

Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance

Co-Chairs remarks

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Excellencies, distinguished delegates, dear colleagues,

Thank you to the Co-Chairs of the STI Forum, Austria and Zambia, for convening this briefing, and for the important work underway to prepare the 2026 STI Forum.

I have the honor to speak in my capacity as Co-Chair of the Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance, together with my colleague Ambassador Rein Tammsaar of Estonia.

From the outset, the STI Forum and the Global Dialogue are naturally complementary. The STI Forum serves as a platform to strengthen the science-policy interface, foster partnerships, and convene governments and stakeholders to advance solutions for sustainable development. The Global Dialogue, established by the General Assembly, provides a multi-stakeholder platform to facilitate open, transparent and inclusive deliberations on international cooperation for AI governance, with a view to enabling AI to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals and to closing digital divides.

Looking ahead, and building on the STI Forum's recent experience, we would encourage consideration of focused sessions on AI, as appropriate. These could serve as a practical channel to gather multi-stakeholder perspectives and identify concrete elements that could feed into and strengthen the preparatory process of the Global Dialogue.

In that same spirit, we would welcome that the deliberations around the 2026 STI Forum, both in preparation and during the Forum, help generate practical building blocks that can usefully inform the preparatory process for the first Global Dialogue in 2026, which the General Assembly decided will be held in the margins of the ITU AI for Good Global Summit in Geneva.

At the same time, we should look ahead. The General Assembly also decided that the second Global Dialogue, in 2027, will take place in the margins of the STI Forum in New York. This creates a clear bridge between the two processes. It means that ensuring complementarity from now, through consistent engagement, coherent agendas, and simple channels to carry forward relevant insights, can strengthen both the STI Forum and the Global Dialogue.

As Co-Chairs, our objective is straightforward: to help ensure that the Global Dialogue is substantive, inclusive, and useful, and that it benefits from the partnerships and perspectives that

the STI Forum convenes. We therefore warmly encourage Member States and stakeholders engaging in the STI Forum process to also engage with the Global Dialogue so that ideas, experiences, and proposals emerging in one space can reinforce progress in the other, in a mutually supportive manner.

Thank you.