

ICC Response to Zero Draft modalities for the UN Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and Global Dialogue on AI Governance

The Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence

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| 1. Establishes the Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence; | |
| 2. Decides that the Panel shall provide multidisciplinary, independent and evidence-based scientific assessments of the opportunities, risks, capabilities, and impacts of Artificial Intelligence, including by undertaking analysis and identifying capacity building gaps and model biases, through timely and adaptive outputs that address rapid advancements in the field; | <p>We propose a clear reference that the Panel does not conduct new research, but rather aggregates, translates and distils existing scientific knowledge around AI to inform policy discussions and decisions. The current wording of ‘undertaking analysis’ in the zero draft should further specified in that line of approach.</p> <p>Intellectual property rights are crucial for both risk and impact discussions, aligning with the framework of the work of the Panel.</p> <p>We propose further clarification on the role of the Panel in “identifying capacity-building gaps and model biases”. Specifically, we seek</p> |

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| | <p>clarification on the intended meaning of "model biases." In their analysis, the Panel should not only focus on the gaps but also highlight existing efforts and best practices that drive progress in capacity building.</p> <p>We propose the following wording to address the above comments:</p> <p><i>Decides that the Panel shall <u>synthesize, distil and collate information from other bodies such as the OECD and AI Safety Institutes to provide multidisciplinary, independent and evidence-based scientific assessments of the opportunities, risks, capabilities, and impacts of Artificial Intelligence, including by undertaking analysis and identifying knowledge and capacity gaps and other challenges and proposed solutions model biases</u>, through timely and adaptive outputs that address rapid advancements in the field;</i></p> <p>We seek clarification regarding the Panel conducting analysis on capacity-building, which should not be initiated by the Paner but rather be based on existing initiatives, to avoid duplication.</p> <p>We also seek clarification on how the Panel will interact with other scientific bodies, such as the Scientific Panel of the EU AI Office, to avoid duplication of efforts or conflicting scientific conclusions, and ensure political independence and scientific integrity.</p> |
| <p>3(a). [Also decides that the Panel shall comprise] an Expert Committee of twenty members appointed by the Secretary-General, serving in their personal capacity and selected for their expertise in the field of Artificial Intelligence and related fields, for three years, renewable once;</p> | <p>We welcome the approach to the composition of the Panel, which represents a size is small, and agile, and that could move quickly enough to keep up with the rapid pace of innovation.</p> |

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| <p>3(b). [Also decides that the Panel shall comprise] an Advisory Committee of forty members elected by the General Assembly, serving in their personal capacity and selected for their expertise in the field of Artificial Intelligence and related fields, for three years, renewable once;</p> | <p>We welcome that the members will serve in their personal capacity, which ensures the impartial work of the Panel.</p> |
| <p>4(a). [Requests the Secretary-General to] Invite nominations for the Expert Committee from Member States, relevant stakeholders, and recognized international AI expert network;</p> | <p>We recommend a clear reference to the open, multistakeholder nomination process, and multistakeholder set-up of the Panel. This will ensure a broad representation of the Panel, which contributes to a comprehensive understanding of AI's implications across regions and sectors.</p> |
| <p>4(b). [Requests the Secretary-General to] Appoint members of the Expert Committee, with due consideration of the candidates' outstanding expertise, diverse multidisciplinary representation and geographical and gender balance;</p> <p>5. Decides that, in electing members of the Advisory Committee, the Assembly shall distribute the forty seats equally among the regional groups, with due consideration of the candidates' outstanding expertise, diverse multidisciplinary representation and geographical and gender balance;</p> | <p>Many of the breakthroughs and step-changes seen in AI technologies are coming from the private sector and it is therefore important that the Panel can benefit from the perspectives of scientists involved in this work – in other words, it is important that multidisciplinary is in part understood to include representatives of the private sector, where much of the expertise on AI lies, helping to ensure that discussions are reflective of real-world AI developments, including practical applications and economic impacts.</p> <p>Multidisciplinary should also be understood not to include not just scientists but experts from a wide range of disciplines that have insights on first and second order impacts of AI.</p> <p>In addition, we seek clarification on the process for electing members of the Advisory Committee. We support an open and transparent application process for individuals to join the Advisory Committee.</p> |

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| 6. Also decides that the first cohort of Expert Committee members shall serve for a period of two years to ensure staggered appointments and the continuity of the work of the Panel; | |
| 7. Decides that all candidates for the Expert and Advisory Committees shall provide full disclosure of financial, professional, and personal interests that may affect impartiality or independence, and for such disclosure to be conveyed as part of the nomination; | We welcome the disclosure of interests as part of the nomination process, which ensures the impartial work of the Panel. |
| 8. Further decides that the Expert Committee shall be chaired by two of its members, one from a developing and one from a developed country, appointed by the Secretary-General; | |
| 9. Decides that the Expert Committee shall oversee all outputs from the Panel, define research areas; establish working groups to prepare assessments and technical briefs according to research priorities; appoint Chairs to each working group from among the members of the Expert Committee; assign members of the Expert and Advisory Committees to each working group; and invite external experts to engage with the working groups as necessary; | To ensure the credibility and legitimacy of the working groups those should be formed with equitable representation from all sectors. We welcome the involvement of external experts to engage with the work driven by the working groups, as necessary. However, it is important to clarify how existing collaborative initiatives , like those announced in the margins of the UN Summit of the Future, between the UN and the OECD , would fit in this line of work, and how. |
| 10. Also decides that the Advisory Committee shall contribute to the Panel's outputs led by the Expert Committee; | |
| 11. Decides that the Panel shall produce timely and responsive outputs, including one annual report synthesizing key AI research trends; | |

The Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance

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| 12. Establishes the Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance as an intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder platform to facilitate | We support that the Global Dialogue is open to all member states and stakeholders. However, we caution against presenting it as an |
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| <p>open, transparent and inclusive discussions on AI governance, while encouraging synergies with all existing initiatives on AI at the United Nations;</p> | <p>“intergovernmental <u>and</u> multi-stakeholder platform”, which may create the impression of separate intergovernmental and multistakeholder discussions (tracks), which would not be in the spirit of the wording of the Global Digital Compact (GDC) for a multistakeholder Global Dialogue. Instead, we propose using the GDC wording: a platform for “governments and all relevant stakeholders”.</p> <p>While we support encouraging synergies with all existing UN AI initiatives, we also advise synergies with existing initiatives outside of the UN, e.g. the OECD and the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence.</p> |
| <p>13. Request the Panel to present its findings to the Dialogue;</p> | <p>We welcome the approach which indicates that the Panel and Global Dialogue work in tandem, which should also be vice-versa—the Panel providing expert-driven insights and the Dialogue offering diverse stakeholder perspectives.</p> |
| <p>14. Decides that the Dialogue shall facilitate international cooperation on AI governance including through sharing of best practices, lessons learned and capacity-building programs; identify ways on how AI can contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, the respect, protection and promotion of human rights, support linguistic and cultural diversity; encourage dialogue between Member States and stakeholders; and foster interoperability;</p> | <p>We support that the outcomes of the Global Dialogue are non-binding as this would allow the Dialogue to focus on exchanges of best practices, and lessons learned, instead of becoming drawn into negotiations over wording of text.</p> <p>The outcomes of the dialogue should enhance global understanding of AI’s opportunities and promote international cooperation to address the challenges associated with its development, deployment, and use.</p> <p>Finally, we suggest including intellectual property considerations in the Dialogue’s discussions on how AI can support the implementation of the SDGs.</p> |

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| 15. Further decides that the Dialogue shall be open to all Member States, observers and relevant stakeholders; and will hold a plenary meeting, with a high-level segment with participation at the level of Heads of State and Government, and thematic discussions; | We seek clarification on how the plenary meeting will build on the work of AI Summits hosted by the UK (2023), co-hosted by the UK and South Korea (2024), co-hosted by France and India (2025), and India (2026), and whether it is intended to complement or replace them. |
| 16. Decides that the Dialogue shall be convened once annually in the margins of existing relevant United Nations conferences and meetings; | |
| 17. Also decides that the first Dialogue will be held in New York in September 2025 and that the second Dialogue will be held in Geneva in 2026; | |
| 18. Invites Member States to offer hosting future Dialogues to promote inclusive and diverse participation; | |
| 19. Requests the President of the General Assembly to appoint two Co-Chairs for each annual meeting, one from a developing and one from a developed country, who will identify topics of the Dialogue; | |
| 20. Requests the Co-Chairs to prepare a summary of the Dialogue, to be issued in all official UN languages; and to inform the Co-Chairs of the Panel of suggestions made by participants of the Dialogue relevant to their work; | <p>We welcome that the outputs would be available in the six UN official languages.</p> <p>We also welcome the approach which indicates that the Panel and Global Dialogue work in tandem, also referenced in paragraph 13.</p> |
| 21. Requests the Secretary-General to operationalize a Secretariat to provide the necessary support for the Panel and the Dialogue by leveraging system-wide capacities including in the Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies, the International Telecommunications Union and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; | |
| 22. Encourages States and international donors as well as the private sector, financial institutions, foundations and other donors in a position to do so, to support the effective functioning of the Panel and | |

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| Dialogue, including by facilitating the participation of representatives of developing countries, through voluntary contributions; | |
| 23. Decides that the Panel and the Dialogue shall be reviewed during the High-Level Review of the Global Digital Compact at the eighty-second session of the General Assembly. | |