Regional Forum on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

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Countries Involved

Antigua and Barbuda (ATG)	Argentina (ARG)	Bahamas (BHS)
Barbados (BRB)	Belize (BLZ)	Bolivia, Plurinational State of (BOL)
Brazil (BRA)	Chile (CHL)	Colombia (COL)
Costa Rica (CRI)	Cuba (CUB)	Dominica (DMA)
Dominican Republic (DOM)	Ecuador (ECU)	El Salvador (SLV)
Grenada (GRD)	Guatemala (GTM)	Guyana (GUY)
Haiti (HTI)	Honduras (HND)	Jamaica (JAM)
Mexico (MEX)	Nicaragua (NIC)	Panama (PAN)

Paraguay (PRY)	Peru (PER)	Saint Kitts and Nevis (KNA)
Saint Lucia (LCA)	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VCT)	Suriname (SUR)
Trinidad and Tobago (TTO)	Uruguay (URY)	Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of (VEN)

Executive Summary

In a landmark regional initiative, UNESCO, in partnership with the Ministry of Science, Technology, Knowledge, and Innovation of Chile and the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), hosted the first-ever Regional Forum on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Held in Santiago, Chile, on October 23–24, 2023, the forum brought together government ministers, experts, and regional stakeholders to shape a collective strategy for the ethical and responsible use of AI. The event aligned with UNESCO's global Recommendation on the Ethics of AI, the first international standard in the field. A special emphasis was placed on inclusive governance and regional diversity, particularly highlighting Caribbean perspectives on AI ethics. Discussions led to the proposal of a future Regional Council on AI for the LAC region, focusing on inclusive, rights-based, and human-centered AI governance. The forum provided a high-level space for political dialogue, cooperation, and the promotion of ethical standards and inclusive digital development across the region.

Taxonomies

Themes

- **Artificial Intelligence** (Technology & Innovation) - Relevance: 0.85

  Justification: Artificial Intelligence as a technology underpins the entire discussion. The document dedicates significant content to AI itself, its capabilities, and implications, which are essential to understanding the ethical challenges and commitments addressed.

- **Digital Ethics** (Data & Governance) - Relevance: 0.7

  Justification: Digital Ethics relates closely to AI Ethics but focuses more broadly on data governance, privacy, and responsible digital practices. It supports the main theme by addressing governance frameworks and ethical data use, which are key to the document's objectives.

- **AI Ethics** (Technology & Innovation) - Relevance: 1.0

  Justification: AI Ethics is the core focus of the document, as indicated by the title 'Regional Forum on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence'. The document centers on ethical considerations, principles, and frameworks guiding AI development and deployment, making this theme the most central and strategically important.

Beneficiary Groups

- **Government** (Public Sector / Governments)
- **Indigenous Communities** (Indigenous Peoples & Ethnic Groups)
- **Private Sector Organizations** (SMEs / Businesses)
- **Public Institutions** (Public Sector / Governments)
- **Women in Tech** (Women & Girls)
- **Youth** (Students & Youth)

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- **SDG 4:** SDG 4: Quality Education
- **SDG 5:** SDG 5: Gender Equality
- **SDG 9:** SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- **SDG 10:** SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- **SDG 16:** SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
- **SDG 17:** SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

EU Policy Alignments

- Digital Decade
- EU Cyber Strategy
- Global Gateway
- Horizon Europe
- NDICI-Global Europe

Commitments

Commitment 1

Establish a Regional Council on AI for LAC, to guide coordinated, rights-based AI policy and multilateral collaboration in the region.

Commitment 2

Support the implementation of the UNESCO AI Ethics Recommendation, promoting inclusive, transparent, and accountable AI governance.

Commitment 3

Deploy the AI Readiness Assessment Methodology, enabling states to evaluate their alignment with ethical standards and identify capacity-building needs.

Commitment 4

Foster gender-responsive and inclusive digital ecosystems, especially to address historical inequalities and amplify underrepresented voices in AI design and deployment.

Commitment 5

Build regional cooperation platforms, engaging public and private actors in multistakeholder dialogue and AI governance.

Commitment 6

Promote a human rights-based approach to AI, ensuring safeguards against bias, discrimination, and surveillance, aligned with democratic values.

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