

UNESCO Forum for Ethics of AI

Event Title: 3rd UNESCO Global Forum on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

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Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

Organizer: UNESCO, in collaboration with the Government of Thailand

The UNESCO Global Forum on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence is a flagship international platform dedicated to advancing ethical, human-centered, and rights-based governance of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The 2025 forum marked the third edition of this global gathering and the first to be hosted in the Asia-Pacific region, reflecting the growing role of the region in shaping global AI policy discourse.



2. Goal

The primary goal of the 2025 UNESCO Forum was to accelerate the **implementation of UNESCO's 2021 Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence**, the world's first global normative framework on AI ethics. The forum aimed to move beyond principles and declarations toward concrete policy actions, capacity building, and international cooperation among Member States.

Additional goals included:

- Promoting inclusive and human-centered AI governance
 - Strengthening ethical safeguards in rapidly advancing AI technologies
 - Encouraging participation from developing countries and youth organizations
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3. Description

The forum convened policymakers, ministers, AI researchers, civil society leaders, private-sector representatives, academics, and youth delegates from more than 90 countries. Through high-level plenary sessions, thematic panels, workshops, and side events, participants examined how ethical AI can support human rights, social inclusion, education, sustainability, and peace.

Discussions emphasized national experiences, regional cooperation, and practical tools that help governments assess and improve their AI readiness while ensuring transparency, accountability, and fairness.

The participation of a delegates from Bagmati UNESCO Club, Nepal, in the forum focuses Nepal's engagement in global conversations on AI ethics and reflects the growing role of youth-led organizations in shaping a responsible digital future.

4. Key Features of the 2025 Initiative

- **Implementation-Focused Dialogue:** Strong emphasis on translating ethical principles into national AI policies and regulatory frameworks.
- **UNESCO AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM):** Promotion of RAM as a practical tool to help countries assess governance gaps and institutional capacity.
- **Global Participation:** Engagement of thousands of participants, including ministers, international organizations, youth delegates, and UNESCO-affiliated institutions.
- **Thematic Diversity:** Sessions addressed AI in education, gender equality, health, environment, public administration, justice systems, and disaster risk reduction.

- **Youth and Civil Society Engagement:** Dedicated spaces for youth organizations, UNESCO Clubs, and civil society networks to contribute perspectives.
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5. Outcome

The forum resulted in strengthened global commitment toward ethical AI governance and reinforced international collaboration under UNESCO's leadership. Key outcomes included:

- Increased adoption of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of AI at national and regional levels
 - Expansion of global networks of AI supervisory authorities and civil society partners
 - Enhanced visibility of ethical AI as a development and human-rights priority
 - Practical policy insights and shared best practices for Member States
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6. Expected Audience

The forum targeted a wide and inclusive audience, including:

- Government leaders and policymakers from UNESCO Member States
- AI experts, researchers, and academic institutions
- Private-sector innovators and technology leaders
- Civil society organizations, NGOs, and UNESCO Clubs
- Youth delegates, students, and emerging leaders in AI ethics



7. Relevance to the United Nations Mandates

The UNESCO Global Forum on the Ethics of AI directly supports United Nations mandates by:

- Upholding human rights and fundamental freedoms in the digital age
- Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly quality education, reduced inequalities, gender equality, and strong institutions

- Promoting international cooperation and multilateral governance of emerging technologies

By embedding ethics into AI development, the forum contributes to a more peaceful, inclusive, and sustainable global society.

8. Strategic Insight for 2025 Report

The 2025 Forum demonstrated a strategic shift from ethical discussion to **practical implementation and accountability**. For national and local organizations, including UNESCO Clubs, the forum highlighted the importance of:

- Capacity building and policy literacy on AI ethics
- Youth engagement as future stewards of ethical technology
- Aligning local initiatives with global UNESCO frameworks

For Nepal, the forum offers valuable insights into how ethical AI principles can support inclusive development and digital transformation.

9. Legacy and Vision

The legacy of the 2025 UNESCO Global Forum on the Ethics of AI lies in its strong call for action, cooperation, and inclusivity. The forum reinforced UNESCO's vision of AI as a tool that must serve humanity, not replace or marginalize it.



Bagmati UNESCO Club, Nepal, as part of the broader UNESCO Club movement, plays a vital role in localizing UNESCO's global values. Through youth participation, awareness programs, and international representation, the club contributes to promoting ethics, education, cultural understanding, and responsible technology use at the community level.
