



Informal Stakeholder Consultation
On the Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance

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Excellencies, colleagues, thank you for this opportunity to contribute to these important and timely consultations.

I am Anna Oosterlinck and I speak on behalf of ARTICLE 19, a local to global human rights organisation, focusing on freedom of expression and related rights.

Responsible, secure, accountable, transparent, and human rights-based AI by design is our collective priority.

ARTICLE 19 would like to offer following input into the [guiding questions](#) as outlined by the Co-Chairs for the purpose of this consultation.

In ARTICLE 19's view, and inspired by the GDC, the primary purpose of the Dialogue is really two-fold:

(1) serve as an agenda-setting platform creating coherence and shared understanding in a fragmented AI governance landscape, so the world can move towards holistic global AI governance frameworks in compliance with international law, human rights and the SDGs.

(2) ensure a multistakeholder approach to AI governance.

In terms of the agenda-setting role, we recommend instituting a standing agenda item on human rights and gender equality to fulfill para 4(e) of resolution 79/325.

All human rights must be protected **throughout the full lifecycle of all AI technologies**. The flip side of this principle is that *all* actors must refrain from or cease the use of AI technologies that are impossible to operate in compliance with International Human Rights Law. The Dialogue plays a key role in realising this principle.

In terms of the **multi-stakeholder approach**, the Dialogue offers a unique platform to convene all stakeholders including human rights defenders, journalists and communities most impacted by AI applications. The varied ethical, social, economic, ecological and political impacts, harms, inequalities and risks raised by AI need to be fully identified and understood from diverse perspectives, including the Global Majority and all vulnerable communities.

We offer five concrete recommendations:

- 1) Use the NetMundial+10 Principles to ensure meaningful and inclusive participation. Suggested steps include more virtual stakeholder consultations like today as part of the preparatory process and virtual participation in the Dialogue itself; streaming the States' consultations on UN Web TV; inviting written submissions into any outcomes of the Dialogue; and organising consultations during existing UN conferences such as IGF.
- 2) Set up a standing multi-stakeholder Advisory Group inspired by the MAG serving the IGF.
- 3) Leverage existing UN expertise from the OHCHR, in addition to the UN Special Procedures and other UN Human Rights mechanisms.
- 4) Link up with other relevant UN initiatives in particular the UN CSTD WG on Data Governance as well as the broader WSIS framework including the whole IGF ecosystem.
- 5) Actively engage private sector to support clarifying their responsibilities in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Thank you.