AGENDA

09:00 Start.

09:10 Welcoming remarks
Mr. Jon Benitez, Events Manager, International Peace Institute
Dr. James Cockayne, Director, United Nations University Office in New York

09:20 Keynote remarks
Dr. Greg Corrado, Principal Scientist, Director of Augmented Intelligence Research, Google
Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations

09:45 Session I: Does the AI race threaten international peace and security?
There are growing signs of a global Artificial Intelligence (AI) arms race, with at least four of the five permanent members of the Security Council placing AI at the centre of their current grand strategies. Some suggest that this kind of global competition for AI and data dominance is inevitable, given the network effects that underlie value capture in the digital economy. Others see it as a perversion of ‘permissionless’ innovation and free market competition, brought about by sovereign policies focused on economic protectionism or even neo-mercantilism. What risks does the AI race pose? How will AI affect the global balance of power? What does this mean for the way that the UN approaches its central role of maintaining international peace and security, and what role is there for AI in helping the UN discharge those duties?
11:00 Coffee break.

11:15 Session II: Will AI bring sustainable development or unsustainable inequality?
AI holds unique promise for accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. However, as with any transformative technology, its rollout will not occur uniformly and will disrupt established political, social and economic systems. The convergence of AI with new biotechnologies and large data sets will be a major factor determining which communities, organizations and countries benefit most from AI, and which risk being left behind. How do we ensure that AI brings us sustainable development rather than unsustainable inequality?

Moderator: Dr. Konstantinos Karachalios, Managing Director, IEEE Standards Association
Framing remarks: H.E. Ms. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Representative and Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations
Dr. Michael Sung, Chairman, CarbonBlue Innovation and Professor, Fudan University
Ms. Eleonore Pauwels, Research Fellow on Emerging Cybertechnologies, United Nations University Office in New York
Dr. David Li, Founder, Shenzhen Open Innovation Lab

Moderated Q&A

12:30 Lunch break.
Session III: What would effective global public policy on AI look like?

What are the global public policy issues raised by the recent, rapid advances in AI? What challenges does AI pose for humanity, and what promises does it hold? What policies, design principles and technical standards could help align the long-term public good with short-term private and national interests? How do we manage the tension between ‘permissionless innovation’ and the ‘precautionary principle’? What are the elements of an effective social license for AI? What can we learn from the ‘tecklash’? How do we get to ‘ethical’ AI?

Moderator: Mr. John C. Havens, Executive Director, The IEEE Global Initiative on Ethics of Autonomous and Intelligent Systems

Framing remarks: H.E. Mr. Juan Sandoval-Mendiolea, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations
Dr. Francesca Rossi, Global AI Ethics Leader, IBM and Professor, University of Padova
Dr. Urs Gasser, Executive Director, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University
Ms. Janet Haven, Executive Director, Data and Society
Mr. Craig Campbell, Special Advisor, New York City Mayor's Office of Data Analytics

Moderated Q&A

14:30 Coffee break.

Session IV: Why Should We Design and Deploy Human-Compatible AI?

As ethical principles for the design and deployment of AI are discussed, it is critical that these principles build on the human rights framework, which is internationally agreed upon to protect freedom, justice, dignity and equality. How can we ensure that AI promotes the goal of humanity’s welfare embedded in the purposes and principles of the UN Charter – from territorial and political integrity to human rights – rather than undermining them?

Moderator: Mr. Nicolas Economou, Chairman and CEO, H5

Framing remarks: Mr. Andrew Gilmour, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
Ms. Dinah PoKempner, General Counsel, Human Rights Watch
Dr. Mark Nitzberg, Executive Director, UC Berkeley Center for Human-Compatible AI
Ms. Joy Buolamwini, Founder, Algorithmic Justice League and MIT Media Lab

Moderated Q&A
16:00  Coffee Break

16:15  Session V: Toward responsible governance of AI—How do we get there?
How can we best manage the social, economic and political transformations that
AI promises, ensuring that their benefits are shared equitably? What institutional
arrangements are needed to mitigate the risks AI generates? What is the UN’s role
in that process? What would a concrete effort to move toward responsible global
governance of AI look like?

Moderator:  Dr. Adam Lupel, Vice President, International Peace Institute

Framing remarks:  Dr. Sheila Jasanoff, Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies, Harvard Kennedy School
Dr. Gary Marcus, Professor of Psychology and Neural Science, New York University
Mr. Danil Kerimi, Head of Information Technology and Electronics Industries, World Economic Forum
Ms. Ursula Wynhoven, ITU Representative to the United Nations

Moderated Q&A

17:30  Reception.

18:30  Close.