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Workshop on artificial intelligence (AI)

Organized by the IPU in cooperation with UNESCO, ITU and the Internet Governance Forum (IGF)

Monday, 25 March 2024, 16:30–18:30 Plenary B&C. level 0. CICG

Concept note

Two sessions at the IPU Assembly on Monday, 25 March provide opportunities for discussing parliamentary action on artificial intelligence:

- 09.30–12.30: Preparatory debate in the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights on the resolution *The impact of artificial intelligence on democracy, human rights and the rule of law*
- 16.30–18.30: Workshop on artificial intelligence

The Workshop on artificial intelligence (AI) is designed to be a practical, hands-on session that will provide a space for parliamentarians to talk together about how to work on AI in their parliament.

The workshop is open to all IPU Assembly delegates. No prior knowledge of AI is needed. At the end of the workshop, participants should leave with new contacts and new ideas for ways to work on AI.

The workshop will be facilitated by the rapporteurs of the resolution, Ms. Michelle Rempel Garner (Canada) and Ms. Neema Lugangira (United Republic of Tanzania), and the chair of the IPU Working Group on Science and Technology, Mr. Denis Naughten (Ireland). Experts from UNESCO, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) will also contribute.

Participants will be encouraged to share strategies drawn from their personal experiences and to learn from each other. The discussion will focus on topics such as:

- The role parliaments can play in regulating AI
- Actions that individual parliamentarians can take
- Ways to build political support for parliamentary action on AI
- Where to get information and advice
- How to ensure that the risks of AI and gender-based violence are addressed
- How to connect national legislative frameworks with regional and global initiatives

The workshop builds upon the three online capacity-building workshops on AI for MPs, organized by the IPU between January and March 2024:

- A changing landscape: An overview of recent advances in artificial intelligence
- The emerging impacts of artificial intelligence on society
- Global responses to emerging advanced artificial intelligence technology

