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Concept Note

**3<sup>rd</sup> UNAOC Dialogue on:**  
**AI for #OneHumanity: *Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence***

**22–23 April 2025, Palais des Nations, Geneva**  
*Room XX, Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room*

## **Background**

Since the last edition of UNAOC and Onuart Foundation’s **AI for #OneHumanity Dialogue Series**, Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) has skyrocketed from a niche topic into a foundational technology. Accelerating at breakneck speeds, it has transcended limited usage to widespread mainstream adoption — evolving from novelty to utility and, indeed, even to apparent necessity.

In just a few years, AI has become both pervasive and ubiquitous in every aspect of our daily lives. From education and media to healthcare, governance, entertainment, and finance, AI technologies are now impacting nearly every facet of human society.

Without a doubt, Artificial Intelligence wields immense potential to be a force for good. From fueling scientific breakthroughs, to turbocharging the next frontier of education, to revolutionizing diagnostics and improving healthcare, to becoming a vector for inclusion and fostering diversity, the benefits of AI can propel humanity’s collective progress at unparalleled speeds.

However, in this era of profound technological evolution, humanity stands at a crossroads. AI’s potential for good comes with challenges that must be carefully navigated. In the absence of safeguards and guardrails, it may inadvertently deepen social divides, reinforce biases, and exclude the very voices it should seek to uplift. While AI has the extraordinary potential to propel us towards a future of innovation, efficiency, and progress, it also presents an existential question: ***Will AI serve #OneHumanity’s collective well-being, or will it exacerbate divisions, entrench biases, infringe on human rights, and erode fundamental values?***

In light of these challenges, the United Nations has been leading efforts to create a robust, inclusive, and accountable AI ecosystem. The United Nations Secretary-General has consistently underscored the pressing need for a global, human-centric approach to AI governance. He spearheaded the creation of the Global Digital Compact<sup>1</sup>, which calls for leveraging digital technologies, including AI, to serve the common good while safeguarding fundamental human rights and contributing to peace, security, and sustainable development. He established a High-Level Advisory Board on Artificial Intelligence<sup>2</sup> to ensure that AI serves humanity and fosters innovation while addressing critical risks. At the AI Action Summit in France in February of this year, the Secretary-General emphasized the importance of the Global Digital Compact on AI Governance as essential in “[bringing] the world together around a shared vision: one where technology serves humanity, not the other way around...”<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.un.org/global-digital-compact/sites/default/files/2024-09/Global%20Digital%20Compact%20-%20English\\_0.pdf](https://www.un.org/global-digital-compact/sites/default/files/2024-09/Global%20Digital%20Compact%20-%20English_0.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.un.org/en/ai-advisory-body>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/statement/2025-02-11/secretary-generals-remarks-ai-action-summit-scroll-down-for-all-english-version>

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Complementing these efforts, UNAOC recognizes AI as a transformative force that must be guided by the principles of diversity, inclusivity, and shared responsibility. The **UNAOC Action Plan (2024-2026)**<sup>4</sup> underscores the urgency of promoting AI’s ethical use to ensure that technology serves as a unifying, rather than divisive, force.

Against this backdrop, the **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)**, in collaboration with **Onuart Foundation**, launched an interactive series entitled, “**AI for #OneHumanity Series**”, a platform for experts, thought leaders, policymakers, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector to collaboratively shape a future in which AI advances human dignity, cultural understanding, and peace.

Following the success of its first two iterations in 2022 and 2024, respectively, the third “AI for #OneHumanity” builds on previous discussions and expands the global discourse on the role of Artificial Dialogue in fostering a more inclusive and just society.

**The AI for #OneHumanity Series aims to:**

- Promote inclusive AI development and governance: Advocate for AI policies that emphasize fairness, human rights, and equality.
- Foster AI for cultural understanding: Explore how AI can bridge cultural divides and promote mutual respect.
- Address bias and ethical AI Design: Discuss strategies to mitigate algorithmic biases that reinforce social inequities.
- Strengthen global collaboration on AI policy: Strengthen multilateral cooperation and reinforce international commitments to ensure responsible AI governance.
- Empower marginalized communities: Ensure that underrepresented groups have a voice in AI development and deployment.
- Safeguard human rights in AI applications: Prevent the misuse of AI technologies and uphold ethical standards in their implementation.
- Promote responsible AI in communication: Address the role of AI in combating hate speech, disinformation, and misinformation while preserving freedom of expression and media integrity.

**Conclusion:**

Undeniably, Artificial Intelligence will play a defining role in shaping the future of humanity. Whether AI reinforces existing inequalities, or becomes a force for peace and inclusion, depends on the actions taken today. This Series is a crucial step toward ensuring AI reflects the values of One Humanity — where technology is a bridge rather than a barrier, and where every individual, regardless of background, has a stake in the future of AI.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.unaoc.org/resource/unaoc-action-plan-2024-2026/>