

International Conference on “Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights: Opportunities, Risks, and Visions for a Better Future”

The Ritz Carlton Hotel, Doha - Al Wosail Ballroom

27 - 28 May 2025

Concept Note

Background

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping communication, work, governance, and society, offering immense opportunities while raising critical challenges. Its influence spans public institutions, democratic participation, and decision-making, yet concerns about AI's impact on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law are growing.

AI enhances public services, innovation, and economic growth but also poses risks, including privacy violations, bias, discrimination, and threats to freedom of expression. For example, facial recognition in surveillance can disproportionately target marginalized groups, while automated decision-making may entrench systemic discrimination. AI-driven disinformation further undermines democratic processes, highlighting the need for transparency, accountability, and robust safeguards.

The global community must act decisively to harness the potential of AI while mitigating its risks. International organizations, including the UN, OECD, and Council of Europe, are developing frameworks to align AI with human rights and democratic values. National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) play a key role in ensuring AI respects human rights through monitoring, advocacy, capacity building, and international engagement.

His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the country, stressed at the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly that no one doubts the utmost importance of the development of digital technology, information technology, digital communication tools, and others, as the economy and daily life cannot be imagined without them, and that new needs have emerged that were not previously known, such as freedom of use and the need to defend

citizens’ private sphere from the risks of hacking, and awareness of countries’ cybersecurity to protect against digital piracy and espionage. As they are cross-border issues due to the nature of technology itself. It is necessary to regulate dealing with them and control their risks internationally. Encouraging work with United Nations organizations to regulate it legally.

This was noted by Qatar’s National Strategy in the field of artificial intelligence, which revolved around six pillars: education, access to data, employment, business, research, and ethics, which will work together to direct the State of Qatar towards the transformation to the future of artificial intelligence.

The Qatari Ministry of Interior has also worked to achieve Qatar Vision 2030 and maintain security and public order, by using the latest technology and artificial intelligence to enhance the security and information infrastructure, and protect human rights.

Key Themes and Topics:

- 1. Fundamentals of AI:** Core concepts, including machine learning and natural language processing.
- 2. AI and Privacy:** Implications for personal data, surveillance, and privacy rights.
- 3. Bias and Discrimination -** Addressing algorithmic bias and ensuring fairness.
- 4. Freedom of Expression:** The role of AI in content moderation, censorship, and the preservation of free speech.
- 5. AI Governance & Accountability:** Human rights-centric AI policies, transparency, and redress mechanisms.
- 6. Access & Digital Equity:** Ensuring fair access to AI resources and preventing the digital divide.
- 7. AI for Good:** Positive applications in health care, justice, environment, and education.
- 8. Legal & Ethical Frameworks -** Laws, policies, and ethical standards for responsible AI.
- 9. AI & Security -** Militarization, armed conflict, and safeguarding human rights.
- 10. AI and Democracy:** AI’s role in shaping democratic institutions and inclusive participation.
- 11. AI and the Future of Media:** A Human Rights Approach: Risks

and Innovation.

12. Transformations Caused by AI in Employment and Job

Opportunities: Impact on Employment, Workers’ Rights, and Economic Inequality, Challenges, and Prospects.

Conference Exhibition:

Proposed Exhibition: Exploring the Intersection and application of AI and Human rights

This exhibition will demonstrate the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the future of humanity, with a particular emphasis on its impact on global challenges, society, and industries. The exhibition will showcase topics such as ethical governance, human rights, and AI-driven innovation through real-world applications, and visionary concepts.

Visitors will have the opportunity to observe demonstrations of AI technologies in various sectors, including healthcare, education, sustainability, and creative arts. Additionally, they will engage in thought-provoking discussions regarding accountability, inclusivity, and fairness. The objective of this exhibition is to motivate dialogue, collaboration, and actionable insights among conference attendees, stakeholders, and the public by integrating technology with human rights values.

Aims, objectives and expected outcomes:

This conference serves as a platform for dialogue among stakeholders—governments, civil society, academia, private sector actors, NHRIs and international organizations. It seeks to explore the dual nature of AI as both a tool for progress and a potential challenge to human rights and democracy. Through panel discussions and working groups, the sessions will examine strategies to ensure that AI technologies are developed and deployed in ways that uphold the rule of law, protect human rights, and strengthen democratic governance.

The concrete objectives are as follows:

- To explore the impact of AI on human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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- To analyze both opportunities and risks associated with AI from a human rights perspective.
- To showcase best practices and standards for ethical AI use.
- To engage with policymakers, technologists, civil society, and the private sector to foster multi-stakeholder dialogue.
- To propose actionable recommendations for policy and legal frameworks that ensure AI development aligns with human rights principles.
- Promote cross border cooperation on the application of Artificial intelligence while safeguarding human rights.

Expected Outcomes:

1. Call to action on the outcomes and recommendations of the Doha Conference Declaration on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights
2. Increased awareness of the human rights implications of AI.
3. A set of best practices and guiding principles for the responsible development and use of AI.
4. Recommendations for policymakers to regulate AI in a way that aligns with human rights standards.
5. Enhanced collaboration between various stakeholders to ensure ethical AI development.
6. Publication of a post-conference report summarizing discussions, insights, and proposed actions.

Partners and participants:

Organizing Partners: The conference is organized by the National Human Rights Committee in Qatar, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, and the National Cybersecurity Agency in the State of Qatar, with the active participation of the AI Jazeera Centre for Public Liberties and Human Rights, Huawei, Meeza, and other international actors in the field of digital technologies and tools.

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Target Audience:

- Government officials and policymakers
- AI and technology experts
- Human rights advocates and activists
- Legal professionals AI ethics experts
- Representatives from civil society organizations
- Academia and researchers
- International organizations
- Private sector companies and tech developers

It is expected that the conference will bring together more than 400 participants from across the region and globally.

Date, venue, format and methodology:

The conference will be held in person on May 27 and 28, 2025 in **AI Wosail Ballroom at The Ritz Carlton** Doha Hotel, the conference's first day consists of an opening session followed by four main sessions. The second day begins with a youth debate, followed by a session dedicated to national human rights institutions. This is followed by four working groups work in two sessions for each group, a plenary session to discuss recommendations, and a closing plenary session.

Structure of the Conference:

1. **Keynote Sessions:** High-level speeches from senior leaders of relevant organizations to set the scene.
2. **Panel Discussions:** Sessions focusing on specific themes, featuring diverse speakers with expertise in technology, ethics, law, and human rights.
3. **Case Study Presentations:** Presentations from organizations, companies, and researchers on the use of AI in a way that positively or negatively impacted human rights.
4. **Working Group:** Interactive, hands-on sessions to explore specific AI-related challenges and collaboratively find solutions.
5. **Networking:** Opportunities for participants to connect, exchange ideas, and build partnerships for future projects.

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Conference Agenda

Day 1 - 27 May 2025

9:00 - 10:00 Opening Session 5 min for each speech	Opening Session High-level opening remarks Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Ms. Maryam bint Abdullah Al Attiyah Chairperson, Qatar National Human Rights Committee - Qatar.• H.E. Mr. Mohammed bin Ali Al-Mannai Minister of Communications and Information Technology in Qatar.• H.E. Mr. Volker Türk United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Video remarks) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Ms. Amina Bouayach Chairperson, Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions• H.E. Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Al Yamahi Chairperson of the Arab Parliament.• H.E. Eng. Abdulrahman bin Ali Al-Farahid Al-Maliki Chairman of the National Cybersecurity Agency - Qatar.• H.E. Dr. Mary Kawar Arab States Regional Hub Director, UNDP.
	Screening of a film titled "Artificial Intelligence: Prospects and Challenges".
	Tour of the conference's accompanying exhibition.
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break

<p>10:30 - 11:30</p> <p>Session 1</p> <p>7 min for each paper</p>	<p>Artificial Intelligence: Concept, Capabilities and Governing Values</p> <p>This session presents an overview of artificial intelligence (AI), including its evolution, current advancements, and its potential future. Participants will learn about fundamental AI topics like machine learning (ML), deep learning (DL), natural language processing (NLP), and generative AI (GenAI). The session will also showcase the innovative powers that contemporary AI systems and discuss the foundations for responsible AI development and deployment.</p> <p>Chair of the Session: H.E. Dr. Stephen Rainbow, High Commissioner for Human Rights in New Zealand.</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Yasmine Hamdar, AI Specialist, UNDP - UAE</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Ana Brian Nougères, UN Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy • H.E. Professor Alena Douhan, UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights • Mr. Dany Wazen, Digital Transformation Specialist, UNDP - Lebanon <p>Questions and discussion</p>
<p>11:30 - 13:00</p> <p>Session 2</p> <p>7 min for each paper</p>	<p>The Power of Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights: Risks and Opportunities</p> <p>AI presents both significant opportunities and risks for human rights. While AI can enhance access to justice, detect human rights abuses, and combat online hate speech, it also raises concerns about privacy, freedom of expression, and discrimination. AI-driven surveillance and data collection threaten individuals' right to privacy, while algorithmic biases can reinforce systemic discrimination in decision-making processes. The spread of AI-generated content challenges intellectual property rights and the fight against misinformation. Additionally, the digital divide risks exacerbating inequalities,</p>

	<p>leaving marginalized communities without access to AI-driven advancements. To harness AI's potential for human rights, it is crucial to establish ethical guidelines, ensure transparency, and promote inclusive AI development that leaves no one behind.</p> <p>Chair of the Session: Mr. Mohammad Alnsour, OHCHR, MENA Section Chief - Geneva</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Nicole Chaaya, Civil Society and Technical Cooperation Unit, OHCHR Syria Office</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Ashwini K.P., UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism • H.E. Ms. Reem Alsalem, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls • Mr. Matthew Hervey, AI and IP expert, Head of Legal and Policy at Human Native AI - UK • Mr. Abdel Basset Ben Hassen, Chair of the Board, Arab Institute for Human Rights - Tunis • Ms. Azin Tadjini, Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights - Geneva <p style="text-align: center;">Questions and discussion</p>
<p>13:00 - 13:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee break</p>
<p>13:30 - 14:30</p> <p>Session 3</p> <p>7 min for each paper</p>	<p>Deploying AI for Human Rights Good</p> <p>This session will explore how artificial intelligence can be used to promote human rights and accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It will emphasize AI's potential for supporting accessibility, equity, and responsible innovation through practical applications.</p>

	<p>Chair of the Session: H.E. Mr. Mohamed Aujjar, former Minister of Justice - Morocco.</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Dhevy Sonatha Sivaprakasam, Civic Space Unit, OHCHR, Geneva</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Mary Lawlor, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders • Mr. Carsten Daniel Schmidt, Secretary of the Working Group on Cyber justice and AI, Council of Europe, CEPEJ • Mr. Luzal Ananda Vaidya, Head of Digital Solutions Unit Innovation & Analytics Hub, OHCHR - Geneva <p style="text-align: center;">Questions and discussion</p>
14:30 - 15:30	Lunch
<p>15:30 - 17:00</p> <p>Session 4</p> <p>7 min for each paper</p>	<p>The need for AI Governance: Best Practices for Using Artificial Intelligence in Accordance with Ethical Standards</p> <p>This panel will explore key aspects of AI governance, from assessing countries' and organizations' readiness for AI adoption while upholding human rights to developing national AI strategies rooted in ethical principles. Experts will discuss best practices from global AI conventions, approaches to building inclusive AI ecosystems that ensure equitable access, and the evolving landscape of international, regional, and national regulatory frameworks.</p> <p>Chair of the Session: Mr. Pašalić Zoran, Protector of Citizens of the Republic of Serbia</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Roqaya Dhaif, Policy Specialist, UNDP - Geneva</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Laura-Maria Crăciunean-Tatu, UN Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Vadim Pak, Chair of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence, Council of Europe• Mr. Hassan Jassim Al Sayed, Advisor to the Minister and Head of the Artificial Intelligence Committee, Ministry of Information and Communications Technology in Qatar• Mr. Abdulrahman Mohammed Al Shafi, Director of Cybersecurity Policy and Strategies Department, National Cybersecurity Agency in Qatar• Dr. Jon Mark Truby, Professor of AI Law and Sustainability at the National University of Singapore. <p style="text-align: center;">Questions and discussion</p>
17:00 - 18:00	Draft Committee Meeting

Day 2 - 28 May 2025

<p>9:00 - 9:30</p>	<p>Youth debate titled "This Council considers that artificial intelligence harms human rights"</p> <p>Coordinator & Moderator: Mr. Jaber Tayseer, Qatar Debate Center trainer</p> <p>Supporting Team: Mr. Abdullah Al-Kubaisi Ms. Sarah Amro Mr. Turim Al-Haj</p> <p>Opposing Team: Mr. Abdullah Al-Shammari Mr. Muhammed Abdulnabi Faraj Mr. Mohammed Al-Yafei</p>
<p>9:30 - 11:00</p> <p>Session 5</p> <p>7 min for each paper</p>	<p>Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence: An Approach from the Perspective of National Human Rights Institutions</p> <p>Chair of the Session: H.E. Dr. Joseph Wittal, President of the African Network of National Human Rights Institutions</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Thuy Doan Smith, Executive Director of Operations - Asia Pacific Forum of NHRI's</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Nasser Marzouq Al Merri, legal department, NHRC in Qatar • Mr. Mehmet AKARCA, Chief Ombudsman in Türkiye • H.E. Dr. Tamar Gvaramadze, Chairperson of the National Committee & the First Public Defender in Georgia. • Mr. Petter Wille, special Advisor in NHRI in Norway. • Dr. Ahmed Al Mansouri, Member of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Committee for Promoting a Culture of Human Rights at the National Human Rights Authority in the UAE <p style="text-align: right;">Discussion</p>

11:00-11:30	Break
Session 6 for working groups 1-2-3-4	
<p>11:30 - 13:30</p> <p>Session 6</p> <p>ALL WG (in parallel)</p>	<p>Working Group 1</p> <p>AI and Democracy: Safeguarding Inclusion, Participation, and Trust</p> <p>Artificial intelligence is rapidly reshaping democratic processes—from how citizens engage in political discourse to how elections are conducted and policies are formed. While AI holds the potential to expand inclusive participation and strengthen democratic governance, it also poses serious risks: algorithmic discrimination, digital exclusion, disinformation, deepfakes, and diminished transparency all threaten the integrity of democratic institutions and human rights. This session will explore how AI can be harnessed to promote inclusive, participatory, and rights-based democracy. Key discussions will address safeguarding electoral integrity, protecting freedom of expression, and ensuring that AI enhances—not undermines—public trust, political inclusion, and transparency. Participants, including human rights advocates, electoral bodies, and policymakers, will examine strategies for countering AI-driven misinformation, preventing bias, and advancing responsible, equitable AI governance that serves all—especially marginalized communities, youth, and underrepresented groups.</p> <p>Chair of the Session: Ms. Najia Hashemee, Advisor and Project Manager- Democratic Institutions and Processes in the Digital Era, UNDP - Jordan</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Mais Al-Atiat, Programme Analyst, UNDP - Jordan</p>

Speakers:

1. **Mr. Ingo Boltz**, Digital Expert, Carter Center - Argentina.
2. **Mr. Aaron Scholl**, Managing Director and General Counsel at the Center for International Governance Innovation - Canada
3. **Ms. Ren Bin Lee Dixon**, Research Fellow, Center for AI and Digital Policy, USA
4. **H.E. Ms. Samar Al Haj Hassan**, Chairperson of the National Center for Human Rights in Jordan.
5. **Mr. Abdelghani Berdi**, Head of the Technology, Digital Space and Human Rights Department, National Council for Human Rights in Morocco.

Working Group 2

AI, National Security, and the Military: Case Studies and Human Rights Implications

Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming national security and military operations, offering powerful tools for surveillance, threat detection, intelligence gathering, and even autonomous weapons systems. While these technologies can enhance public safety and operational effectiveness, they also raise critical human rights and ethical concerns. This session will present case studies and foster discussion on the dual-use nature of AI in security and defense. . Topics include the risks of mass surveillance, predictive policing, and autonomous targeting, which may infringe on the right to privacy, the right to life, and due process—particularly when applied without adequate legal safeguards or accountability mechanisms. Experts will explore how transparency, human oversight,

and compliance with international human rights and humanitarian law can mitigate potential harms. Emphasis will be placed on the need for strong governance, independent monitoring, and ethical frameworks to ensure AI in security and military contexts upholds human dignity and rule of law.

Chair of the Session: Mr. Sofiene Bacha, Policy Specialist in Community Security, UNDP - Kenya.

Rapporteur: Mr. Akram Khalifa, MENA Section, OHCHR, Geneva.

Speakers:

1. **H.E. Major General Dr. Eng. Mr. Abdulaziz bin Falah Al Dosari**, Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defense Affairs for Communications and Space Affairs, Ministry of Defense in Qatar
2. **Ms. Ines Ferriera**, Associate Programme Officer, Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, UNICRI - Netherlands.
3. **Dr. Jaspal Kaur Sadhu Singh**, Senior Lecturer in Law, Canterbury Christ Church University - UK.
4. **Mr. Roland Abi Najem**, CEO at RevoTips - Kuwait.
5. **Ms. Jimena Sofía Viveros Álvarez**, Founder, Managing Director and CEO of IQuilibriumAI - Mexico.
6. **Ms. Heidi Kandil**, Legal Adviser for the Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit in the Legal Department of the International Committee of the Red Cross - Switzerland.
7. **Bader Mohammed Al Sada**, Assistant Director of Cyber Threat Management

Working Group 3

AI and the Future of Media from a Human Rights Approach: Risks and Innovation

The media sector is undergoing a fundamental transformation due to the rapid adoption of artificial intelligence technologies, which play a central role in reshaping content production processes, distribution methods, and audience engagement. This session aims to discuss the growing role of artificial intelligence in the media industry, which has expressed public concerns, and to explore the opportunities it presents in areas of innovation, enhancing efficiency, widening public access, raising awareness of human rights, and protecting them for the common good. It will also highlight the legal, ethical, and professional challenges that accompany this transformation, including the risks of bias, misinformation, and privacy violations. The session will address the responsibilities of media institutions in developing internal regulatory frameworks governing the use of these technologies to ensure transparency and credibility. Additionally, it will present examples of practices employed by media organizations, aiming to develop a balanced vision that reconciles the use of artificial intelligence with the continued reinforcement of ethical journalism principles and the public good in media practice in the digital age.

Key topics:

- An overview of the uses of artificial intelligence in the media sector, with a focus on newsrooms.
- The Media visions for the future of news and program production in the age of artificial intelligence: media experiences of media outlets.

- Media responsibility and the impact of artificial intelligence: challenges and risks related to ethical journalism principles and human rights principles.
- Initiatives to develop media skills and improve audience engagement: exploring opportunities.

Chair of the Session: Ms. Rawaa Augé, presenter and news-anchor at Al Jazeera Media Network in Qatar.

Rapporteur: Mr. AbdulRahman Bin Sultan Al-Hashemi, Head of legislation, research & legal study at National Human Rights Committee in Qatar.

Speakers:

1. **Dr. Yasser Almebio**, AI Technology Expert, Al Jazeera Media Network in Qatar.
2. **Ms. Khadija Patel**, Director: Journalist in Residence · International Fund for Public Interest Media - South Africa.
3. **Mr. Carlos Hernández-Echevarría**, Assistant Director, Head of Public Policy & Institutional Development at Maldita.es - Spain.
4. **Dr. Georgios Mikros**, Professor, College of Humanities and Social Science, Hamad Bin Khalifa University in Qatar.
5. **Mr. Anas Hassan**, Athir Platform Manager - Digital Sector, Al Jazeera Media Network
6. **Mr. Eddy Borges-Rey**, Associate Professor at Northwestern University in Qatar.

Working Group 4

The Transformations Brought About by AI in Employment and Job Opportunities: Challenges and Prospects

This session comes at a time when the labor market is experiencing unprecedented transformations due to artificial intelligence, whose impact is palpable across various sectors, from manufacturing to financial services and healthcare.

These changes raise numerous questions about the future of traditional jobs and the ability of the workforce to adapt to these transformations. This working group aims to explore these facets and provide insights on how to adapt to these changes, maximize benefits, and minimize challenges.

Key topics:

- **Changes in the Nature of Jobs:** Artificial intelligence is not limited to automating routine tasks but is also capable of performing analytical and creative functions, prompting a reconsideration of the skills required for the future labor market.
- **Concerns About Job Loss:** There is growing anxiety regarding the replacement of humans by intelligent systems, which poses challenges for governments and companies in managing this transition without harming the workforce.
- **New Opportunities:** Despite the concerns, artificial intelligence opens new horizons, contributing to the creation of jobs that require advanced skills in data analysis, algorithm development, and AI ethics.
- **Social and Economic Impacts:** Transformations in the labor market affect income distribution, employment patterns, and even economic policies, necessitating an in-depth discussion on how to strike a balance between leveraging technology and protecting workers' rights.

Chair of the Session: H.E. Dr. Eng. Mohammed bin Saif Al Kuwari, Vice Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee in Qatar.

Rapporteur: Ms. Ilyoung Hong, Coordinator, Information Systems and Digital Support Section, Human Rights Inquires Branch, OHCHR

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Max Tunon, Head of the ILO Office (Doha) Mr. Salem 2. Muslim Al-Barami, Digital Transformation and Strategic Planning Consultant, Ministry of Labor in Qatar. 3. Dr. Lanouar Charfeddine, Professor of Economics at Qatar University’s College of Business and Economics. 4. Mr. Jassim Al Hamrani, Director of Strategic Planning and Corporate Communications, Executive Office of the Council of Ministers of Labor and Social Affairs of the Gulf Cooperation Council in Bahrain. 5. Mr. Zahid Oruj, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Social Research Center, Chairman of the Human Rights Committee of the Azerbaijan Republic Council. 6. H.E. Mr. Akmal Saidov, Director of the National Human Rights Centre of the Republic of Uzbekistan and First Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of Uzbekistan.
13:30 - 14:00	Coffee Break
Continuation for all working groups	
<p>14:30 - 15:30</p> <p>Session 7</p>	<p>Working Group 1</p> <p>AI and Democracy: Safeguarding Inclusion, Participation, and Trust</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
	<p>Working Group 2</p> <p>AI, National Security, and the Military: Case Studies and Human Rights Implications</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>

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	<p>Working Group 3</p> <p>AI and the Future of Media from a Human Rights Approach: Risks and Innovation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p> <hr/> <p>Working Group 4</p> <p>The Transformations Brought About by AI in Employment and Job Opportunities: Challenges and Prospects</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>
<p>15:30 - 16:30</p> <p>Session 8</p>	<p>Presentation of the results of the four groups by the rapporteurs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">General Discussion</p> <p>Chair of the Session: Mr. Kieren Fitzpatrick, APF Director</p> <p>Session Rapporteur: Mr. Ghaffar Al-Ali, General Rapporteur of the Conference</p>
<p>16:30 - 17:00</p>	<p>Lunch & Drafting Committee Meeting</p>
<p>17:00 - 17:30</p> <p>Closing Session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Plenary</p> <p>Chair of the Session: H.E. Mr. Sultan Bin Hassan Al-Jamali Secretary - General, The National Human Rights Committee in Qatar.</p> <p>Brief closing words from the partners (Two minutes each) Closing Statement and Recommendations</p> <p>Convenor: H.E. Mr. Sultan Bin Hassan Al-Jamali</p> <p>The National Human Rights Committee in Qatar will present the closing statement, which includes the recommendations and results, providing an action plan and roadmap for the practical application of human rights in AI governance. This will reflect the commitment of the participating parties to enhancing human rights in the digital age.</p>

Brief closing words from the organizers

The National Human Rights Committee in Qatar will present the closing statement, which includes the recommendations and results, providing an action plan and roadmap for the practical application of human rights in AI governance. This will reflect the commitment of the participating parties to enhancing human rights in the digital age.

Opening Session



H.E. Maryam Bint Abdullah Al-Attiyah
Chairperson
Qatar National Human Rights Committee
Former President, Global Alliance of National
Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI)

Her Excellency Mrs. Maryam bint Abdullah Al-Attiyah currently serves as the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) in the State of Qatar, where she leads national efforts to promote and protect human rights. From March 2022 to March 2025, she held the position of President of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), during which she played a key role in strengthening international cooperation and enhancing the role of national institutions at the global level.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Arts from Qatar University. Her career with the NHRC began at its inception, and she has held several leadership positions, including Head of the Public Relations and Media and Director of the Programs and Education Department. Throughout her career, she has been instrumental in advancing human rights awareness and fostering a culture of rights within Qatari society.

In 2009, she was appointed Secretary-General of the Committee and became a member of the NHRC in 2015. In October 2021, she was elected Chairperson of the NHRC. Since assuming this role, she has continued to lead the institution in accordance with the Paris Principles, ensuring its independence and effectiveness, and reinforcing Qatar's international standing in the field of human rights.



H.E. Mr. Mohammed bin Ali Al-Mannai **Minister of Communications and Information Technology in Qatar**

His Excellency Mohammed bin Ali bin Mohammed Al Mannai was appointed Minister of Communications and Information Technology in October 2021.

Career

His Excellency the Minister of Communications and Information Technology has held several positions within the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector.

His Excellency has previously served as President of the Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) and Chief Executive Officer of the Qatar National Broadband Network (QNBN). His Excellency additionally served in senior positions in the telecommunications company Ooredoo Qatar, formerly known as Qatar Telecom (Qtel).

His Excellency currently serves as Member of the Board of Trustees of Qatar University, Member of the Board of Directors of Al Jazeera Media Network and Member of the Board of Directors of Qatar Foundation.

Education

His Excellency the Minister of Communications and Information Technology received a bachelor's degree in Physics from the American University in Cairo.

His Excellency also holds professional certificates in management and leadership from several institutions, including the International Institute for Management Development (IMD), INSEAD Business School, and the Carnegie Bosch Institute.

Responsibilities

His Excellency the Minister of Communications and Information Technology oversees all matters pertaining to the Ministry's mandate,

including:

- Enhancing and further developing an efficient digital infrastructure to match the accelerating digital growth.
 - Leading the development and regulation of the communications and information technology sector while encouraging investments in this vital sector.
 - Driving the government’s digital transformation process in the State of Qatar in cooperation with all relevant entities.
 - Implementing the objectives of the Digital Agenda 2030 in line with Qatar National Vision 2030.
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H.E. Mr. Volker Türk

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mr. Volker Türk (**Austria**) is the current United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. He has previously held senior positions at the United Nations in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, both at its Headquarters in Geneva and in field offices around the world”



H.E. Ms. Amina Bouayach
Chairperson
Global Alliance of National Human Rights
Institutions

Amina Bouayach, Chairperson of Morocco’s NHRI, is a trailblazing HRD. She currently chairs **GANHRI**, the African Network of National Preventive Mechanisms against Torture, and NANHRI’s WG on Migration.

Leading a remarkable human rights career, she has been at the heart of transformative reforms in Morocco, including transitional justice, constitutional review, family code revisions, judicial and penal code reforms...

A recipient of human rights prestigious international awards, Bouayach champions justice, dignity, and equality globally.

Fluent in five languages, she previously served as Morocco’s Ambassador to Sweden and Latvia and as SG of the International Federation for Human Rights. She has been an influential member of several human rights committees and groups and was the first woman elected to chair a major human rights NGO in Morocco.



H.E. Mohammed Ahmed Al Yamahi
Chairperson of the Arab Parliament

Speaker of the Arab Parliament* assumed the presidency of the Arab Parliament in October 2024. He also chairs the Palestine Committee of the Arab Parliament, the only committee chaired by the Speaker of the Arab Parliament in his capacity. Prior to that, he served as Vice-Speaker of the Arab Parliament. He has also been a member of the UAE Federal National Council since 2015, holding several positions within the Council, including Chairman of the Health and Environment

Affairs Committee and Chairman of the Friendship Committee of the UAE Federal National Council with the Parliaments of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. He has represented the UAE Federal National Council and the Arab Parliament in numerous Arab, regional, and international parliamentary forums. On the social level, he is the Emir of the Al Yamahi tribe in the United Arab Emirates.



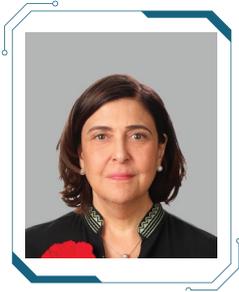
H.E. Mr. Eng. Abdulrahman bin Ali Al-Farahid Al-Maliki

Chairman of the National Cybersecurity Agency - Qatar

Eng. Abdulrahman bin Ali Al-Farahid Al-Malki was appointed as president of the National Cyber Security Agency in March 2021.

His Excellency, during his career, held a number of technical and supervisory positions, in addition to several technical committees. He played a major role in developing the working environment at the Ministry of Interior.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Qatar University and many courses in different technical fields.



H.E. Dr. Mary Kawar

**Arab States Regional Hub Director,
UNDP**

Mary Kawar was previously the Jordanian Minister of Planning and International Cooperation and prior to that, Director for five countries in East Africa for the ILO stationed in Dar Es Salaam. Earlier she held several positions at the ILO's headquarters in Geneva and the Regional Office for Arab States in Beirut.

Mary has 30 years of strategy, policy and operational and multilateral cooperation experience in emerging, developing and fragile countries in the Arab Region, Africa and Asia. This includes working in technical areas related to economic and social policy in general, and more specifically on formal and informal employment, social protection, skills development, gender equality, migrant workers and refugee access to work.

Prior to her appointment as Hub Director, Mary was a Board Member of the Central Bank of Jordan and Director of Tiraz: Widad Kawar Home for Arab Dress - a private museum which preserves and promotes Arab Textile heritage. Mary was also member of several organizations such as a Senior Policy Associate at the Economic Research Forum of the Middle East, North Africa, Iran and Turkey (Cairo), and member of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Council for the Social Sciences Advisory (Beirut). She has published several books, policy guidelines, articles and research papers, and has given numerous presentations at national, regional and global conferences.

Mary holds an MSc and PhD from the London School of Economics, in the areas of social policy and planning in developing countries, and Development Studies. Her first degree was in anthropology from Tufts University, USA.

The 1st Session

Artificial Intelligence: Concept, Capabilities and Governing Values



H.E. Dr. Stephen Rainbow

Chair of the Session

High Commissioner for Human Rights in New Zealand

Dr. Stephen Rainbow has had a long career in communications and engagement which led to his appointment as New Zealand's Chief Human Rights Commissioner in November 2024. He lectured at Victoria University of Wellington, where he gained a doctorate in political studies. He was National Manager of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, Director of Urban Strategy at Wellington City Council and managed government and external relationships for the largest infrastructure project in New Zealand. He served for three terms as a City Councillor in New Zealand's capital city and has advocated throughout his career for social and environmental change from a human rights perspective.



Ms. Yasmine Hamdar

Rapporteur

AI Specialist, UNDP - UAE

Ms. Yasmine Hamdar is an AI Policy Specialist at the United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**), where she leads the AI work for the AI for Sustainable Development (**AI4SD**) Platform. She also led the design and implementation of UNDP's AI Readiness Assessment at UNDP HQ in New York. Prior to UNDP, Yasmine was as Technical Manager at Data-Pop Alliance, where she oversaw the implementation of AI and digital transformation projects with international clients.

She holds a Master of Science in Computer Science with a focus on Artificial Intelligence from the American University of Beirut. Her thesis on AI-powered smart irrigation, was granted a 1M\$ fund by Google Impact, and was recognized as the best thesis of the academic year 2021.



H.E. Dr. Ana Brian Nougères

UN Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy

Ana Brian Nougères is doctor in law and jurisprudence by the School of Law of Universidad de la República, Professor of Law, Privacy and ICT at the School of Engineering (**since 2014**), and at the Degree in Data Science for Business (**since 2022**), of Universidad de Montevideo. She also teaches Law, Data Protection and ICT at the School of Law of Universidad de la República (**since 2000**). Practicing Attorney-at-law (**1986-2024**) and legal advisor at the Uruguayan Parliament (**1992-2019**). Consultant on data protection based in Montevideo, Uruguay. In July 2021, the UNHRC appointed Dr. Brian Nougères as the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy. She has written more than one hundred papers related to privacy and data protection and the intersection between technology and law, including in 2008 the book on “Data Protection in Uruguay”.



H.E. Professor Alena Douhan

UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights

Holder of a PhD in Law, UN Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights (2020-until now), a professor of International Law Department at the Belarusian State University (Belarus). Her teaching and research interests are in the fields of international law, sanctions and human rights law, international security law, law of international organizations, international dispute settlement, and international environmental law. She has authored over 190 publications on various aspects of international law.



Mr. Dany Wazen

Digital Transformation Specialist, UNDP - Lebanon

With over 22 years of experience in information technology with the United Nations, Dany currently serves as the lead of the Regional Digital Transformation Team in the Arab region at the UNDP Regional Hub. He is currently the manager of the **Digital and AI for Sustainable Development Initiative (D4SD)**. His role includes providing technical support to 20 Arab countries and governments in the field of digital transformation, where he plans, designs, and implements complex digital and ICT solutions at both regional and national levels. He also has a proven track record in managing and coordinating digital transformation and e-governance initiatives across governments in the world, international or-

ganizations, and the private sector.

Dany has advanced experience with countries’ digital transformation agendas, developing national digital strategies, developing future ready digital policies and regulations, identifying needs with public institutions to create sectoral digital roadmaps, and assisting countries in advancing global digital indicators.

He served as a member of the Global Digital Governance Group at UNDP, overseeing technology services, strategy, and investments, and approving them globally within the organization to align with the UNDP’s strategic plans and goals.

Dany also has extensive experience in conducting digital assessments and surveys for several countries, as well as automating and implementing digital governance services for the public sector, including government bodies and ministries. In addition, he has led several emerging technology projects using Artificial Intelligence, blockchain in the context of human development, public reform, and anti-corruption through technological means to serve sustainable development.

Dani holds master’s degree in applied mathematics, information technology and enterprise management, in addition to a diploma in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning from the University of Texas at Austin, USA. He has participated in numerous global and regional events on various digital transformation topics.

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Mr. Mohammad Ali ALNSOUR
Chair of the Session
OHCHR, MENA Section Chief - Geneva

Mohammad Ali ALNSOUR is currently the Chief of the Middle East and North Africa Section at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. He has also served as an Adviser to the High Commissioner for Human Rights (2014-15). He held the posts of Director at the Legal Department of the Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2013), Human Rights Advisor to the Jordanian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York (2009-13), and Senior Officer in the cabinet of the Jordanian Minister of Foreign Affairs (2008-9).



Ms. Nicole Chaaya
Rapporteur
Civil Society and Technical Cooperation Unit,
OHCHR Syria Office

Ms. Nicole Chaya is a Programme Management and Human Rights officer within the UN Human Rights Syria Office. She is a digital law specialist with an extensive experience in the MENA region. Previously, she practiced digital law in Lebanon and beyond.



H.E. Ms. Ashwini K.P.

UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism

Ms. Ashwini K.P. is the sixth Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. She was appointed by the Human Rights Council in October 2022 and took up her functions as Special Rapporteur on 1 November 2022.

Ms. Ashwini K.P. served as an assistant professor in India. She is also a co-founder of Zariya: Women’s Alliance for Dignity and Equality. As part of her research and activism, she has focused on policies related to marginalised communities, in particular to support their livelihood and access to education. She has focused on social exclusion, particularly descent and occupation based discrimination in South Asia.

Ms. Ashwini K.P. has represented Indian Dalit women in various civil society groups helping them in strategizing on how to ensure that women from marginalised communities are empowered and are in decision-making roles in activism and mainstream social movements.

Ms. Ashwini K.P. has previously worked as a researcher with **Project Mukti**, a research organization. She worked as a Senior Campaigner on Business and Human Rights with Amnesty International India, as a guest faculty member of the Department of Political Science at Mount Carmel College, and as Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science of St. Joseph’s College in India.

Ms. Ashwini K.P. has authored several publications on the issues of discrimination, including “International Dimension of Caste-Based Discrimination: A Global Perspective of Dalit Human Rights, Vol. 7 Issue, 6 June, 2021” and “Mapping Social Exclusion in Higher Education: Experiences of Dalit students” (2017), in Ambrose Pinto (ed.) *Politics of Caste Dynamics*.

Ms. Ashwini K.P. earned her Bachelor’s Degree in History, Economics and Political Science from Mount Carmel College, India. She holds a Master’s Degree in Political Science from St. Joseph’s College, India and MPhil and Ph.D. in South Asian Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.



H.E. Ms. Reem Alsalem
**UN Special Rapporteur on violence
against women and girls**

United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences appointed in July 2021 by the UN Human Rights Council for a three-year tenure. She started her tenure on 1 August 2021.

A consultant on gender issues, the rights of refugees and migrants, transitional justice and humanitarian response. She has consulted extensively for United Nations departments, agencies and programmes such as UN-Women, OHCHR, UNICEF and IOM, as well as for non-governmental organizations, think tanks and academia. Previously, she worked as an international civil servant, serving with the UNHCR in thirteen countries. During her service, she has planned, implemented, and monitored programs that served to protect persons that were survivors of gender-based violence, particularly women and girls.



Mr. Matthew David Hervey
**AI and IP expert, Head of Legal and
Policy at Human Native AI - UK**

Mr. Matthew David Hervey is an expert on the legal and regulatory issues for AI. He is General Editor of the textbook, *The Law of Artificial Intelligence* (**Sweet & Maxwell**) and a founder-member of the International Law Association for Artificial Intelligence. He is a specialist in AI and intellectual property. Matt is Head of Legal and Policy at Human Native, a company at the intersection of the legal and policy debates on the use of copyright works for training AI. He chairs the AI subcommittee of the American Intellectual Property Law Association and is a senior consultant for (**WIPO**) on AI and IP.



Mr. Abdelbasset Ben Hassen

Chair of the Board, Arab
Institute for Human Rights - Tunis

President of the Arab Institute for Human Rights. Member of the International committee on the Futures of Education (**UNESCO**).

Also, the chairman of the Tunisian National Committee for the support of refugees (**2011-2013**) and served as a member of the high committee for the realization of the objectives of the revolution, political reform and democratic transition (**2011-2012**). Currently, he is member of the National Committee for the reform of education in Tunisia. Held the position of Human Rights Programs Director in the MENA Region at Ford Foundation (**2005-2011**).

He has taught Human Rights at the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences in Tunisia, the Institute of Social Sciences at the University of Tunis, and the International Institute for Human Rights in Strasbourg - France. He has written on human rights, human rights education and culture. He was member of the drafting committee of the United Nations World Program on Human Rights Education. A trainer on Human Rights and Human Rights education.

He is also a writer and poet.



Ms. Azin Tadjini

Human Rights Officer, Office of the
High Commissioner for Human Rights - Geneva

Azin Tadjini is a human rights officer at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (**OHCHR**), specializing in digital technologies and human rights. Prior to this, she worked in the Middle East and North Africa

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Section of OHCHR as well as with the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression. She holds a PhD in constitutional law from the University of Oslo, a BA/MA in law from the same university as well as an LLM in Public International Law from Georgetown University.

The 3rd Session Deploying AI for Human Rights Good Risks and Opportunities



H.E. Mr. Mohamed Aujjar
Chair of the Session
Former Minister of Justice - Morocco

- Head of the Fact-Finding Mission in Libya, United Nations Office at Geneva, 2020-2023.
- Minister of Justice, 2017-2019.
- Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations Office at Geneva and international organizations in Switzerland, 2014-2017.
- Coordinator of the African Group to the World Trade Organization, 2017.
- Coordinator of the Group of Ambassadors of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation for Social Issues, 2017.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the High-Level Panel on Water and Security, 2017.
- Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur of the International Organization for Migration, 2015.
- Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Enforced Disappearances, 2016.
- President of the United Nations Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, 2015.
- Member of the Supreme Council of the High Authority for Audiovisual Communication (HACA), 2011-2014.
- Member of the House of Representatives for Rabat, 2002-2007.
- Minister of Human Rights, 1998-2002.
- Member of the Advisory Council for Human Rights, 1998-2004.

- Founding member of the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights.
 - Member of the Political Bureau of the National Rally of Independents.
 - Member of the Board of Directors of the Council for Arab and International Relations, a think tank based in Kuwait.
 - Head of numerous international election observation missions (Mali, Egypt, Guinea, Togo, Mauritania, Comoros, and others).
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Ms. Dhevya Sonatha Sivaprakasam
Rapporteur
Civic Space Unit, OHCHR, Geneva

Ms. Dhevya Sivaprakasam is a Consultant on Digital Tech Regulation with the UN Human Rights Office. Previously, she was Senior Policy Counsel at **Access Now**, an international organization focused on human rights protection and advocacy in the digital age. Prior to that, she led thematic work on technology and human rights at the International Commission of Jurists, a legal advocacy organization. Dhevya has also worked in litigation in Singapore.



H.E. Ms. Mary Lawlor

UN Special Rapporteur on human rights defenders

Became a Board member of Ireland’s Amnesty International in 1975, Chair from 1983 -1987 and Director in 1988.

She founded Front Line Defenders in 2001 to focus on the protection of human rights defenders at risk. As Executive Director from 2001-2016, Mary helped develop FLD into a prominent international organisation.

On 1 May 2020, accepted the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders.

Mary is concurrently an Adjunct Professor of Business and Human Rights in the Centre for Social Innovation (**CSI**), School of Business, Trinity College Dublin. She has been awarded Honorary Doctorates in Law from University College Dublin and Trinity College Dublin. She is a member of the Advisory Boards of the School of Business of Trinity and the Centre for Ethics in Public Life, School of Philosophy, University College Dublin.



Mr. Carsten Daniel Schmidt

Secretary of the Working Group on Cyber justice and AI, Council of Europe, CEPEJ

Daniel is Secretary to the intergovernmental Working group on Cyberjustice and Artificial Intelligence of the Council of Europe’s European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (**CEPEJ**). The group provides guidance for states and courts for a successful digital transformation of the judiciary in line with European standards, in particular “The Right to a Fair Trial” as enshrined in the European

Convention on Human Rights.

Daniel further facilitates the work of the CEPEJ’s Artificial Intelligence Advisory Board (**AIAB**) and the European Cyberjustice Network (**ECN**), bringing together more than 100 professionals involved in the digital transformation of the judiciary.



Mr. Luzal Ananda Vaidya

**Head of Digital Solutions Unit |
Innovation & Analytics Hub, OHCHR - Geneva**

Leads the Digital Solutions Unit within OHCHR’s Innovation & Analytics Hub, advancing the responsible and ethical use of artificial intelligence to strengthen human rights digital transformation, monitoring, analysis, and advocacy. With over 15 years of experience across crisis analytics, digital transformation, and field operations, he previously led digital transformation initiatives at the UN Operations and Crisis Centre in New York, supporting senior UN leadership and high-level decision-making forums with cross-pillar analytics for global crisis response and risk prevention. Earlier, at the World Food Programme Headquarters in Rome, he strengthened global emergency preparedness and field response efforts by developing advanced geospatial systems deployed across many of the world’s most challenging humanitarian operations. An engineer and scientist by training, Mr. Vaidya is committed to harnessing science, technology, critical thinking, and collaboration to uphold human dignity and help the United Nations meet complex global challenges with greater agility and foresight.

The 4th Session

The need for AI Governance: Best Practices for Using Artificial Intelligence in Accordance with Ethical Standards



Mr. Pašalić Zoran

Chair of the Session

Protector of Citizens of the Republic of Serbia

MSc Zoran Pašalić, Protector of Citizens (**Ombudsman**) of the Republic of Serbia Born in Belgrade, he graduated from the Faculty of Law, Belgrade University. He obtained MSc. Degree from the Faculty of Organizational Sciences. In 2003, Pašalić was appointed as Belgrade Misdemeanor City Court Judge, later becoming Chief Judge of Belgrade Misdemeanor City Court. He became Acting President of the High Misdemeanor Court in 2010. He was elected as President of the Misdemeanor Appellate Court in 2014. Elected Protector of Citizens in 2017, he was re - elected in April 2023 for a new 8 -year term.



Ms. Roqaya Dhaif

Rapporteur

Policy Specialist, UNDP - Geneva

Ms. Roqaya Dhaif is a Human Rights Policy Specialist at UNDP’s Governance, Rule of Law, and Peacebuilding Hub. In her role, she leads global initiatives at the intersection of human rights and digitalization, including efforts to integrate human rights-based approaches into UNDP’s digital development strategies and tools, such as digital readiness assessments for countries and institutions. She also leads UNDP’s engagement with international human rights mechanisms and provides strategic support to country offices in designing and implementing human rights programming.



Ms. Laura-Maria Crăciunean-Tatu

UN Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights

Ms. Laura-Maria Crăciunean-Tatu is an associate professor at the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Faculty of Law where she holds courses on Public International Law, International Humanitarian Law and Diplomatic Law. Her research interests are related with cultural rights and cultural diversity as well as the protection of the rights of persons belonging to national minorities.

She is a member of the European Society of International Law (**since 2008**) and member of the editorial board of the Romanian Journal of International Law.

She has previously served as independent expert in the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee (**2014-2017**), as member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (**since 2017**) and as independent expert elected in respect of Romania in the Council of Europe Advisory Committee of the FCNM (**2016-2020; 2022-present**).

Currently, she serves as Chair of the UN Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights and as an independent expert elected in respect of Romania in the AC-FCNM at the Council of Europe.



Mr. Vadim Pak

Chair of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence, Council of Europe

Served for many years as a Senior Case Lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights (2002-2021) and lectured on comparative human rights law (2006-2022). He currently works in a small team providing Secretariat services to the Council of Europe’s Committee on Artificial Intelligence, an intergovernmental committee leading work on major initiatives such as the Framework Convention on AI and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law and the recently adopted **HUDERIA** (Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law Risk and Impact Assessment) Guidance.”



Mr. Hassan Jassim Al Sayed

Minister’s advisor and The Chairman of The Artificial Intelligence Committee, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology - Qatar

Mr. Hassan Jassim Al Sayed serves as Advisor to the Minister of Communications and Information Technology and Chairman of the Artificial Intelligence Committee. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science from the University of Essex in the United Kingdom and a Diploma in Computer Science from Qatar University. With over 30 years of experience in information and communications technology, Mr. Al Sayed has been instrumental in overseeing and implementing digital transformation initiatives within various government institutions, contributing significantly to the country’s strategic objectives.



Abdulrahman Mohammed Al-Shafi

**Director of Cybersecurity Policy and Strategies
Department, National Cybersecurity Agency in
Qatar**

Graduated with a bachelor of Cybersecurity from Coventry University (Uk) and has a Masters in Public Policy from HBKU. Worked in different domains within the industry and works currently in GRC domain. Have participated in numerous conferences, events and workshops. Interested in the regulation of emerging technologies.



Dr. Jon Mark Truby

**Professor of AI Law and Sustainability at the
National University of Singapore**

Jon Truby, PhD, is a Visiting Research Associate Professor in Artificial Intelligence and Technology Law at the Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore. He is a highly cited thought leader in AI Law and international law, named by Stanford University as one of the World's Top 2% Researchers. He has served a number of AI policy and advisory committees including the UNESCO Group of Friends on the Ethics of AI, and led various research projects and publications on technology law and rights. He was recently an Academic Visitor at the Oxford University Institute for Ethics in AI.

The 5th Session

Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence: An Approach from the Perspective of National Human Rights Institutions



H.E. Dr. Joseph Wittal

Chair of the Session

President of the African Network of National Human Rights Institutions

PHD, IPAG Business School, France
MA, University of Cape Coast, Ghana
BL, School of Law, University of Ghana

WORK:

- Commissioner, Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (**CHRAJ**)
- Chairman, Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (**NANHRI**)
- Member of the Working Group of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (**GANHRI**) on the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, representing Africa.
- Chairman of the Working Group of the Network of African National Human Rights Institutions (**NANHRI**) on the 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development and Africa Agenda 2063,
- President of the Network of National Human Rights Institutions in West Africa (**NNHRI-WA**),
- Board Member of the Data Protection Commission of Ghana (**DPC**)
- Former Deputy Commissioner of CHRAJ,
- Former Director Legal Services CHRAJ,
- Former State Attorney at Office of the Attorney-General and Ministry of Justice.



Ms. Thuy Doan Smith

Rapporteur

**Executive Director of
Operations - Asia Pacific Forum of NHRI's**

Thuy Doan-Smith is the Chief Operating Officer of the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF), bringing 21 years of experience to this new leadership role. As COO, she provides strategic oversight and leads core functions including human resources, finance, fundraising, governance, communications, and operations. Her focus is on strengthening systems and expanding funding opportunities to enhance APF's impact. Thuy is passionate about supporting human rights defenders and values collaboration and partnerships as key to success. She finds great fulfillment in working with dedicated colleagues and connecting with others to promote and protect human rights across the region.



Mr. Nasser Marzouq Al Merri
Legal department, NHRC in Qatar

Holds a Master's degree in Law in Civil Law from the Faculty of Law, Cairo University, and is currently a PhD researcher in Civil Law.

He held several leadership positions at the National Human Rights Committee as head of the Investigations and Legal Consultations Department, as Assistant to the Director of the Legal Affairs Department in 2019, and then as Director of the Legal Affairs Department. He also has more than 10 years of legal experience and work in the legal field.

He was chosen as a member of many internal and external committees within the State of Qatar related to the protection and promotion of human rights.

He has authored several books and publications related to the legal and human rights field, and has participated in several Qatari television interviews to raise awareness in the field of human rights and the Gulf crisis.



Mr. Mehmet AKARCA
Chief Ombudsman in Turkey

Mr. AKARCA, was born on 21 January 1963 in Türkiye. After graduating from Dokuz Eylül University-Faculty of Law in 1986, he worked as a judge. During his career he served as President of Heavy Penal Courts in several cities. He was elected as a Member of the Court of Cassation in 2010 and was elected President of the 14th Criminal Chamber of the Court of Cassation by the General

Assembly of the Court of Cassation in 2013.

He was elected as Chief Public Prosecutor of the Court of Cassation by the President of the Republic of Türkiye in 2015 and as the First President of the Court of Cassation by the General Assembly in 2020.

Mr. AKARCA has been elected at the General Assembly of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye as the Chief Ombudsman of the Republic of Türkiye on 12 November 2024.

Chief Ombudsman Mr. Mehmet AKARCA is married and has two children.



H.E. Dr. Tamar Gvaramadz

Chairperson of the National Committee & the
First Public Defender in Georgia.

Dr. Tamar Gvaramadze has served as First Deputy Public Defender of Georgia since 2018, leading the institution’s work across 20+ thematic areas and representing it internationally. With over 17 years of experience, she has held senior roles in government and civil society, including at GYLA and the Ministries of Education and Internal Affairs. She served as Acting Public Defender (**Dec. 2022 - Mar. 2023**) and was recently elected to the ENNHRI Governing Board and **GANHRI** Bureau (**2025 - 2028**). A Doctor of Law and Associate Professor at Tbilisi State University, Tamar has significantly advanced human rights protection and institutional development in Georgia.



Mr. Petter Wille

Special Advisor in NHRI in Norway

Special Advisor to the Norwegian National Institution for Human Rights. He holds a law degree from the University of Oslo. He has served as a deputy judge at the Court and has worked at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he was Head of Section in the Legal Department and Deputy Director-General in the United Nations Department. He has also served as Ambassador for Human Rights, Ambassador to the Council of Europe, and Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations in Geneva. He has experience as a teacher and examiner in human rights and international law at the University of Oslo, and is the author/co-author of articles and books on human rights.



Dr. Ahmed Al Mansouri

Member of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Committee for Promoting a Culture of Human Rights at the National Human Rights Authority in the UAE

Dr. Ahmed Al Mansouri is an academic specialist working in the field of international law, international organizations, and human rights at the local and international levels for over 20 years. He holds a PhD in International Law from Aberystwyth University, Wales, a Master's degree in International Law from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and a degree in Government Policy Expertise from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Dr. Al Mansouri is a visiting professor at several universities and colleges in the UAE. He is also a certified lecturer and specialist in conducting training courses

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and workshops in the field of international law and human rights. He has been assigned to conduct academic courses and lectures at several universities in the UAE, including the University of Sharjah and the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy.

The 6th Session

Working Group 1

AI and Democracy: Safeguarding Inclusion, Participation, and Trust



Ms. Najia Hashemee

Chair of the Session

Advisor and Project Manager- Democratic Institutions and Processes in the Digital Era, UNDP - Jordan

Najia Hashemee is a seasoned development practitioner with over 20 years of experience in governance, with a focus on elections, civil society engagement, and the strengthening of political parties and parliaments. She has led the design, implementation, and monitoring of programmes and provided advisory services in diverse settings, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iraq, Libya, Palestine, Tunisia, Lebanon, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Somalia, and Sudan.

She currently supports the Arab States region and serves as UNDP’s global focal point on women’s political participation, leading initiatives that promote electoral integrity and inclusion including the UN-UNDP. Women’s Leadership Academy for Leading in the Digital Era, a flagship initiative that equips women in politics with digital, AI, and cybersecurity competencies.

Prior to joining UNDP, she led electoral and political party development programmes at the National Democratic Institute (NDI). Najia holds a master’s degree in political science from the University of California.



Ms. Mais Al-Atiat

Rapporteur

Programme Analyst, UNDP - Jordan

Ms. Mais Alatiyat is a dedicated professional with 16 years of experience within the United Nations (UN) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). She has played a pivotal role in advancing governance, democratic institutions, and electoral processes throughout the Arab region. Her extensive experience in capacity building, political participation, institution building, empowering women and youth, partnership and donor coordination, as well as governance and electoral training has fostered strong, trust-based partnerships with regional and national counterparts, including election management bodies, human rights institutions, and civil society organizations (CSOs).

In her role as a Political Affairs Officer with the Electoral Assistance Division (EAD) at the UN's Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (UN/DPPA), Mais demonstrated her commitment to advancing democratic values and maintaining a network of qualified professionals dedicated to supporting democratic institutions globally.

Currently, as a Programme Analyst in the UNDP Regional Hub in Amman, Mais continues to work towards strengthening democratic practices and promoting inclusive governance across the Arab region and beyond. She holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Jordan. Her career reflects a consistent dedication to fostering inclusive governance and empowering communities across the region and globally.



Mr. Ingo Boltz

Digital Expert, Carter Center - Argentina

Mr. Ingo Boltz has worked on the issues of electronic voting and biometric voter registration systems since 2006. He has been a core team member of international electoral observation missions and technical assistance projects of the Carter Center, the OAS, UNDP, ODIHR and DI. He is a member of the Election Verification Network (EVN), and 2024 Election Integrity Project (EIP) Practitioner Fellow.

Ingo is currently working with The Carter Center's Digital Threats Initiative, focusing on the impact of generative artificial intelligence on elections (**especially synthetic media / deepfakes**), and is working with mitigation tools such as cryptographically credentialled media.



Mr. Aaron Scholl

Managing Director and General Counsel at the
Center for International Governance Innovation - Canada

Mr. Aaron Scholl is Managing Director and General Counsel at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), a leading think tank based in Canada. He is a recognized expert at the intersection of technology, law, and global governance, with a focus on cybersecurity, AI policy, and human rights. Aaron advises governments and international organizations on digital governance strategies and frequently appears in national and international media. He holds a Master of Laws from Columbia Law School and is a licensed barrister and solicitor in Ontario. Aaron's work emphasizes practical, rights-based approaches to emerging technologies and their impact on democratic societies.



Ms. Ren Bin Lee Dixon

Research Fellow, Center for AI and Digital
Policy - USA

Ms. Ren Bin Lee Dixon is an AI policy researcher focused on the global implications of AI. As a Research Fellow at the Center for AI and Digital Policy (**CAIDP**), she provides guidance that informs governments and multilateral organizations on responsible AI governance. She has also collaborated with the Center for Security and Emerging Technology (**CSET**) on AI incident and harm analysis. Ren Bin speaks regularly on AI and national security through Global Minnesota’s **Great Decisions** program and holds a Master’s in Public Policy, specializing in AI governance, from the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School of Public Affairs.



H.E. Ms. Samar Al Haj Hassan

Chairperson of the National Center for Human
Rights in Jordan

Ms. Samar Khaled Haj Hasan is the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees at the National Centre for Human Rights. She also serves as the President of the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions, the President of the Asia Pacific Forum, and a member of the Bureau of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions. In addition, she is a member of the Economic and Social Council.

- She has over thirty years of experience in the fields of human, social, and political development, human rights, and political practice.
- Coinciding with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan’s entry into its second

centennial, Haj Hasan contributed her extensive knowledge and practical experience as a member of the Royal Committee to Modernize the Political System, where she was elected Chair of the Women’s Empowerment Committee.

- In 2011, she was appointed as a member of the Senate. From 2014 to 2020, she served as a commissioner at the Independent Election Commission. Since 2020, she has been a member of the Advisory Committee of the European Centre for Electoral Support.



Mr. Abdelghani Berdi

Head of the Technology, Digital Space and Human Rights Department, National Council for Human Rights in Morocco

Abdelghani Berdi is Acting Director of Communications and Head of the Division of Technology, Digital Space, and Human Rights, at Morocco’s National Human Rights Institution (CNDH). He is also a member of the statutory National Press Council.

Passionate about innovation and human rights, Berdi supports the NHRI’s efforts in the observation of elections, monitoring of human rights in the digital space, and the protection of rights and freedoms, particularly in the context of artificial intelligence.

He has authored several works on AI, freedom of expression, and press freedom. He contributes to the promotion of a safe and accessible digital environments that respect human rights fundamental freedoms.

Working Group 2

AI, National Security, and the Military: Case Studies and Human Rights Implications



Mr. Sofiene Bacha

Chair of the Session

**Policy Specialist in
Community Security, UNDP - Kenya**

Mr. Sofiene Bacha is a distinguished Policy Specialist in Community Security at UNDP’s Crisis Bureau, where he provides expert research and program and policy support on security sector reform, policing, and community security. With extensive experience in peacebuilding and people-centered security approaches, he plays a pivotal role in strengthening justice and security systems, enhancing community access to services and ensuring accountability and transparency of justice and security institutions, particularly in fragile contexts.

Mr. Bacha is a certified trainer in Policing Excellence Models and Human Rights in the Security Sector, with significant expertise in the digitalization of justice and security systems. He holds a Master of Laws from the University of Liège, a Master’s in Computer Sciences from Paris Descartes, and is an alumnus of Belgium’s Federal Police Academy.



Mr. Akram Khalifa

Rapporteur

MENA Section, OHCHR, Geneva

Mr. Akram Khalifa, PhD, is a Human Rights Officer and Team Leader at the UN Human Rights Office, with extensive experience in international development, post-conflict reconstruction, peacebuilding, and human rights across the MENA

region and Sub-Saharan Africa. Currently, he serves as the Coordinator for Gulf Cooperation Council Countries and Yemen and leads the MENA Capacity Building Programme within the UN Human Rights Office.



H.E. Major General Dr. Eng. Abdulaziz-bin Falah Al Dosari

Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defense Affairs for Communications and Space Affairs, Ministry of Defense in Qatar

A prominent figure with deep military experience and an advanced strategic vision in artificial intelligence and space, he began his career in the Qatari Armed Forces, where technology was a fundamental pillar for achieving operational superiority and protecting national security.

He currently serves as Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defense Affairs for Communications and Space Affairs. Prior to this, he held several positions within the Qatari Armed Forces, including Assistant Minister for Technical Affairs and Commander of the Qatari Emiri Signal Corps. These roles enabled him to lead and develop multiple strategic projects, including establishing the Cybersecurity Unit, the Cybersecurity Academy, the Remote Sensing Unit, and developing the Armed Forces communications network.

Major General Abdulaziz holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications Engineering from Seattle University (USA) and a Master's degree in Information and Communications Technology from Coventry University (UK).

He also holds a PhD in Engineering Management from Qatar University, where his research focused on artificial intelligence and digital transformation. He also holds a Diploma in Artificial Intelligence from Oxford University.

Major General Abdulaziz led the technical team responsible for Qatar's first communications satellite (Es'hail 1), making him a pioneer in space technology in Qatar. He also played a prominent role in preparing the Armed Forces' strategy for artificial intelligence and developing the Ministry of Defense's vision for space and cyberspace.

As a participant and speaker at the “Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights: Opportunities and Risks” conference, he will highlight how to achieve a balance between technical innovation, artificial intelligence, and the protection of human rights in the military field.

Major General Dr. Al-Dosari has published numerous scientific papers and obtained a patent for inventing methods and systems for locating silent objects using image sensors. Throughout his career, he has been honored with several medals and awards in recognition of his achievements, including the Military Duty Medal (First Class) and the Military Merit and Scientific Excellence Medal, both awarded by His Highness the Amir.

Major General Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Dosari is a model leader who combines military experience with technical knowledge.



Ms. Ines Ferriera

Associate Programme Officer, Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, UNICRI - Netherlands

Ms. Ines Ferriera is an Associate Programme Officer at the UNICRI Centre for AI and Robotics, focusing on the intersection of human rights, criminal justice, and artificial intelligence. Since 2021, she has supported UNICRI’s projects through research, coordination, and implementation, ensuring legal, human rights, and ethical standards are upheld in AI and justice initiatives. A qualified lawyer, she previously practiced litigation and advised on policy for the Portuguese government. Inês holds an LL.M. in Public International Law from Leiden University and has conducted research on human rights, international criminal law, and technology in academic and NGO settings.



Dr. Jaspal Kaur Sadhu Singh
Senior Lecturer in Law, Canterbury Christ
Church University - UK

PhD (Aberystwyth)
Senior Lecturer in Law,
School of Law, Policing and Social Sciences

Jaspal is a subject matter expert specialising in AI governance (**legal and ethical**). Her current research focuses on AI-generated content and electoral integrity, as well as the evolution of new human rights in the age of AI, with a focus on Southeast Asia.

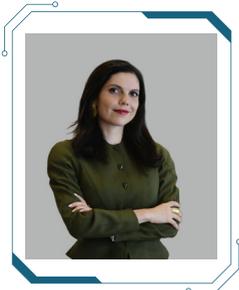
Jaspal contributed to Malaysian National Guidelines on AI Governance & Ethics for Responsible AI (**AIGE**) as a member of the Working Committee on AI Governance and Ethics of the Malaysian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation. As a member of the Working Group on AI Policy and Regulation of the Malaysian National AI Office (**NAIO, Digital Ministry**), she produces Policy Briefs and Working Papers and is frequently consulted to guide the development of AI policies and legal governance in Malaysia.



Mr. Roland Abi Najem
CEO at RevoTips - Kuwait

Digital Transformation Co Roland Abi Najem is a seasoned Cybersecurity, AI, and consultant and the Founder & CEO of Revotips, serving clients across the GCC and Arab countries. He has served as an IT & Cybersecurity Consultant to the Kuwaiti Ministry of Information (**2014-2016**) and is an international consultant with

UNDP. Roland advises governments on national cybersecurity, AI, and digital transformation strategies. He has lectured MBA students at **AUST** and **LAU CE** and is a certified trainer by **ISTD**. He holds an MBA in Management Information Systems and is a keynote speaker, panelist, and chair of regional tech conferences.



Ms. Jimena Sofía Viveros Álvarez

Founder, Managing Director and CEO of IQuilibriumAI - Mexico

Jimena Sofía Viveros Álvarez distinguished International Lawyer and Scholar, Trusted Expert and Senior Advisor on AI and Peace and Security and a Global South Advocate.

She is the Founder, Managing Director and CEO of IQuilibriumAI, a Consultancy Firm specialized on AI and Peace, Security, Humanitarian, Environmental and Rule of Law issues, the President of the HumAlne Foundation and the Founder of the Global South Synergies and Resilience Platform, serving in different capacities across these fields to bolster scalable and expansive meaningful impact, with a special focus on the Global South and vulnerable communities, was appointed Member of the United Nations Secretary General’s High-Level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence (AI), tasked with advancing recommendations for the Global Governance of AI and Institutional Responses, serving as Co-Lead for Peace and Security.

Additionally, she is a Commissioner within the Global Commission on Responsible AI in the Military Domain (**GC-REAIM**), serving as Lead for the Broader Peace and Security Risks and Responses, an AI Expert for the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (**OECD**), participating in the working groups on AI risks and accountability, as well as in the group on AI incidents. Ms. Viveros an Expert for the AI Safety and Governance Program of the Internet Conference Specialized Committee on AI, and serves as a Member of the International Com-

mission for Robots Arms Control (**ICRAC**), Member of the ITU Women and Standards Network, Member of the UNESCO Women 4 Ethics Platform and AI Experts Without Borders, on the Advisory Board of the Cyber Peace Institute on the AI and counter-cyberthreats track.



Ms. Heidi Kandil

Legal Adviser for the Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit in the Legal Department of the International Committee of the Red Cross - Switzerland

Ms. Heidi Kandil is a Legal Adviser with the International Committee of the Red Cross (**ICRC**), working on the legal and humanitarian implications of autonomous weapons, artificial intelligence, and other new technologies of warfare, as well as on legal reviews of new weapons. She holds an LL.M. in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. Prior to joining the ICRC, she worked in refugee and immigration law in the MENA region.



Bader Mohammed Al Sada

Director of the Cyber Threat Management Department at the National Cybersecurity Agency in Qatar

He holds a PhD in Computer Science and Engineering from Hamad Bin Khalifa University and currently serves as Assistant Director of Cyber Threat Management. He holds a Master's degree in Cybersecurity and a Bachelor's degree in Computer Networks. He has ten years of experience in the field of cybersecurity and is interested in several advanced fields such as artificial intelligence, blockchain technology, and quantum computing from a cybersecurity perspective.

Working Group 3
**AI and the Future of Media from a Human Rights Ap-
proach: Risks and Innovation**



Ms. Rawaa Augé
Chair of the Session
**Presenter and news anchor at Al Jazeera Media
Network in Qatar**

Presenter and media trainer at Al Jazeera media Network. Host and executive producer of series of documentaries on AJ360 about children affected by wars. Host of **Baad ams** podcast with Atheer platforms, and host of **Centre Stage** at Al Jazeera English. More than 10 years experience in TV. Previously a news anchor at France24 and Al Jazeera Arabic channel. Hosted and produced a show about women for Al Jazeera arabic channel. Expertise cover field work in Central African Republic, Somalia, Gaza, Lebanon, Bosnia and Turkey. Media trainer in ethics of personal stories, public speaking, and television presenting.



Mr. AbdulRahman Bin Sultan Al-Hashemi

Rapporteur

**Head of legislation, research & legal study at
National Human Rights Committee in Qatar**

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from Qatar University. He has worked as a legal researcher in the Investigations and Legal Consultations Department, as well as a legal researcher in the Monitoring and Documentation Department of the Legal Affairs Department. He currently serves as Head of the Legislation, Research, and Legal Studies Department at the National Human Rights Committee, in addition to his numerous duties, as outlined below:

- Member of the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking, representing the National Human Rights Committee.
- Member of the Legal Affairs Committee of the National Human Rights Committee.
- Member of the Visits and Monitoring Committee of the National Human Rights Committee.
- Acting Head of the Investigations and Legal Consultations Department.
- Member of the Foreign Delegations Visits Organization Team.
- Candidate for a position at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in - Geneva.

Achievements

- Participation in and monitoring of the first Shura Council elections in 2021.
- Participation in and monitoring of the Municipal Council elections in 2023.
- Participation, coordination, training and awareness in many international projects, conferences and seminars on human rights.

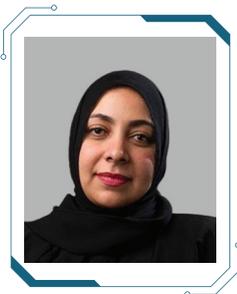


Dr. Yasser Almehio

AI Technology Expert, AI Jazeera Media Network in Qatar

A distinguished AI Subject Matter Expert at AL Jazeera, with 25 years of experience in the field. He holds a PhD in AI and Computer Vision and a Master's in Identification of Arabic Dialects for Speech Recognition.

An accomplished inventor, Dr. ALMEHIO has dozens of patents in Artificial Intelligence. He also shares his extensive knowledge as an academic researcher and AI professor in France, shaping the next generation of AI professionals. His career reflects a deep commitment to advancing AI technology in several industrial sectors, Media, Automotive, Smart Drones and road security.



Ms. Khadija Patel

Director: Journalist in Residence · International Fund for Public Interest Media - South Africa

Ms. Khadija Patel is a Director and Journalist in Residence at the International Fund for Public Interest Media. She's worked in several roles as a journalist around the world and also served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Mail & Guardian in South Africa, and Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the International Press Institute. She is committed to the protection and enhancement of journalism as a public good.



Mr. Carlos Hernández-Echevarría

Assistant Director, Head of Public Policy & Institutional Development at Maldita.es - Spain

Mr. Carlos Hernández-Echevarría is the Assistant Director of Fundación Maldita.es. He joined the nonprofit in 2020 to lead its public policy and advocacy operation. He works with public and private institutions to formulate, evaluate, and advocate for more effective policy solutions against disinformation. He is a former chair of the association of European fact-checking organizations **EFCSN** and the head of its policy task force. He is a member of the Permanent Task Force of the EU Code of Practice on Disinformation and a professor of International Journalism at Universidad Carlos III.



Dr. Georgios Mikros

Professor, College of Humanities and Social Science, Hamad Bin Khalifa University in Qatar

Dr. George Mikros is a Professor and MA Program Coordinator for Digital Humanities and Societies at Hamad Bin Khalifa University and a Lecturer at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Previously, he was a Professor at the University of Athens, where he founded the Computational Stylistics Lab. He is an active member of the International Association of Quantitative Linguistics and was elected President (**2018-2021**). Professor Mikros has published extensively, with a significant portion of his work dedicated to exploring and advancing the applications of AI within the intersections of political systems, parliamentary procedures, media, and legal frameworks.



Mr. Anas Hassan

**Athir Platform Manager - Digital Sector,
AI Jazeera Media Network**

Anas Hassan, a journalist at AI Jazeera Media Network, currently serves as Assistant Director of the Digital Sector at AI Jazeera Network and Director of the Ather podcast platform. He has established prominent independent media platforms and contributed to developing digital strategies that enhance the presence of Arab media in the global digital space. He is interested in analyzing political and social dynamics and their relationship to the media from a critical perspective, seeking to develop media models that integrate the analysis of digital media behavior, its relationship with social engineering, and the formulation of narratives in the Arab and global context.



Mr. Eddy Borges-Rey

**Associate Professor at Northwestern
University in Qatar**

Mr. Eddy Borges-Rey is an Associate Professor at Northwestern University in Qatar. His area of academic expertise is digital journalism and emerging media, and his research looks at the interplay between media, technology and power, particularly around issues in data journalism, critical data, code and algorithm studies, artificial intelligence and automation, mobile journalism, photojournalism, and data and media literacy. He is co-editor of the book series Palgrave Studies in Journalism and the Global South, and lead of the subproject Digital Citizenship Ambassadors funded by the Qatar National Research Fund. Prior to obtaining an MA and PhD in Media and Communication, Borges-Rey worked as a broadcast journalist, media producer and PR practitioner for almost 15 years.

Working Group 4

The Transformations Brought About by AI in Employment and Job Opportunities: Challenges and Prospects



H.E. Dr. Eng. Mohammed bin Saif Al Kuwari

Chair of the Session

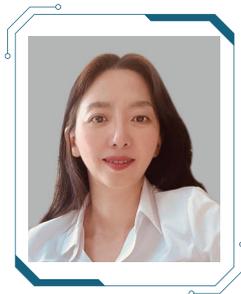
Vice Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee in Qatar

In 2024, His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, awarded Dr. Mohammed the State Encouragement Award in the field of Civil Engineering. Bircham International University in Spain also awarded Dr. Mohammed an honorary doctorate in recognition of his efforts to promote scientific research in the environmental field.

In 2018, Dr. Mohammed was selected as a member of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF) Council of Elders. Dr. Al Kuwari was also selected as one of 30 Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

In 2014, the Regional Network for Social Responsibility awarded Dr. Mohammed the title of International Ambassador for Social Responsibility, the UN Commissioner for the Promotion of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2016 and 2018, and a member of the Arab Researchers Network in the Field of Social Responsibility. In 2018, Dr. Mohammed was selected as a member of the Global Carbon Council (GCC), a member of the Advisory Committee of the Civil Society Organizations Alliance to Support the Green Middle East Initiative, a member of the Global Environmental Researchers Team, and a researcher in Earth and Climate Sciences.

Dr. Mohammed has authored 24 books and prepared 39 scientific papers in scientific, engineering, environmental, and other fields. He has received numerous awards, medals, and certificates of appreciation from national, Gulf, Arab, and international bodies and institutions for his contributions and participation in scientific, technical, environmental, and other fields.



Ms. Ilyoung Hong

Rapporteur

**Coordinator, Information Systems and
Digital Support Section, Human Rights
Inquires Branch, OHCHR**

Ms. Ilyoung Hong currently leads the Information Systems and Digital Support Section (**ISDSS**) at the Human Rights Inquiries Branch (**HRIB**) of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (**OHCHR**). With over 25 years of experience, Ms. Hong has devoted her career to advancing criminal and human rights investigations by strategically integrating technology and science. Before assuming her current role at OHCHR, Ms. Hong worked at the International Criminal Court (**ICC**) and the National Digital Forensic Center (**NDFC**) within the Korean Prosecution Service, where she worked as a Digital Forensic Investigator. She had been leading numerous initiatives that deploy innovative technological solutions, enhancing precision and efficiency in investigative processes. She has served as a trainer in various courses, including the INTERPOL Train the Trainer Digital Forensics Course, ICC Online Digital Investigation Course, and NDFC Digital Forensic Expert Training Course, reflecting her commitment to developing expertise and empowering professionals in digital forensics and investigations. Ms. Hong’s academic background includes undergraduate studies in sociology and law, followed by advanced studies in information engineering and digital forensics in both master’s and PhD.



Mr. Max Tunon
Head of the ILO Office (Doha)

The head of the ILO Project Office in Doha. From 2016 to 2018, Mr Tuñón was the Labour Migration Specialist for South Asia, based in the ILO Sub-regional Office in New Delhi. From 2009 to 2016, he was based in the ILO Regional Office in Bangkok, managing a project on strengthening recruitment and labour protection policies and practices in Southeast Asia. He has also worked for four years in Beijing, China. Mr Tuñón is a national of the United Kingdom and Panama. He studied in the UK; first in Glasgow, and then at Sussex.



Mr. Salem Muslim Al-Barami
Digital Transformation and Strategic Planning
Consultant, Ministry of Labor in Qatar.

Mr. Salim Albarami is a strategic visionary and digital transformation expert currently pursuing his Doctorate in Business Administration at Hult International Business School, focusing on Leveraging AI for Workforce Development Enhancing Employability in Qatar’s Private Sector. As Strategic Planning and Digital Transformation Advisor to Qatar’s Ministry of Labour, Salim has driven multiple award-winning initiatives, including an AI-based Nationalization algorithm and platforms recognized for their transformative social impact. Recently, his efforts led to the Ministry winning the Best Transformative AI Solution for Social Impact at the Middle East Enterprise AI and Analytics Summit.

Among Salim’s significant contributions is the establishment of Qatar’s Labour Market Information System (**LMIS**). In addition to his governmental impact, Salim’s entrepreneurial pursuits include founding Gulflytics, a data consultancy in Oman, and leading strategy at DeepTechSolutions in Switzerland. His expertise in AI, data science, and strategic development positions him as an influential figure in technology-driven public sector innovation in the Middle East.



Dr. Lanouar Charfeddine

**Professor of Economics at Qatar University's
College of Business and Economics.**

Dr. Lanouar Charfeddine is a Full Professor of Economics at Qatar University's College of Business and Economics. Holding a Ph.D. in Applied Econometrics from Paris II - Panthéon-Assas, he has published extensively on topics including energy economics, fintech, and financial modeling. With over 8,000 citations on Google Scholar and multiple high-impact publications, he has led major research projects exceeding \$5 million in funding and currently spearheads studies on GCC trade integration, cluster diversification, and AI-driven sustainability. Dr. Charfeddine has won several research excellence awards and serves as editor and reviewer for numerous international peer-reviewed journals.



Mr. Jassim Al Hamrani

Director of Strategic Planning and Corporate Communications, Executive Office of the Council of Ministers of Labor and Social Affairs of the Gulf Cooperation Council in Bahrain

Serves as Director of Strategic Planning and Communications at the Executive Office of the Council of Ministers of Labor and Social Development of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. He has over 17 years of experience in social policy, labor market, and strategy, in addition to his work in the private sector, investing, and global markets. Mr. Jassim holds a Master’s degree in Public Administration, specializing in Public and Social Policy, from the University of York in the United Kingdom.



Mr. Zahid Oruj

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Social Research Center, Chairman of the Human Rights Committee of the Azerbaijan Republic Council

Mr. Zahid Oruj is a well-known Azerbaijani public, political and state figure, research scientist. He graduated with highest honors (summa cum laude) from Azerbaijan Technical University (ATU). After graduation, he worked as a research associate at the Institute of Physics of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences (ANAS). From 2019 he is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Social Research Center. He is the author of numerous scientific articles and books. Mr. Zahid Oruj was elected to the National Assembly of the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2001, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2020. He is the chairman of the Human Rights Committee of the National Assembly. In his political activities, he ran for president in 2013, 2018 and 2024, taking second place each time.



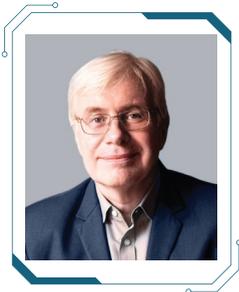
H.E. Mr. Akmal Saidov

Director of the National Human Rights Centre of the Republic of Uzbekistan and First Deputy Chairman of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of Uzbekistan

Mr. Akmal Khalmatovich Saidov holds the position of First Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Council of the Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of Uzbekistan and is Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. He is also an Uzbek public servant and jurist specializing in comparative law, international law, human rights, theory of state and law, and constitutional law. In addition, he is the author of a number of famous books. He is currently a full member of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan, Director of the National Center for Human Rights, Member of the Subcommittee on Finance of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and Vice-Chairman of the Independent Permanent Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). He holds the diplomatic rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

The 8th Session

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Mr. Kieren Fitzpatrick

Chair of the Session

APF Director

Kieren Fitzpatrick is Director of the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF). Founded in 1996, the APF brings together National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) from all corners of the Asia Pacific to address some of the most serious human rights challenges in the region.

For the past 26 years, Kieren has overseen the strategic direction of the APF, which has grown from six founding members to 26 NHRIs across the Asia Pacific. An experienced senior leader, Kieren works closely with the APF Chairperson, member institutions, and secretariat staff to achieve the APF's objectives of supporting its members to protect and promote human rights.

Prior to the APF Kieren worked at the Australian Human Rights Commission and in the university sector and trade union movement. Kieren has a passion for justice and equality and is a strong advocate and believer in the role of NHRIs. He has qualifications in law, philosophy and social science.



Mr. Ghaffar Al-Ali
Rapporteur
General Rapporteur of the Conference

He is the legal advisor for The Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions (ANNHRI). He worked as a lawyer in Damascus from 1998 until 2013, and as a legal advisor to the Arab Network from 2013 until now. He prepared the strategic plan and operational work plan for the Arab Network for the years 2020-2024 & from 2025-2029 and participated in the preparation of training programs for national human rights institutions that are members of the Arab Network, and a trainer in the field of human rights.

Closing Session



H.E. Mr. Sultan bin Hassan Al-Jamali **Chair of the Session** **Secretary - General, The National Human Rights Committee in Qatar**

His Excellency holds a Bachelor's degree in Science from Qatar University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Cairo University in the Arab Republic of Egypt. This academic qualification has formed a solid foundation for his distinguished career in management and corporate governance.

He has extensive cumulative experience in administrative and leadership work, having held several senior executive positions, which has given him high proficiency in resource management, institutional systems development, and working within national and international frameworks.

His most prominent professional achievements include his work at the Civil Service Bureau, where he served as Director of the Human Resources Department and Vice Chairman of the Personnel Affairs Committee at the Supreme Council for the Environment and Natural Reserves. He also served as General Coordinator of International Agreements at the Ministry of Environment.

He joined the National Human Rights Committee, where he held the position of Director of the Administrative and Financial Affairs Department, and was then appointed Assistant Secretary-General, before assuming his current position as Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Committee, in addition to his position as Secretary-General of the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions, which is concerned with enhancing coordination and cooperation between human rights institutions in the Arab region.