

**Intervention Speech – Thailand**  
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Thematic Session 1: Making Artificial Intelligence Accessible, Inclusive and Beneficial for All

Madamme/Mister Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

It is an honor for me to speak on behalf of Thailand at this critical session.

We firmly believe that Artificial Intelligence is not only a disruptive technology, but also a strategic enabler of sustainable development. For countries like Thailand, AI presents a unique opportunity to leapfrog traditional development paths and improve lives—particularly in healthcare, education, agriculture, and public services.

We embrace AI. But to unlock its full potential, we must confront the reality of unequal access. The AI divide—driven by infrastructure costs, skills gaps, and prohibitive pricing—risks deepening global inequalities. If left unaddressed, AI could become a tool of exclusion rather than empowerment.

To bridge this gap, Thailand is pursuing bold and inclusive strategies. Through the National Commission on Science, Research and Innovation, we have

launched the Foundational Secure AIoT Platform, providing low-cost AI resources to SMEs, startups, and universities. We have also established regional AIoT co-innovation hubs and offer cloud-based tools that lower investment barriers and foster innovation.

We champion international policy exchange, inclusive pricing mechanisms, and open-source AI frameworks to ensure that AI is accessible and relevant to all contexts. Furthermore, Thailand Science Research and Innovation (TSRI) is developing public–private investment platforms and living labs that connect AI to real-world challenges—ranging from urban planning and environmental protection to healthcare and social services.

Yet, access alone is not enough. AI must be fair, explainable, and accountable. Bias in algorithms, insufficient local data, misuse of personal information, and lack of transparency can undermine trust and reinforce inequality. Thailand therefore supports the international ethical frameworks and responsible AI governance, aligned with human rights, cultural diversity, and SDGs.

Excellencies, Thailand stands ready to collaborate in building an AI ecosystem that uplifts rather than divides. Let us shape a future where innovation is guided by inclusion, where technology serves humanity, and where no one is left behind.

Thank you.