Data, AI, and the SDGs: How can AI help us achieve and monitor progress?

UNSC Side Event

Monday 26th February, 11:00-12:00 EST
Room CR-C
United Nations Headquarters, 405 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017

Context and objective

The recent development of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) has renewed attention to the potential of AI to revolutionise the way we work, live as societies, and advance towards sustainable development. When it comes to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), AI can play an important role in tracking progress and informing decisions aimed at reaching the 169 targets. However, the implementation of AI technologies poses its own unique set of challenges. This meeting will bring together national statistical offices and multilateral development agencies to discuss the challenges and opportunities presented by AI. The agenda will include presentations on solutions and use cases focussing on the application of AI in tracking and monitoring progress towards the SDGs. The event supports UNSC agenda item 3c: *Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.*

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Tentative agenda and speakers

5 minutes	**Welcome and setting the scene** *AICS and PARIS21*
35 minutes	**Panel discussion: 'What can AI do for data and how can we make data fit for AI?'** *Facilitated by François Fonteneau (PARIS21)* • Yusuf Murangwa, Director General of the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda • Osama Rahman, Director of the Data Science Campus, UK Office for National Statistics • World Bank (tbc)
15 minutes	**Audience Q & A**
5 minutes	**Closing** *PARIS21*