect individuals from surveillance and data breaches. Furthermore, securing AI systems against adversarial attacks—where malicious actors manipulate input data to trick the AI—is a paramount cybersecurity challenge.

5.5. AI Safety and Alignment

As AI systems become more autonomous and capable, ensuring their alignment with human values and intentions is critical. AI safety research focuses on preventing unintended consequences, ensuring that advanced AI systems do not pursue goals in harmful ways, and establishing robust fail-safes. This is particularly relevant for Artificial General Intelligence (AGI), though current governance must also address the safety of specialized, high-impact AI applications.

5.6. Intellectual Property and Copyright

Generative AI models are trained on vast datasets comprising copyrighted text, images, and code. This has sparked intense legal and ethical debates regarding intellectual property rights. Responsible governance must establish clear guidelines on what constitutes fair use in AI training and how creators should be compensated when their work is utilized to train commercial models.

6. Inclusive and Equitable Global AI Governance

6.1. The Digital Divide and AI Access

The benefits of AI are currently highly concentrated. The “digital divide” is evolving into an “AI divide,” where only wealthy nations and large corporations have the infrastructure (data centers, high-speed internet) and capital to develop and deploy advanced AI. Inclusive governance must prioritize technology transfer, open-source initiatives, and infrastructure investment to ensure that developing nations can participate in the AI economy rather than being left behind.

6.2. Capacity Building in Developing Nations

To bridge the AI divide, developing countries need significant capacity building. This includes investing in STEM education, establishing local data centers, and fostering domestic AI ecosystems. International cooperation, facilitated by organizations like the UN and the World Bank, is essential to provide funding, technical expertise, and mentorship to help emerging economies build the foundational skills required for the AI era.

6.3. Gender Equality and AI

AI systems often reflect and amplify existing societal biases, including gender inequality. Women are historically underrepresented in the tech and AI workforce, and AI applications (such as hiring algorithms) can inadvertently penalize female candidates. Equitable AI governance must mandate gender-sensitive data collection, promote women’s participation in AI development, and ensure that AI tools are designed to advance gender equality rather than hinder it.

6.4. Global North vs. Global South Dynamics

The current AI landscape is dominated by the Global North, which exports technological solutions to the Global South. This dynamic risks creating a form of “digital colonialism,” where developing nations become dependent on foreign AI systems that may not be culturally or contextually appropriate. Equitable governance requires a shift towards co-creation, ensuring that the Global South has a meaningful voice in setting global AI standards and developing solutions tailored to their specific needs.

6.5. International Cooperation and Frameworks

AI is a borderless technology; a model developed in one country can impact users globally. Therefore, national regulations alone are insufficient. Inclusive governance requires robust international cooperation to establish shared principles, interoperable standards, and mechanisms for cross-border enforcement. Organizations like the UN, OECD, and G7 are leading these efforts, but their frameworks must be inclusive of all member states, avoiding a system where rules are dictated solely by the most technologically advanced nations.

7. AI for Sustainable Development

7.1. Aligning AI with the SDGs

Artificial Intelligence is a powerful enabler of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By optimizing resource use, accelerating scientific research, and improving public service delivery, AI can help humanity achieve the 2030 Agenda. However, this alignment must be intentional. Governments and developers must explicitly design AI applications to target specific SDG indicators, ensuring that technological progress translates directly into human and planetary well-being.

7.2. AI for Climate Action (SDG 13)

AI is crucial in the fight against climate change. Machine learning models analyze satellite imagery to monitor deforestation, track greenhouse gas emissions, and predict extreme weather events. In the energy sector, AI optimizes the distribution of renewable energy, managing the variability of solar and wind power to reduce reliance on fossil fuels. Smart grids powered by AI can significantly reduce energy consumption in urban environments.

7.3. AI for Poverty Reduction (SDG 1) and Zero Hunger (SDG 2)

In developing regions, AI applications are being deployed to identify impoverished populations through satellite imagery and mobile data, allowing for more targeted delivery of social services. In agriculture, precision farming techniques use AI to maximize crop yields with minimal water and fertilizer, directly contributing to food security and sustainable farming practices.

7.4. AI for Quality Education (SDG 4) and Decent Work (SDG 8)

AI-driven educational platforms provide personalized learning experiences, helping students in remote areas access quality education. By adapting to individual learning styles and pacing, these tools can help close the global education gap. In the labor market, AI can match job seekers with employment opportunities more effectively and predict skill shortages, guiding workforce development programs to ensure that workers possess the skills needed for future industries.

7.5. AI for Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10) and Strong Institutions (SDG 16)

When deployed responsibly, AI can help reduce inequalities by providing unbiased access to financial services (fintech) and healthcare diagnostics. For public institutions, AI can enhance transparency, reduce bureaucratic corruption through automated auditing, and improve the responsiveness of government services to citizen needs. However, this requires strict governance to prevent the misuse of AI for surveillance or discrimination.

7.6. AI for Smart Cities (SDG 11) and Global Partnerships (SDG 17)

Smart cities utilize AI to manage traffic flow, optimize waste management, and monitor air quality, creating more livable and sustainable urban environments. Achieving these advancements requires global partnerships (SDG 17) between governments, the private sector, and academia to share data, research, and best practices across borders.

SDG Focus	AI Application	Expected Outcome
SDG 1: No Poverty	Predictive analytics for social welfare targeting	More efficient allocation of aid to vulnerable populations
SDG 2: Zero Hunger	Precision agriculture and crop disease detection	Increased food security and reduced environmental impact
SDG 3: Good Health	AI-assisted medical imaging and drug discovery	Earlier diagnosis and faster development of treatments
SDG 4: Quality Education	Personalized learning algorithms and remote tutoring	Improved educational access and outcomes globally
SDG 8: Decent Work	Skill gap analysis and job matching platforms	Reduced unemployment and better workforce planning
SDG 11: Smart Cities	AI-driven traffic management and energy optimization	Reduced emissions and improved urban living standards
SDG 13: Climate Action	Climate modeling and renewable energy grid management	Accelerated transition to sustainable energy sources

8. International Frameworks and UN Initiatives

8.1. UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of AI

Adopted in 2021, this is the first global standard-setting instrument on the ethics of artificial intelligence. It provides a comprehensive framework of values, principles, and policy measures to ensure that AI development and deployment respect human rights, fundamental freedoms, and human dignity. It emphasizes the need for environmental sustainability and gender equality in AI systems.

8.2. The UN Global Digital Compact

Part of the Pact for the Future, the Global Digital Compact aims to close all digital divides, including the emerging AI divide. It calls for the establishment of a Global Digital Health Framework and a Global Digital Compact on Data, ensuring that digital technologies, including AI, are used to advance human rights and sustainable development.

8.3. UN High-Level Advisory Body on AI

Established by the Secretary-General, this body provides independent analysis and advice on how AI can be governed internationally to benefit humanity. Its interim report outlines principles for AI governance, focusing on human rights, transparency, and the need for global cooperation to manage the risks associated with advanced AI systems.

8.4. UN General Assembly Resolution on AI

In March 2024, the UN General Assembly adopted a landmark resolution on harnessing safe, secure, and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for sustainable development. This non-binding but highly influential resolution urges states and companies to design AI systems that are safe, secure, and respect human rights, and calls for the establishment of an international scientific panel on AI, akin to the IPCC for climate change.

8.5. OECD AI Principles

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) AI Principles, adopted by over 40 countries, provide a benchmark for responsible AI stewardship. They emphasize that AI systems should be innovative and trustworthy, respecting human rights and democratic values, and that those designing and deploying AI should be held accountable for their proper functioning.

8.6. European Union AI Act

The EU AI Act is the world's first comprehensive, binding legal framework for AI. It adopts a risk-based approach, categorizing AI systems by their potential harm. "Unacceptable risk" systems (e.g., social scoring) are banned, while "high-risk" systems (e.g., AI in critical infrastructure or law enforcement) face strict transparency and human oversight requirements before entering the market.

8.7. African Union AI Strategy and ASEAN Governance

Regional bodies are also developing frameworks. The African Union's AI Strategy focuses on using AI to accelerate the continent's development while protecting citizens' rights. Similarly, the Association of



Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is exploring AI governance initiatives tailored to the region's diverse economic landscapes, emphasizing capacity building and cross-border cooperation.

9. Major Stakeholders

The governance of artificial intelligence involves a complex ecosystem of actors, each bringing distinct perspectives, resources, and priorities to the table.

Stakeholder	Role in AI Governance	Key Interests
United Nations	Global coordination, setting international norms	Peace, security, and achieving the SDGs
UNESCO	Ethical frameworks and educational integration	Human rights, cultural diversity, and education
UNDP & World Bank	Funding and implementing AI projects in development	Poverty reduction, economic growth, and digital inclusion
National Governments	Legislation, regulation, and national security	Economic competitiveness, public safety, and sovereignty
Private Tech Companies	Developing foundational models and applications	Innovation, market leadership, and profitability
Academia & Researchers	Developing algorithms and studying societal impacts	Scientific advancement, ethics, and open knowledge
Civil Society & NGOs	Advocacy, monitoring, and representing marginalized voices	Human rights protection, transparency, and equity
ITU	Technical standards and digital infrastructure	Global connectivity and reducing the digital divide

10. Major Challenges

10.1. Job Displacement and Economic Inequality

The rapid automation of routine cognitive and manual tasks threatens to displace millions of workers, particularly in manufacturing, logistics, and administrative roles. Without proactive intervention, this transition will disproportionately affect low-skilled workers and developing economies, exacerbating global economic inequality and potentially leading to social unrest.

10.2. Misinformation, Deepfakes, and Democratic Integrity

Generative AI makes it incredibly easy to create hyper-realistic fake audio, video, and text. The proliferation of “deepfakes” poses a severe threat to democratic processes, as bad actors can use them to manipulate elections, spread political disinformation, and damage reputations. The speed at which misinformation can spread online outpaces current detection and moderation capabilities.

10.3. Data Privacy and Surveillance Capitalism

AI models require vast amounts of personal data to function. The current business model of many tech companies relies on the continuous extraction and monetization of user data, a practice known as “surveillance capitalism.” This raises profound privacy concerns, as individuals often have no control over how their data is collected, processed, and used to make decisions about them.

10.4. Algorithmic Bias and Discrimination

AI systems learn from historical data, which often contains embedded societal biases. When these biased datasets are used to train algorithms for hiring, lending, or law enforcement, the resulting systems can perpetuate and even amplify discrimination against marginalized groups, including racial minorities and women.

10.5. The Digital Divide and Concentration of Power

The development of advanced AI requires immense computational power and financial resources, which are currently concentrated in a few major tech corporations and wealthy nations. This concentration of power risks creating a “digital divide” where developing countries lack the infrastructure and expertise to benefit from the AI revolution, further marginalizing them in the global economy.

10.6. The AI Arms Race and Security Risks

Nations are increasingly viewing AI as a critical domain for national security, leading to an “AI arms race.” The development of autonomous weapons systems and AI-driven cyberattack tools poses significant risks to global stability. The lack of international agreements governing the military use of AI increases the likelihood of miscalculation and unintended escalation.

11. Possible Solutions

11.1. International AI Treaty

The establishment of a binding international treaty on AI, similar to the Paris Agreement for climate change, could provide a unified global framework. Such a treaty would set minimum standards for safety, transparency, and human rights, ensuring that all nations adhere to responsible AI development practices regardless of their domestic regulations.

11.2. Global AI Regulatory Framework and Standards

Developing a harmonized global regulatory framework, led by organizations like the UN and OECD, would help prevent a fragmented landscape of conflicting national laws. This framework should establish clear standards for AI auditing, risk assessment, and liability, making it easier for companies to operate globally while ensuring public safety.

11.3. Ethical Standards and Human Oversight

Mandating the integration of ethical principles into the AI development lifecycle is crucial. This includes implementing “human-in-the-loop” systems for high-stakes decisions, ensuring that humans retain ultimate authority and accountability. Establishing universal ethical guidelines, such as those proposed by UNESCO, can serve as a baseline for corporate and governmental AI use.

11.4. Capacity Building and Technology Transfer

To bridge the digital divide, developed nations and private corporations must invest heavily in capacity building for the Global South. This includes funding STEM education, providing access to open-source AI models and datasets, and facilitating technology transfer agreements that allow developing countries to build their own AI ecosystems.

11.5. Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

Addressing the challenges of AI requires collaboration between the public and private sectors. Governments can provide the regulatory guardrails and funding, while private companies contribute technical expertise and innovation. PPPs can drive the development of AI solutions for public good, such as AI for healthcare, climate change, and disaster response.

11.6. Responsible Innovation and AI Education

Promoting a culture of “responsible innovation” within the tech industry is essential. Companies must prioritize safety and societal impact alongside profitability. Furthermore, integrating AI literacy and ethics into educational curricula from a young age will prepare the next generation of workforce and citizens to navigate and shape an AI-driven world responsibly.

12. Country Blocs and Positions

Delegates in ECOSOC often align along geopolitical and economic blocs, each with distinct priorities regarding AI governance.

Bloc	Key Positions on AI Governance
G7 and OECD Members	Focus on regulating high-risk AI, promoting ethical standards, and maintaining technological leadership while addressing domestic job displacement.
European Union	Strong proponents of comprehensive, risk-based regulation (e.g., the EU AI Act) prioritizing human rights, privacy, and consumer protection over unbridled innovation.
BRICS Nations	Emphasize national sovereignty and strategic autonomy in AI development. Seek to reduce reliance on Western technology and establish multipolar AI governance structures.
African Union & LDCs	Prioritize bridging the digital divide, securing funding for digital infrastructure, and ensuring technology transfer to leverage AI for development and poverty reduction.
ASEAN and SIDS	Focus on capacity building, integrating AI into sustainable development goals, and mitigating the risks of cyber threats and misinformation.
G77 + China	Advocate for inclusive, UN-led governance frameworks that prevent the monopolization of AI by a few nations. Emphasize the need for equitable access to AI benefits.

13. Questions a Resolution Must Address

When drafting a resolution for ECOSOC, delegates must ensure it provides actionable, sustainable, and inclusive solutions. The following questions should guide the drafting process:

1. Global Coordination:

How can AI governance be globally coordinated without stifling national innovation and sovereignty?

2. Balancing Innovation and Safety:

What regulatory mechanisms can balance the rapid pace of technological innovation with the need for human safety and ethical oversight?

3. Equitable Access:

How can the international community ensure that developing nations have fair and affordable access to AI technologies and infrastructure?

4. Reducing Inequality:

What specific policies can be implemented to ensure that AI reduces economic and social inequalities rather than exacerbating them?

5. SDG Alignment:

How can AI applications be explicitly designed and deployed to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals?

6. UN's Role:

What should be the specific role of the United Nations in setting global AI standards, monitoring compliance, and facilitating technology transfer?

7. Corporate Accountability:

How can international frameworks effectively hold private AI corporations accountable for algorithmic bias, data privacy violations, and the societal impacts of their products?

8. International Cooperation:

What mechanisms can be established to foster international cooperation on AI safety research and the mitigation of existential risks associated with advanced AI?

14. Glossary

Term	Definition
Artificial Intelligence (AI)	The simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems.
Machine Learning (ML)	A subset of AI that enables systems to automatically learn and improve from experience without being explicitly programmed.
Deep Learning	A branch of machine learning based on artificial neural networks with representation learning.
Generative AI	A type of AI that can create new content, such as text, images, and audio, based on learned patterns from training data.
Large Language Model (LLM)	A type of AI model trained on massive amounts of text data to understand and generate human-like language.
Algorithmic Bias	Systematic and repeatable errors in a computer system that create unfair outcomes, often privileging one arbitrary group of users over others.
Explainable AI (XAI)	Methods and techniques in artificial intelligence such that the results of the solution can be understood by a human.
Digital Divide	The gap between demographics and regions that have access to modern information and communications technology, and those that don't.
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals: A collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all."
Governance	The framework of rules, relationships, systems, and processes within and by which authority is exercised and controlled.
Accountability	The obligation to explain, justify, and take responsibility for one's actions and the outcomes of AI systems.
Transparency	The degree to which the internal mechanics of an AI system and its decision-making processes are open and understandable to users and auditors.

15. Further Reading and Bibliography

Delegates are strongly encouraged to consult the following primary sources and frameworks to ground their positions in official international policy:

Source	URL / Reference	Focus Area
UN ECOSOC	https://ecosoc.un.org/	Official committee documentation and mandates
UNESCO Ethics of AI	https://www.unesco.org/en/artificial-intelligence/recommendation-ethics	The foundational global standard for AI ethics
OECD AI Policy Observatory	https://oecd.ai/	Data, policy analysis, and implementation of AI principles
UN SDGs	https://sdgs.un.org/	Frameworks for integrating AI into sustainable development
World Bank Digital Dev.	https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/digitaldevelopment	AI infrastructure and capacity building in developing nations
ITU AI for Good	https://aiforgood.itu.int/	Technical standards and utilizing AI for global challenges
European Union AI Act	Official EU Legislative Text	Risk-based regulatory frameworks and compliance
UN High-Level Advisory Body	Interim Report on AI Governance	Expert analysis on international AI cooperation