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SPEAKERS AND EXPERTS

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Nazim AHMAD

Diplomatic Representative of the Ismaili Imamate to the Portuguese Republic

Senior Official of the Ismaili Imamate – Head of Department for Portugal & Other Lusophone Countries' Affairs

In parallel with his career as businessman and general manager of several companies since 1965, Nazim Ahmad has held various positions at the Ismaili National Council for Portugal since 1979, being its President from 1990 to 1997. He was afterwards appointed President of the National Committee of the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) Portugal from 1996 to 2006, at which point he was designated as the Aga Khan Development Network Diplomatic Representative for Portugal. In 2016, he became the Diplomatic Representative of the Ismaili Imamate to the Portuguese Republic, and a Senior Official of the Ismaili Imamate - Head of Department for Portugal & Other Lusophone Countries' Affairs

In Portugal, he was involved in the legal recognition by the Government of AKF Portugal as a Portuguese Foundation and the establishment of the Focus Foundation Europe, as well as in other discussions on the Agreements between the Ismaili Imamate and Portugal, notably the Protocol of Co-operation (2005), the Protocol of International Co-operation (2008), the International Treaty (2009), the Agreement for the establishment of the Seat of the Ismaili Imamate in Portugal (2015) and the Protocol of Co-operation on Science and Technology (2016). He also provided support to the elaboration of the Portuguese Law of Religious Freedom.

Other relevant positions include member of the Commission for Religious Freedom, appointed by the Minister of Justice, upon indication by His Highness the Aga Khan, and member of the General Council of the Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of the NOVA University.

In 2004 he was awarded the title of Comendador da Ordem do Mérito (Commander of the Order of Merit) by the President of the Portuguese Republic, Mr. Jorge Sampaio.

In Mozambique, he also led the establishment of the Co-operation Agreement between the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) and the Government of the Republic of Mozambique. As a Diplomatic Representative to the Mozambican Republic, he oversees the activities of the AKDN in the country, in collaboration with the local institutions and government. He has also been working with other Portuguese-speaking countries to reinforce ties between the Ismaili Imamate and AKDN and the Lusophone world.



Mohamed Salah BEN AISSA

Deputy Secretary General, League of Arab States

Mr. Mohamed Salah Ben Aïssa is the Under-Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and President of the League of Arab States Centre in Tunisia since August 2020. An Emeritus Professor of Public Law at the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences of the University of Carthage, he previously served as Dean of the Faculty from 2002 to 2008. His career also includes senior government positions, appointed as Secretary General of the Government in 2011 and later as Minister of Justice in 2015.

He was a member of the High Authority for the Achievement of the Objectives of the Revolution, Political Reform, and Democratic Transition, established in 2011 to draft key legal texts concerning elections, political parties, associations, and audiovisual communication. He has also worked as a consultant with the German Cooperation Agency (GIZ) on the administrative decentralisation reform of Tunisia.

An expert in constitutional and administrative law, Ben Aïssa has published and taught extensively on topics such as constitutional litigation, public finance, human rights, civil liberties, and public business law. He presided over the Tunisian Association of Administrative Science (2001-2010), co-editor-in-chief of the Tunisian Law Review (1992-

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2002) and member of the Scientific Council of the International Academy of Constitutional Law, International Association for Court Administration, and International Society of Public Law.



Mohamed BEN AMOR

*Director General, Arab Information and Communication Technologies (AICTO)
Tunisia*

Eng Mohamed Ben Amor has over 30 years of experience, specializing in Information and Communication Technologies. He was elected Director-General of the Arab Information and Communication Technologies Organization in 2016. Before this position, he has successively occupied the post of Special Advisor to many Tunisian Ministers between 2011 and 2016. He was an expert to many international development institutions and was a board member of ITU and ARABSAT. Eng. Ben Amor holds a Master's diploma in International Project Management from the "Conservatoire National d'Arts et des Métiers", CNAM - Paris (France), and a Diploma of Engineer from the Naval Academy (Tunisia).



Alain BERSET

*Secretary General, Council of Europe
Switzerland*

Alain Berset became Secretary General of the Council of Europe on 18 September 2024. Prior to that, Mr Berset was an elected Minister in the Swiss government (Federal Council) between 2012 and 2023. During that time, he headed the Federal Department of Home Affairs as Swiss Minister for Health, Social Affairs, Culture, Equality and Anti-Discrimination, and was Minister for Public Health throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr Berset also served twice as President of the Swiss Confederation (2018 and 2023), during which he represented Switzerland on the United Nations Security Council and at the Council of Europe's 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government, where he signed the Reykjavik Declaration on behalf of his country.

Before joining the Federal Council, Mr Berset was a member of the Council of States, the upper house of the Swiss Parliament. He was elected as its youngest member in 2003 and went on to serve as its President, from 2008 to 2009. He was also Vice-Chair of the Socialist Group in the Federal Parliament, 2005-2011.

Prior to elected politics, Mr Berset held academic roles in economics at the University of Neuchâtel and the Hamburg Institute of International Economics and worked as an independent communications and strategy consultant for associations, companies and non-governmental organisations.



Kenneth BRINCAT

*CEO, Malta Digital Innovation Authority (MDIA)
Malta*

Mr. Kenneth Brincat is the CEO of the Malta Digital Innovation Authority. With 25 years of experience in management and digital transformation, Kenneth is spearheading MDIA 2.0: A driving force in Malta's digital landscape. He is catalysing the national agenda for responsible and human-centric development of artificial intelligence (AI) and the enabling of cybersecurity across industry. Under Kenneth's leadership the Authority adopted a collaborative approach enabling policymakers, industry experts, and academia to synergize to ensure the optimal and safe uptake of emerging technologies.

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Amb. Francesca CAMILLERI VETTIGER

Permanent Representative of Malta to the Council of Europe, President of the Ministers' Deputies of the Council of Europe and President of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe.

Malta

Ambassador Francesca Camilleri Vettiger was appointed as Permanent Representative of Malta to the Council of Europe as of 19 June 2023. In this role, she currently serves as the Chair of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and President of the Ministers' Deputies of the Council of Europe. She served as the Deputy Permanent Representative and Legal Advisor at the Permanent Representation of Malta to the Council of Europe since April 2019. She worked as Coordinator on International Human Rights Law matters within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion in Valletta. In 2016, she was posted to Geneva as Senior Policy Officer at the Permanent Representation of Malta to the United Nations and other International Organisations where she represented Malta at the World Trade Organisation in preparation for and during Malta's Presidency of the Council of the European Union.



Martina CANESI

Postgraduate Student in Diplomatic Studies, LUISS School of Government

Martina Canesi is a postgraduate student in Diplomatic Studies at LUISS School of Government, where she also serves as a Teaching Assistant. She holds a Master's in Policies and Governance in Europe, and her thesis focused on EU-Turkey relations. Martina is currently Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the European Student Think Tank and Editor at the European Studies Review. Her main interests include Mediterranean cooperation, Turkish politics, and the protection of reproductive rights. She has gained institutional experience through internships at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, where she worked on EU and MENA policy.



Christopher CUTAJAR

Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Tourism at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

Malta

Mr Christopher Cutajar is the Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Tourism at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. He heads the administration and coordinates all the departments within the Ministry, which also covers European Affairs and Trade.

Mr Cutajar sits on the Governing Board of Administrators of the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law since 2020. He holds an Honours Degree, which was then supplemented by an Executive Master in Business Administration, both from the University of Malta. In his younger days he was an activist within the civil society as the young leader of the General Workers' Union Youths, editor of a local journal, and financial officer of the executive committee of the National Youth Council.

His career within the public administration started off in 2011 when he served as Executive Secretary for Local Councils and for the national Local Councils' Association. In June 2016 he was appointed as Permanent Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital projects for a 4-year stint. During that period, he coordinated major projects such as the Triton Square project, which is a landmark at the entrance of Valletta. He was also the Deputy Chairperson of the Maritime Security Committee at that time.

During his current tenure at the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Malta intensified its multilateral efforts through a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council in 2023-2024 and by assuming the Chairpersonship-in-office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in 2024, which was culminated by a successful OSCE Ministerial Council that took place in Malta in December of that year.

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He was born in 1985 and is married with one son. Fluent in Maltese, English and Italian; also conversant in Spanish.



Muriel DÉCOT

Secretary of the Council of Europe's European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice

Muriel Décot is the Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe's European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ), tasked to improve the quality and efficiency of justice across its member states.

The CEPEJ is composed of representatives from 46 member states and numerous observers, including justice professionals and international organisations. Its mission is to develop practical tools and methodologies to enhance judicial systems. These include frameworks for evaluating court performance, managing judicial timeframes, promoting cyberjustice, and fostering mediation practices. Muriel has been instrumental in steering these initiatives, ensuring they are tailored to the diverse needs of European judicial systems.



Quico DOMINGO

Partner and CEO, Mortensen

Quico Domingo is Managing Partner at Mortensen and Sorensen AI, two independent studios focused on digital design, development, and artificial intelligence.

He has founded and led several companies in the fields of design, app development, and SEO consultancy.

Quico regularly contributes to media outlets with articles and analysis on technology and innovation.

Alongside his professional work, he teaches and directs the Master's in UX/UI and Prototyping at LCI Barcelona, and lectures in design and digital strategy programs at LCI, IDEP, ESdesign, EINA and EAE Business School.



Inês DOMINGOS

*Secretary of State for European Affairs
Portugal*

Inês Domingos was a researcher and a lecturer at Universidade Católica Portuguesa between 2008 and 2024. She was an advisor to the President of the Portuguese Republic between 2021 and 2024. Inês was a Member of Parliament (2015-2019) where she worked in the the European Affairs and Finance Committees. Previously Inês worked in the city of London as an Economic analyst (2000-2008).

Inês holds an MSc in Economics from University College London and a BA in Economics from Université Catholique de Louvain. Inês holds a PhD in International Relations and Political Science from the Institute of Political Studies of Universidade Católica Portuguesa.

Inês was awarded by His Excellency the President of the Portuguese Republic as a commander of the Order of Merit.



Damian EKE

*Assistant Professor, School of Computer Science, University of Nottingham, and
African Brain Data Network & International Brain Initiative*

Damian Okaibedi Eke is Assistant Professor at the School of Computer Science, University of Nottingham, UK. He has over a decade of experience in ethics and governance of data and emerging technologies.

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His research in AI spans across several previous and ongoing projects such as UKRI's Responsible AI UK (RAI-UK) and Responsible Generative AI in the UK and Africa (RAISE) projects, EU's Sustainable eThics Reviews of digital heAlth Technology dESiGn In sub saharan africa (STRATEGIC) and the Future and Emerging Technologies Human Brain Project (HBP) as well as the Wellcome Trust funded project BRIDGE.

He was part of the team of experts that prepared the Nigerian National AI Strategy in 2024. His research interests cover critical philosophical issues at the intersection of Technology, Data and Society including Data Ethics and Governance, Neurotechnology, Responsible Innovation and ICT4D.



Ahmed ELKALLINY

Managing Partner and Regional Director, Quantum Solutions

Ahmed Elkalliny is the Managing Partner and Regional Director at Quantum Solutions – Quantum Group DMCC, leading the company's strategic expansion and partnerships across the Middle East, Africa, and Europe. With over 25 years of international experience in business development, marketing, and technology with leading multinational organisations such as Motorola, Microsoft, GN (Jabra) and Bang & Olufsen, he has built a strong record in driving growth and innovation across diverse markets. A graduate of the American University in Cairo with a Bachelor's degree in Economics, more than 25 years of experience in Unified Communication and digital transformation. Elkalliny currently focuses on applying Artificial Intelligence for intercultural dialogue, including the AI-powered translation of "Guardian of the Pharaohs" by Dr Zahi Hawass, promoting cultural connectivity between Europe, the Arab world, and Africa.



Rami ESKANDER

Professor of Educational Technology and the Director of the Education Department at the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO)

Prof. Dr. Rami Zaki Eskander is a Professor of Educational Technology and the Director of the Education Department at the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO). He holds the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary at the League of Arab States.

With more than 25 years of academic and institutional experience, Dr. Eskander has led numerous projects in e-learning, digital transformation, and educational networking. He founded and directed the National E-Learning Center at the Supreme Council of Egyptian Universities, and later served as Director of the Electronic and Knowledge Services Center overseeing all Egyptian universities. He contributed to developing national strategies for blended learning, electronic assessment, and technology integration in higher education.

He has also led pioneering Arab initiatives and programs in education, future skills, and artificial intelligence, and has taken part in various Arab and international ministerial conferences.

Dr. Eskander has published extensively in the field of educational technology and supervised many master's and doctoral theses. He is recognized for his innovative leadership and his commitment to advancing education through technology, creativity, and strategic partnership.



Sophie FALLAHA

Executive Director CEIMIA, Montreal GPAI Centre

Sophie Fallaha is the CEO of the International Centre of Expertise in Montreal on Artificial Intelligence (CEIMIA). With over 15 years of experience in innovation and sustainable development, she has led high-impact responsible AI projects addressing social, economic, and environmental challenges. Under her leadership, CEIMIA stands out for its ability to

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develop AI solutions that tackle global issues, particularly in the fields of health, environment, governance, and human rights.

Sophie plays a key role in the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI), a multilateral and multi-stakeholder organization bringing together 44 countries and world-renowned experts. Leveraging her expertise, she ensures the implementation of strategies that enhance the impact of AI while promoting responsible practices on a global scale. Before joining CEIMIA, she served as CEO of CIRAIG, where she led sustainability and innovation projects in collaboration with global leaders in sustainable development.



Nabil FERDAOUSSE

*Doctoral Research Fellow / PhD Candidate
HUMA-Institute for Humanities in Africa / University of Cape Town
South Africa*

Nabil Ferdaoussi is a Doctoral Research Fellow at HUMA-Institute for Humanities in Africa and a PhD candidate in Social Anthropology at the University of Cape Town. His research project examines the politics of migrant deaths and disappearances in the Moroccan-Spanish borderlands. His current research interest examines the intersection of border control, humanitarianism, migrant death, and AI technologies.



Vera FERREIRA

Head of Regional Programmes and Oversight at KAICIID Dialogue Centre

Vera Ferreira is the Head of Regional Programmes at the International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID), where she leads the organization's engagement across Africa, the Arab Region, Asia, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean. She oversees the design and implementation of KAICIID's global programmes, fostering interreligious and intercultural dialogue, peace education, and social cohesion in some of the world's most complex and divided contexts.

With over 17 years of international experience in programme development, peacebuilding, and human rights education, Vera has led initiatives that connect faith actors, educators, and policymakers to promote inclusive governance and sustainable peace. Before joining KAICIID, she served as Head of Programmes at Arigatou International and as Secretary General of the International Movement of Apostolate of Children, managing large-scale educational projects in citizenship and values education across more than 30 countries.



Tobias FLESSENKEMPER

*Head of the Youth Department, Council of Europe
France*

Mr Tobias Flessenkemper was appointed Head of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe on 1 September 2023. He served as Head of the Belgrade Office of the Council of Europe from 2018 to 2023. His previous postings include the European External Action Service (EEAS) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Council of the European Union in Brussels, Skopje and Sarajevo and the OSCE. 2012-13 he was visiting fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP). In 2013 he co-founded the Berlin-based agency elbarlament.org - cultures of democracy. He regularly contributes to research and higher education programmes with a focus on the practice and history of European cooperation. From 1998-2001 he was Secretary General of the European Youth Forum. He holds a Magister Artium (M.A.) in Political Science from the University of Cologne, a European Master in International Humanitarian Assistance (E.MA) from the Ruhr-University Bochum, and serves as a member of the Scientific Council of the Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE).

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Charlotte GILMARTIN

Co-Secretary of the Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity of the Council of Europe

Charlotte Gilmartin is Co-Secretary of the Council of Europe's Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), which steers the Council of Europe's intergovernmental work to promote equality for all and build more inclusive societies that offer effective protection from discrimination and hate, ensure equal participation in political and public life for all without discrimination on any ground, and ensure respect for diversity.

CDADI, together with the Gender Equality Commission of the Council of Europe, oversees the Committee of Experts on Artificial Intelligence, Equality and Discrimination (GEC/ADI-AI). The GEC/ADI-AI is developing a draft Committee of Ministers Recommendation on Equality and AI. This is due to be finalised by the end of 2025.

The work of the GEC/ADI-AI is based on the Study on the impact of artificial intelligence systems, their potential for promoting equality, including gender equality, and the risks they may cause in relation to non-discrimination, which explores risks posed by artificial intelligence systems and possible solutions, as well as how AI systems can be used to positively enhance equality.



Javier GOMEZ PRIETO

Programme Manager Cybercrime Programme Office (C-PROC) of the Council of Europe

Javier GOMEZ PRIETO is programme manager of the Global Action on Cybercrime Enhanced (GLACY-e). As part of his tasks, Javier is responsible for ensuring effective implementation of the project and conduct assessments of results achieved and their impact. Before joining the Council of Europe, Javier was cybersecurity policy expert at the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) where he carried out activities related to the development and implementation of EU cybersecurity policy.

Javier holds a PhD on Fuel Cell Technologies and masters' degrees on International Cooperation and European Interdisciplinary Studies.



Waldemar GONÇALVES

President-Director, National Data Protection Authority of Brazil (ANPD) Brazil

Waldemar Gonçalves Ortunho Junior is an electronic engineer, graduated from the Army Engineering Institute. He is also an officer in the Brazilian Army, graduated from the Academia Militar das Agulhas Negras. He holds a postgraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Brasília.

In the years 2019 and 2020 he was President of Telecomunicações Brasileiras S.A – Telebras, in addition to having been a professor for more than 20 years at several higher education institutions in the Federal District, such as IESB, Universidade Católica de Brasília, Faculdades Michelângelo, UniCEUB, ICESP and Faculdade Alvorada.

He is currently the Director President of the National Data Protection Agency – ANPD in Brazil.



Salwa HAMROUNI

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Salwa Hamrouni is an associate professor of public law at the University of Carthage, Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences in Tunis. Her work focuses on international law, constitutional law, bioethics and human rights, with a particular emphasis on women's rights and the protection of privacy and personal data.

Salwa Hamrouni is honorary president of the Tunisian Association of Constitutional Law. She currently teaches and directs the Master's programme in public international law and heads the laboratory of international law and Maghreb/European relations.



Yuko HARAYAMA

Secretary General of the Tokyo Centre of the GPAI Expert Community at NICT

Yuko Harayama brings decades of leadership at the intersection of science, technology, and innovation policy. She holds dual Ph.D. degrees in Sciences of Education and Economics from the University of Geneva and began her academic career as Assistant Professor of Political Economy at the same university. She later served as Professor at Tohoku University and as Deputy Director of the Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry at the OECD, contributing to global science and innovation strategies. Dr. Harayama has held numerous high-level advisory and governance roles, including Member of Japan's Council for Science, Technology and Innovation, Executive Director of RIKEN, and Board Member of Toray Industries. She is an International Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and was awarded the Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur by the French Government in 2011.



H.E. Augustin KIBASSA MALIBA

Minister of Digital Economy

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Born in 1971 in Lubumbashi, Augustin Kibassa Maliba is the current Minister of Digital Economy of the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is the son of the late Frédéric Kibassa Maliba, a historical figure and one of the founding fathers of the Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS), and Euphrasie Kunda. Born into a large family of 14 children, he himself is the father of two children.

Originally from the Kafira sector, Kasenga territory, in Haut-Katanga, Augustin Kibassa completed his primary education at the Cardinal Malula school in Kinshasa/Limete, then obtained his state diploma in Maths and Physics at the Massamba school.

In 1994, he left the country to continue his studies in Canada.

He studied at Collège Saint-Laurent from 1994 to 1998 before, then obtaining a bachelor's degree in business administration, with a specialisation in finance, from the University of Quebec in Montreal (UQAM).

Professionally, he worked as a consultant at Vilor International, a Canadian company specialising in gold mining and as. He is also the managing director of Luminaire du Congo, a company active in the mining of copper and cobalt concentrates in Katanga. In Kinshasa, he is also the promoter and administrator of the Les Compagnons school complex, based in Limete.

Augustin Kibassa became involved in politics at a very early age and in 1994 he set up a strategic mobilisation unit within the UDPS. He was then elected Federal President of the UDPS Youth in Katanga..

He became diplomatic advisor to the office of the National President of the UDPS during the Inter-Congolese Dialogue in Sun City (South Africa), before stepping down following his father's illness. Between 2003 and 2006, he served in the National Assembly as a national deputy representing the political opposition. He was also a member of the Parliamentary Commission for Reconstruction and Development.

In 2016, he was elected National President of the UDPS/Kibassa during the second conclave of the party's central bodies. In January 2017, he called for the reunification of the two legal wings of the UDPS: UDPS/Kibassa and UDPS/Tshisekedi. In 2018, he decided

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to participate in the general elections alongside Félix Tshisekedi, becoming his election campaign coordinator in Grand Katanga.

In August 2019, he was appointed Minister of Posts, Telecommunications and New Information and Communication Technologies (PT-NTIC) in the Ilunkamba government. He was reappointed to this position twice before taking over as head of the new Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Digital Technology, the result of the merger of the PTNTIC and the Ministry of Digital Technology. Since August 2025, he has served as Minister of Digital Economy in the current government.

Augustin Kibassa Maliba says he is aware of the challenges associated with the digital revolution and the strategic importance of information and communication technologies in the country's economic transformation. He is committed to the vision of the Head of State, Félix Tshisekedi, which aims to accelerate digital transformation in order to modernise the administration, stimulate the economy and strengthen the digital sovereignty of the DRC.



Matthias KLOTH

*Head of Department, Digital Governance and Sport Department
France*

Mr Matthias Kloth is the Head of the Council of Europe's Digital Governance and Sport Department, which is inter alia responsible for cybercrime, artificial intelligence and data protection. He has previously worked in the Council of Europe as Adviser in the Office of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General, as Executive Secretary of the Committee on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL) and as lawyer in the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights. Prior to joining the Council of Europe, he worked as legal officer in the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Technology. He holds a doctorate degree in public international law.



Rui LANCEIRO

*Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon
Portugal*

Rui Tavares Lanceiro is an Assistant Professor at the University of Lisbon Law School. He obtained his PhD summa cum laude, at the same University in 2016, with a thesis on the Europeanisation of Portuguese.

He is also a Senior Researcher of the Lisbon Public Law Research Centre. As part of his research activities, he is a member of the Lisbon Digital Rights research cluster and has been speaker at national and international conferences and seminars on the topics of Digital Law and Fundamental Rights at the EU, International, and national levels.



Konstantina LIONTOU

*Young Legal Professional
Greece*

Konstantina Liontou is a young legal professional specializing in European Union law, with a strong focus on migration and asylum. She is currently a PhD candidate in European Law, with over six years of professional experience in the Greek Ministry of Migration and Asylum. She has conducted extensive asylum casework while working in the frontline. In 2023, she completed a Schuman traineeship at the European Parliament's LIBE Committee, working on the New Pact on Migration and Asylum files. Her academic and professional work focuses on EU legal and policy developments in migration, asylum, and human rights. Coming from a crossroad country, she is eager to connect research with policy innovation in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

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Neema LUGANGIRA

Member of Parliament, Chair of African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance (APNIG) and Secretary General of Women Political Leaders (WPL)

Tanzania

Hon. Neema Lugangira (MP) is a Member of Parliament in Tanzania who brings extensive experience and a successful track record in championing policy advocacy and legislative reforms across different sectors. As a Parliamentarian, her personal prioritised agendas include food systems, nutrition and climate action, digital inclusion and development, global and community health, gender equality in politics and digital democracy (incl. election observation) in Tanzania and across Africa.

She also serves as the Chair of the African Parliamentary Network on Internet Governance (APNIG) and the Chair of the Tanzania Chapter of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. At national level, Hon. Lugangira is the Founder of two NGOs; Agri Thamani, which is committed to ending malnutrition through nutrition advocacy, improve community nutrition in schools, elderly & hospitals; strengthen food systems and climate action; and Omuka Hub, which is focused on accelerating digital Tanzania through digital inclusion & development, digital rights & democracy; and digital advocacy with special focus on peripherals.

Internationally, Hon. Lugangira is a Member of the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Group of the United National Internet Governance Forum; the International Parliamentary Network on Education (IPNEd) Regional Representative for Africa; the UNITE – Global Parliamentarians Network for Global Health; Global Co-Chair of the Global Parliamentary Group to Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases, Vital Voices Fellow; WSIS Gender Trendsetter for Advancing Digital Gender Inclusion; and Host to the soon-to-be launched Neema Lugangira Podcast discussing all things development related to her above mentioned personal priority agendas.



Klaudia MACIEJEWSKA

Lawyer, product manager and head of the Currenda Lab Research and Development Centre

Poland

Lawyer, product manager and head of the Currenda Lab Research and Development Centre. Permanent court mediator and personal data protection inspector. Author of publications on new technology law, personal data protection and ethical, explainable and interpretable artificial intelligence. Member of the Working Group on Artificial Intelligence at the Ministry of Digital Affairs. Member of the Technical Committee for Artificial Intelligence at the Polish Committee for Standardisation. Originator of an innovative legal information system based on artificial intelligence – AIMON. Involved in the empowerment of women in the IT/ICT field. In 2022, nominated by Perspektywy Women in Tech for the Top 100 Women in AI in Poland in the Leading Projects category, where AI plays a key role. A finalist in the 16th edition of the Success Written in Lipstick competition, the largest in Poland to promote women's business achievements.

AI System description

AIMON is Poland's first AI system to integrate machine learning, neural networks, and graph database technologies in order to automate legal analysis. Based on information about the content of laws, legal changes, official legal interpretations and case law, the system is sourced from official publications. Representing a breakthrough in this field, it is the first expert system to not only aggregate legal information such as legal acts, but also to automatically analyse legal changes and examine the similarity of case law. Using self-learning algorithms and the logic of legislative processes, AIMON automatically monitors legislative processes, analyses new draft legal acts and tracks changes introduced at various stages. It also visualises legislative inflation and examines the similarity of Polish case law by analysing common legal acts, legal provisions and case law, as well as theses, facts and decisions.



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Neil MICALLEF

Manager (AI Supervision & Market Surveillance), Malta Digital Innovation Authority

Malta

Mr Neil Micallef leads AI supervision and market surveillance at the Malta Digital Innovation Authority, with a focus on implementation of regulatory frameworks on trustworthy, human-centric AI. Previously, he contributed to AI research at CERN in Geneva and managed local projects in critical infrastructure and transport, where he specialized in solutions architecture. Neil holds a Master's in Artificial Intelligence with distinction and is involved in AI research with the University of Malta, exploring the intersection of computer vision and biomedicine.



Jusaima MOAID-AZM PEREGRINA

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Jusaima Moaid-azm Peregrina is a Syrian-Spanish scholar and researcher at the University of Granada, who teaches Comparative Politics and Political Systems and Regional Dynamics in the Middle East. She has a BA in Law and Political Sciences and a MA in International Studies. Her research focuses on international mediation and political change processes, civil society inclusion, and women's political participation, with a particular emphasis on Syria. She is currently leading a research project on women's inclusion in Syria, Libya, and Yemen.



Nour Hazam MOHAMED

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Nour is a passionate climate justice advocate with 5+ years of experience in inclusive environmental projects design. Her passion for environmental justice made her pursue a Master's degree at the College of Europe(2024-2025) where she explored themes about Climate Diplomacy; the Climate and Gender Nexus; Human Rights; EU legal order; and Climate and AI. Her thesis navigated the climate-conflict-gender nexus.

Nour has worked with several international and local Organizations: like GIZ Egypt, UN Women, and Banlastic. Recently, she co-developed a course on Human Rights and Environment for Youth as a consultant for the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe



Henri MONCEAU

Permanent Representative, Digital Governance and AI, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF)

Henri Eli Monceau (born May 22, 1965) is a diplomat, political scientist, and economist specializing in the governance of technology, digital policy, and artificial intelligence. Since 2023, he has served as Ambassador and Head of the Permanent Representation of the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) to the United Nations in Geneva and Vienna, where he coordinates digital diplomacy initiatives and supports member states in digital and AI governance. An affiliated professor at the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM, Paris) since 2024, he teaches diplomacy and digital governance. Over his career, he has held senior positions within the OIF, the Belgian government, and European think tanks such as the Jacques Delors Institute. For more than two decades, he has contributed to major international digital governance forums (WSIS, IGF, ITU, ICANN) and is recognized for his pioneering work on citizen participation and large-scale deliberative democracy projects.

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Pilar MORALES

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Ms Pilar Morales is Co-ordinator of the Neighbourhood Policy with the Southern Mediterranean and Executive Director of the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity (North-South Centre) of the Council of Europe.

She holds a master's degree in political science and sociology (Universidad Complutense, Madrid) and post-graduate degrees in advanced European studies (College of Europe, Bruges), international relations (CSIC, Madrid) and business administration (MBA, IIADE, Madrid). She has held several positions within the Council of Europe since 1993 including at the Council of Europe Development Bank, as part of the team in charge of the reform process of the Council of Europe in the Cabinet of the Secretary General, and as Coordinator of the technical cooperation of the Council of Europe with member states and non-member-states. Since November 2023 she is based in Lisbon as Executive Director of the North-South Centre.



Miguel Ángel MORATINOS

Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)

H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos is the United Nations Under-Secretary-General holding the post of the High Representative of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) since January 2019.

In May 2025, Mr. Moratinos was announced as the new United Nations Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia. In February 2020, Mr. Moratinos was designated by the United Nations Secretary-General as the UN Focal Point to monitor antisemitism and enhance a system-wide-response. He carries out these portfolios in addition to his other responsibilities.

Mr. Moratinos has committed his professional and political career to international relationships and development cooperation, notably as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain from 2004 to 2010. During his tenure as Foreign Minister, Spain presided over the UN Security Council in 2004, held the chairmanships-in-office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe and the Council of the European Union. Mr. Moratinos succeeded in fostering the implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

With the Mediterranean in mind, H.E Miguel Ángel Moratinos was appointed Deputy Director General for Northern Africa (1987-1991) and then Director of the Institute of Cooperation with the Arab World (1991-1993). After his tenure at the Institute, he was appointed Director General of Foreign Policy for Africa and the Middle East, holding the position from 1993 to 1996. The highlight of his tenure was the organization of the historic Middle East Peace

Conference in Madrid in 1992. As Spain's Ambassador in Israel from July to December 1996, Mr. Moratinos succeeded in fostering a strong network with both the Israelis and Palestinians. Building on that success, the European Union appointed him as the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process from December 1996 to June 2003. During this period, he promoted Peace Agreements and carried out actions on behalf of the EU strengthening the Arab-Israeli dialogue. As a true believer in the value of multilateralism, Mr. Moratinos helped in the creation and launching of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in 2005. He also supported the Group of Friends for UN Reform. Moreover, he contributed to the creation of innovative programmes for development, healthcare and women empowerment within the United Nations system. Mr. Moratinos promoted new projects and funds for water and sanitation in Latin American development countries. During his tenure as Spain's top diplomat, he doubled Official Development Assistance funds and placed Spain as the sixth donor in the United Nations system.

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Following the end of his term in office in 2010, Mr. Moratinos engaged in parliamentary activities until November 2011. During that period, he ran to be elected Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) with an agenda aiming at mobilizing international action towards the struggle against hunger and poverty, the promotion of food security and the right to food.

In January 2012, he joined the team of the Global Dry Land Alliance in Qatar promoting this international treaty for food security in more than 15 member-countries in all continents. From 2012 to 2013 he was member of the High-level Advisory panel of the president of the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly.

Prior to his appointment as High Representative, Mr. Moratinos was the Honorary Chairman of the CIRSD Board of Advisers (Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development), Senior Advisor of Sustainable Development Solutions Network of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and member of the Leadership Council of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). In Spain, he also held honorary positions as the President of REDS, the Spanish network for Sustainable development affiliated to SDSN and the President of the Trobades Literàries Mediterrànies Association and the Trobades Albert Camus Award.

In recognition of his distinguished achievements, Mr. Moratinos has been awarded Honorary Doctorate Degrees from the Universities of Saint Petersburg, Malta, Ben-Gurion, Al-Quds, Tel Aviv, and Balamand (Lebanon) for his lifelong commitment to peace, dialogue, and global cooperation.

He has also received numerous accolades and distinctions, including the League of Arab States Award (2019) for advancing Arab-Spanish relations, and the Astana International Award (2025), conferred by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan for his outstanding personal contribution to the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue.

Born in 1951, Mr. Moratinos graduated in Law and Political Sciences at the University Complutense in Madrid and then in Diplomatic Studies at the Spanish Diplomatic School.

Mr. Moratinos is married to Mrs. Dominique Maunac and has two daughters and one son.



Vera OBONYO

*Deputy Director, KSG, eLearning and Information Technology Institute (eLITI)
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Vera Obonyo is the Deputy Director at the Kenya School of Government (KSG), eLearning and Information Technology Institute. She has vast experience in designing, developing and delivering programs that leverage technology. She oversees the learning and development activities of the Regional Centre of Competence for Digital and AI Skilling in the Public Sector that delivers capacity building programs for the African region. She sits on several committees that undertake research, oversee the development of ICT competencies and policies in the public service in Kenya. She is a graduate of Moi University and Temple University, Philadelphia where she studied Information Sciences and Management Information Systems.



Albina OVCEARENCO

Secretary to the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI), Council of Europe

Albina Ovcearenco is Head of Digital Development Unit and Secretary to the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI). She was previously in charge of several intergovernmental cooperation files, namely personal data protection, counter-terrorism and public international law and has an extensive experience in the technical cooperation in the field (cybercrime, money laundering and confidence-building measures in the zones of frozen/protracted conflicts). She first joined the Council of Europe as a parliamentarian assistant in the Parliamentary Assembly and also worked previously in private sector (patents and trademarks law). She has degrees in political science, human rights and international public law.



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Javier PARRA

*Government Secretary of the Superior Court of Justice of Murcia
Spain*

Javier L. Parra García is a State Court Lawyer serving as Justice of the Peace at the Superior Court of Murcia. He is a member of the Superior Court of Murcia's governing chamber. He is a member of the Spanish ICT expert group. He has been trained as an expert for the European Committee for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ). He has been director of the International Relations Service of the Spanish General Council for the Judiciary. He is a consultant for justice reform projects with the World Bank and other international organisations, and has been an EU Resident Advisor in Ankara. He is also an expert advisor in judicial reform and digital transformation in over 25 countries. He has participated in many international projects in different fields, designing the first MLA tool for judges. He designed the International Judicial Assistance Handbook and launched the first judicial mediation unit. UMIMIM) and digital transformation (leading pioneering RPA and AI projects for Justice in Spain).

AI System description

The presentation will showcase the Spanish judiciary's pioneering approach to hyper-automation and AI in civil litigation, with a focus on the automated payment order procedure. This system addresses massive litigation and small claims, which represent over 45% of civil caseloads, by deploying robotic process automation (RPA) across three procedural phases: registration and allocation, processing, and enforcement. The initiative has already yielded significant efficiency gains in terms of time and cost and is now evolving toward AI-assisted resolution drafting, always under human supervision.

More broadly, the court aims at the development of data-oriented forms and interfaces for lawyers and other stakeholders. These tools enable structured data capture at the source, improving interoperability and downstream automation. By shifting from document-centric to data-centric justice, the system ensures that metadata and procedural data are leveraged to optimize workflows, enhance transparency, and support legal certainty. This approach aligns with the principles of trustworthy AI and the European regulatory framework, ensuring that technological innovation respects fundamental rights and preserves the "human reserve" in judicial decision-making."



Juvenal PEREIRA

*President of the Instituto de Modernização e Inovação da Justiça (IMI.J.P)
Cabo Verde*

Juvenal Pereira holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Computer Engineering from the University of Évora (Portugal), with extensive professional training in key areas such as cybersecurity, risk management, auditing (Security and Quality), and leadership.

With more than 17-year career, he has accumulated broad experience in innovative and high-impact projects in the public sector and in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). He has played a leading role in the implementation of major national initiatives in Cabo Verde, including the Citizen's House, the National Civil Identification and Authentication System (SNIAC), the National Identification Card (CNI), the Cape Verdean Electronic Passport (PEC), the Residence Permit for Foreigners (TRE), and the development of digital solutions for these documents, such as Middleware, Digital Mobile Key, and systems for Qualified Digital Authentication and Signature. He was also involved in other major projects such as the Justice Portal and the Prison Management Information System.

In addition to his experience in public administration, he has worked as a university lecturer throughout his career — starting at the University of Évora in Portugal, and later teaching at various institutions in Cabo Verde. His teaching focus has been primarily on Programming and other core computer science disciplines including Artificial Intelligence, Databases, Security, and Operating Systems. Since 2019, he has served as an ambassador for the ID4Africa movement.



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AI System description

The Justice Portal of Cabo Verde (justica.gov.cv) is an official digital platform created to modernize, integrate, and facilitate access to justice information and services for citizens, businesses, and legal professionals. Launched in 2024 and regulated by Decree-Law No. 53/2024, the portal aims to digitize procedures, reduce bureaucracy, and enhance the efficiency and transparency of judicial services.

The platform offers a wide range of online services, including AI interactive chat (<https://justica.gov.cv/chat>), requests for certificates (birth, marriage, death, criminal record), registrations (land, vehicle, commercial), renewal of the National Identification Card (CNI), appointment scheduling, and remote access to legal cases for lawyers. Services are organized by thematic areas — such as Civil Registry, Notary, Civil Identification, Justice, Prison Management, among others — and are classified as informational, interactive, or transactional, depending on their complexity and whether authentication is required.

Secure access to the portal is provided through the Autentika do Estado platform, ensuring user data protection in accordance with Cape Verdean legislation. The Justice Portal is integrated with other public administration systems, ensuring interoperability and contributing to a more accessible, digital, and citizen-centered justice system."



Fabio PORTO

Senior Researcher at the National Laboratory of Scientific Computing in Brazil.

Dr Fabio Porto holds a PhD in Computer Science and is a senior researcher at the National Laboratory of Scientific Computing in Brazil. He is the head of the Artificial Intelligence Institute (IIA) at LNCC, and holds an Inria International chair (2024-2028). He has been appointed as an expert at the Global Partnership on AI by the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation, where he is investigating the impact of Generative AI on the Brazilian workforce. More recently, he contributed to the Brazilian AI Plan with CienclA, a project proposal to build a set of LLMs with Brazilian Portuguese corpora and use them in support of scientific exploration.



Vera Lúcia RAPOSO

*Associate Professor and Vice Dean, NOVA School of Law – Faculdade de Direito da Universidade NOVA de Lisboa
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Vera Lúcia Raposo is a legal scholar with an international and multidisciplinary academic and professional background. She earned her law degree from the Faculty of Law at the University of Coimbra, where she also completed her postgraduate studies in medical law and achieved both her master's and doctoral degrees in legal and political sciences. Currently, she serves as an Associate Professor of Law and Technology with Habilitation and holds the role of Vice-Dean for Research and Internationalisation at Nova School of Law, NOVA University Lisbon.

Vera's academic journey has taken her across the globe. She has taught at the University of Macau (China), the University of Coimbra (Portugal), and Agostinho Neto University (Angola). Additionally, she has served as a postgraduate supervisor at the Centre for Medical Ethics and Law at the University of Hong Kong (China) and as a guest lecturer at the School of Law, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University in Taiwan.

As an active member of the European Association of Health Law and a Governor of the World Association for Medical Law, Vera plays a vital role in shaping the future of health law. She contributes her expertise as a member of the Editorial Board of the European Journal of Health Law and as a peer reviewer for some of the most prestigious scientific journals in her field. In 2024, she was honoured as a fellow of the renowned Hastings Centre.

Vera is a prolific author, with numerous studies published in indexed journals, particularly in the fields of digital law and biomedical law. She has two upcoming books: one edited book on the AI Act ('The European Artificial Intelligence Act: Promises and Perils?'),



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Springer) and another on the use of AI in medicine ('Intelligent medicine' - How will artificial intelligence affect the standard of care, patient safety and medical malpractice (a EU-based perspective)' Brill). Her work continues to influence the legal landscape at the intersection of technology and healthcare, in particular addressing topics such as artificial intelligence, data, medical liability and the metaverse.



Janice RICHARDSON

*Director, Insight
Luxembourg*

Ms Janice Richardson is an international expert, university lecturer and author/co-author of a dozen books on digital literacy, children's rights and online safety and wellbeing. She advises governments and industry on digital education, and has coordinated several international networks including Insafe (European Commission's 31-country safer internet network), and ENABLE, a network to tackle bullying through social-emotional competency development (2014-16). She is currently a partner in two European Union projects, sits on the Advisory boards of Meta and SnapChat, and created the innovative educational 'Smartbus' project that has been running in schools in Iceland and other countries for several years now. Janice has worked extensively with the Council of Europe for more than 2 decades on education-related issues, most recently on its Digital Citizenship Education programme in European countries and on cybersafety in Morocco. In the framework of the UN's Internet Governance Forum, she leads a working group on internet standards, safety and security. With her team, In 2022, she worked with UNESCO to publish teacher guidelines on global citizenship



Basheerhamad SHADRACH

Director, Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA)

Basheerhamad SHADRACH oversees programmes that enhance quality learning and access to education and skill development in Asia.

As Skills Advisor at the Commonwealth of Learning, in 2019-20, in collaboration with Coursera, he imparted job-ready skills among 200,000 people in Asia, Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific during the COVID-19 Pandemic to help them re-enter the labour market.

During his 39 year-long professional life, Dr Shadrach has notably consulted for UNESCO-UNEVOC, Germany; FCDO, UK; ITU, Geneva; ADB, the Philippines; UNDP, Iraq; Practical Action, UK; the Open University, UK; Article19, UK and the ICT Agency of Sri Lanka. He earned his PhD in Information Science as a faculty student from Loughborough University, UK. He was awarded with an honorary Professorship by Sir Padampat Singhania University, India in November 2022.



Aurélie SIMARD

Executive Director, Center of Expertise for International Cooperation on AI at Inria.

Aurélie Simard leads her team in building multi-stakeholder ecosystems that bring together partners from diverse academic, economic, and civil society sectors across disciplines and geographies. These ecosystems address key challenges related to the development and integration of AI across economic sectors, ensuring its responsible, equitable, and public-interest-driven deployment. Aurélie and her team work to bring these insights into decision-making forums and bodies of international organizations.

She has over 15 years of expertise on organizations and the implementation of AI can affect them. She is dedicating her professional life to bridging science, policy makers and industry.

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Jeff WARD

Founder and CEO, Animiki

Jeff founded Animiki in 2003 and has orchestrated and managed its growth ever since. Everything Jeff does in business is geared towards uplifting his family, communities and Indigenous Peoples. He is Ojibwe and Métis, originally from Manitoba in Canada, and now lives and works in Victoria, BC on Lekwungen territory. Jeff is a web designer, software developer, author, and speaker. He also serves as a board member for Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) and is a member of the GPAI Expert Community contributing its expertise to various initiatives including on responsible AI practices, inclusion, diversity in AI and digital sovereignty.



Thierry WARIN

Professor, HEC Montréal

Canada

Thierry Warin is Professor of Data Science for Global Transformations at HEC Montréal and Principal Investigator at CIRANO (Canada). He was a Fellow at the Digital, Data and Design (D³) Institute at Harvard Business School and a Researcher at CERIU-CEUE (Université de Montréal). A past President of the International Trade and Finance Association, he previously held academic appointments at Polytechnique Montréal, Middlebury College, and Sun Yat Sen University in Guangzhou, as well as visiting positions at Harvard University.

His research bridges economics and computational methods, moving from traditional econometrics toward data science approaches to global transformations. His current work integrates network theory, natural-language processing, and retrieval-augmented generation to study information flows, algorithmic coordination, and technological change. He earned his Ph.D. in Financial Economics from ESSEC Business School in Paris and is a graduate of the Harvard Business Analytics Program.

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