



From Divide to Synergy: Global Cooperation Frameworks for AI Capacity-Building

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SUMMARY

Background of the event, including connection with the theme of the 2025 STI Forum (one to two paragraphs)

Artificial Intelligence (AI), as a strategic technology leading the new round of scientific and technological revolution and industrial transformation, is profoundly reshaping people's work and life. AI can serve as a global public good that benefits humanity. It is important to widely carry out international cooperation in AI, help Global South countries strengthen their technological capacity-building, and to make contributions to bridging the global AI divide.

In July 2024, the General Assembly adopted by consensus the UNGA Resolution A/RES/78/311 titled "Enhancing International Cooperation on Capacity-Building of Artificial Intelligence" , tabled by China together with the core group. After that, China launched the AI Capacity-Building Action Plan for Good and for All, and initiated, together with Zambia, the Group of Friends for International Cooperation on AI Capacity-Building. These efforts are made to foster broad partnerships, implement the UNGA resolution and the Global Digital Compact, so as to make sure that the benefits of digital transformation are enjoyed by all, and that no country and no one is left behind.

This side event, themed "From Divide to Synergy: Global Cooperation Frameworks for AI Capacity-Building", aims to further advance the implementation of UNGA Resolution on AI capacity-building, the Global Digital Compact and UN 2030 Agenda, promote open, equitable and inclusive access to AI technologies, and strengthen cooperation within the Group of Friends and beyond. It convened over 100 representatives from Member States, UN agencies, academia, business and civil society for a dynamic exchange on these key topics.

Key issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

- International cooperation on AI empowering engineering capacity-building for Africa
- Digital transformation and intelligent development of traditional industry
- How open-source AI is powering a new developer ecosystem
- Practices and initiatives in promoting AI diversity development
- China's practice of promoting the inclusive AI development in Global South
- How to improve international cooperation on AI capacity-building
- UN's role and efforts in promoting AI capacity-building

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

- Uphold fairness and inclusiveness, respect and protect the rights of developing countries to develop and utilize AI on an equal footing
- Conduct more practical exchanges and cooperation on AI capacity-building
- Foster open dialogue, share resources, and build collaborative frameworks that ensure AI benefits all of humanity
- Strengthen cooperation among scientific and engineering communities to contribute to bridging the global AI divide
- Utilize AI to bridge ancient wisdom with modern innovation, creating multilateral platforms where civilizations can share their unique perspectives