

8th Regional Symposium on Effective Governance and AI Transformation for the 2030 Agenda: Fostering Transformative Actions for Innovating Public Services

30 October to 1 November 2024
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Seoul, KST)

Draft AGENDA

Day 1 – 30 October 2024 (Wednesday)	
Time (KST)	Agenda
10:00 – 10:45	<p>High-level Opening Session</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Hyeyoung Kim, Head of United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), UN DESA (3 min)</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Li Junhua, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (video) • H.E. Sang-min Lee, Minister of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea (video) • Mr. Jeongbok Yoo, Mayor, Incheon Metropolitan City, Republic of Korea (tbc) • H.E. Timothy Mark Masiu, Minister for Information and Communications Technology, Papua New Guinea • Ms. Rafaelita M. Aldaba, Undersecretary of Competitiveness and Innovation Group, Department of Trade and Industry, The Philippines • Mr. Ferdinand Manirakiza, Vice Minister, Ministry of Communication, Information, Technologies and Media, Burundi <p>Keynote Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations (video) <p>Group photo</p>
10:45 – 11:10	<i>Health Break</i>

11:10 – 12:15	<p>Setting-the-scene session: Artificial Intelligence and the SDGs - Paving the Way for Accelerating Action</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. David Green, Director for S&T Innovation, Transition & Integration Systems, Green Resilience Insights</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Progress of SDG implementation: Global and Regional Perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vincenzo Aquaro, Chief, Digital Government Branch, DPIDG/UN DESA <p>Governing AI for Humanity: Challenges and Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rumman Chowdhury, US Science Envoy, Artificial Intelligence (tbc) <p>AI Governance to Drive National Innovation and Global Competitiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Boram Suh, The Presidential Committee on the Digital Platform Government Committee, Republic of Korea <p>Q&A Session (25 min)</p>
12:15 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Thematic Session 1. Revolutionizing Public Administration: AI-Driven Innovation and Transformation</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Marius Oosthuizen, Capacity Building Senior Officer (Strategic Foresight), UN Global Pulse</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Harnessing AI to Enhance Effectiveness of Work in Public Administration to Accelerate the SDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Serge Stinckwich, Head of Research, United Nations University Institute in Macau, Special Administrative Region of China <p>Effective, Transparent, and Accountable AI-Driven Transformations in Public Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Kelly Forbes, Executive Director, AI Asia Pacific Institute <p>Strategy to Realize Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence in Public Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hun-Yeong Kwon, Member of Digital Platform Government Committee, Republic of Korea, Professor, School of Cybersecurity, Korea University <p>Q&A Session (30 mins)</p>
15:30 – 15:45	<i>Health Break</i>

15:45 – 17:15	<p>Thematic Session 2. Digital Inclusion and AI: Fostering Equitable Innovation and Inclusive Governance</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Ana Thorlund, Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/ UN DESA</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Risks challenges and considerations for global AI governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kishore Babu, ITU Area Representative for Southeast Asia <p>Mitigating the Risks of AI-Induced Inequalities and Discrimination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Barbara Ubaldi, Head of Digital Government and Data Unit OECD, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (Virtual) <p>Harnessing AI for Inclusive National Progress in the Philippines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Rafaelita M. Aldaba, Undersecretary of Competitiveness and Innovation Group, Department of Trade and Industry, The Philippines <p>Q&A Session (30 mins)</p>
17:15 – 18:00	<p>Special Session: Unveiling Insights: The UN E-Government Survey 2024: Asia and Pacific trends and key findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vincenzo Aquaro, Chief, Digital Government Branch, DPIDG/UN DESA • Prof. Dong Wook Kim, Director, Center of Intelligent Society & Policy, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea
18:00 -	<p>Welcome dinner hosted by MOIS</p>

Day 2 – 31 October 2024 (Thursday)	
Time (KST)	Agenda
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Thematic Session 3. Resilient Communities: AI for Early Warning Systems and Resilience</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sanjaya Bhatia, Head of Office, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR ONEA & GETI)</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Building Resilient Communities: Leveraging AI for Risk-informed Early Warning Systems (EWS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. David Green, Director for S&T Innovation, Transition & Integration Systems, Green Resilience Insights

	<p>Unlocking the Potential of AI for Early Warning Systems (EWS) through Partnerships and Stakeholder Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tomonori Hiroike, Director for Planning and Coordination Office of the Governor for Policy Planning, Tokyo Metropolitan Government. <p>Using AI and Data Analytics to Develop Early Warning Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Misganaw Teshager Abeje, Assistant Professor, Disaster Risk Management, Bahir Dar University. Research & Training Consultant, Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Commission (EDRMC) <p>Q&A Session (35 mins)</p>
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Health Break</i>
10:45 – 12:15	<p>Thematic Session 4. AI Ethics: Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Public Sector</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Alice Oh, Professor, KAIST School of Computing, Republic of Korea</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Navigating AI Ethics for the SDGs: Building Public Trust in AI through Ethical Governance, Transparency, and Accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Soohyun Kim, Regional Director, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Regional Office in Bangkok <p>Balancing Innovation with Ethical Considerations in AI Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lauren Mills, Branch Manager of Digital Strategy, Policy and Engagement, Digital Transformation Agency, Australia (virtual) <p>Mitigating Bias and Promoting Fairness in AI Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Shahrizal bin Shahrudin, Director, Ministry of Technology and Innovation, Malaysia <p>Q&A Session (30 mins)</p>
12:15 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 15:15	<p>Learning Lab. Strategic Foresight and AI: Shaping Forward-Looking Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Marius Oosthuizen, Capacity Building Senior Officer (Strategic Foresight), UN Global Pulse

15:15 – 15:30	<i>Health Break</i>
15:30 – 18:00	Field Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFEZ Smart City Operation Center • The National Museum of World Writing Systems • The Songdo Central Park (Water Taxi Riding)

Day 3 – 1 November 2024 (Friday)	
Time (KST)	Agenda
09:00 – 10:10	<p>Local Governance and Partnerships Forum: Innovative Local Governance through Smart Cities: Leveraging AI for Public Services through a Citizen-centered Approach</p> <p>Session 1. AI-based Smart City Services to Address City-wide Issues</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sang Gwang Kim, Senior Programme Management Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Introduction to the Local Governance Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hyeyoung Kim, Head of the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), DPIDG, UN DESA <p>Digital Inclusive Services: A Focus on Services for the Elderly and Workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Seol Tae Ko, Head, AI Transformation Team, Seoul Digital Foundation, Republic of Korea <p>AI Chatbot in the Public Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Woonki Yeo, Director of ChatGB Project Team, Gyeongbuk Development Institute, Republic of Korea <p>Smart City Strategies and Regulations in Sri Lanka</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mahesh Perera, Chief Executive Officer, Information Communication Technology Agency, Sri Lanka <p>AI Surveillance System for Public Safety in Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Dae-ho Choi, Mayor of Anyang City, Republic of Korea
10:10 – 10:25	<i>Health Break</i>
10:25 – 11:30	<p>Local Governance and Partnerships Forum</p> <p>Session 2. Initiation and Diffusion of Smart Cities</p>

	<p>Moderator: Ms. Ga-young So, Research Fellow, Korea Institute of Public Administration (KIPA)</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Smart City Diffusion and Related Governance Strategies in Thailand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Non Arkaraprasertkul, Senior Expert in Smart City Promotion, Digital Economy Promotion Agency (DEPA), Thailand <p>Diffusing AI-based Smart City Experiences in Indonesia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Hammam Riza, Chairman, Artificial Intelligence Research and Innovation Collaboration (KORIKA), Indonesia <p>From Informatization to AI innovation - the Evolution of Smart Shanghai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Xingquan Wang, Director of the Research Center on Technological Innovation, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China <p>Q&A Session (35 mins)</p>
11:30 – 12:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
12:30 – 13:30	<p>Youth Session: Shaping a Future of AI for and by the Youth</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Kelly Forbes, Executive Director, AI Asia Pacific Institute</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Youth Engagement in AI Policy and Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Prim Rajasurang Wongkrasaemongkol, Youth advocate and AI Engineer, Carnegie Mellon University, Thailand <p>AI Education and Skills Development for the Next Generation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Zara Khanna, Youth Ambassador, She Loves Tech, Singapore <p>Project Proposal Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner of the 8th Youth Forum - Mountain Climbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Eunseo Kim • Mr. Seungwoo Oh • Ms. Jian Hong <p>Q&A Session (20 mins)</p>
13:30 – 14:00	Youth Forum Awardees Ceremony
14:00 – 14:15	Closing Summary
14:15 – 14:30	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Young Jun Jung, Deputy Minister for Planning & Coordination, Ministry

	of the Interior and Safety, Republic of Korea
--	---

- **Ms. Hyeyoung Kim**, Head of the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), DPIDG, UN DESA