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ITU's AI for Good Global Summit 2025 to tackle the rise of autonomous AI

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UN agency for digital technologies rallies global AI leaders to address the opportunities and risks presented by AI agents, low-cost AI models, and the next wave of accelerated AI development.

A new wave of autonomous AI—capable of reasoning, acting independently, and scaling at unprecedented speed—is rapidly reshaping the technological landscape. The rise of "agentic AI" and powerful, low-cost AI models is making artificial intelligence cheaper, more widely available, and potentially more energy efficient—but also harder to regulate. With some prominent CEOs predicting human-level AI within two to three years, concerns are mounting over safety risks, weakened guardrails, and the challenge of responsible governance.

These pressing issues will be at the centre of the [AI for Good Global Summit 2025](#), the United Nations' leading platform advancing AI in service of sustainable development, in Geneva, Switzerland from 8 to 11 July 2025. The four-day gathering will also showcase progress on advanced robotics, autonomous mobility, quantum computing, AI in space, and brain-computer interfaces.

Organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the UN agency for digital technologies, the goal of AI for Good is to identify trustworthy applications of AI, build AI skills and standards, and strengthen global dialogue on AI governance for sustainable development.

"As AI development accelerates, so does the urgency to keep innovation aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals," said ITU Secretary-General Doreen Bogdan-Martin. "AI for Good is where the world comes together to ensure these technologies are safe, responsible, and leave no one behind."

Tackling AI's biggest questions

At the AI for Good Global Summit 2025, leading experts from governments, industry, academia, civil society, and the UN will explore how AI is reshaping our world, tackling urgent challenges such as safety, employment, sustainability, privacy, security, governance, and its broader societal and economic impacts.

Among the [AI visionaries](#) set to present are Geoffrey Hinton, AI pioneer and Nobel Prize winner; Yoshua Bengio, Founder and Scientific Director of Mila – Quebec AI Institute and Turing Award winner; Sasha Luccioni, AI & Climate Lead of open-source AI developer Hugging Face; and other prominent voices on AI. The full list of speakers is [here](#).

Acting on global AI priorities

Responding to the Global Digital Compact, adopted last year by the UN General Assembly, the AI for Good Global Summit 2025 will provide a global platform for dialogue to advance AI governance, standards, and capacity building. As AI adoption accelerates, the Summit aims to inform policies and drive solutions that ensure AI is developed and deployed responsibly, fairly, and for the benefit of all.

Yet, a global AI governance gap persists—an ITU survey found that 55% of Member States lack a national AI strategy, and 85% have no AI-specific regulations. To address this, the Summit will host ITU's second AI Governance Day on 10 July, focusing on safety, trust, international standards, and bridging the regulatory gap, while also tackling the urgent need to build AI skills and capacity, especially in developing countries.

On 11 July, the Summit will host an International AI Standards Exchange, bringing together leading global standards bodies to strengthen AI's technical backbone and the newly established AI for Good Awards, presented in partnership with Tech to the Rescue.

Demonstrations of robots, drones, and AI innovations can be found [here](#).

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