CSW64 SIDE EVENT BELGIUM

"CAN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OVERCOME GENDER BIAS? PATHWAYS FOR POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS"

Venue : Permanent Mission of Belgium to the UN, One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 885 Second Avenue,

41st Floor, New York (near the UN building)

Thursday 12 March - 10.00 to 11.45
Followed by networking lunch

You are invited to join this CSW64 side event organised by the Brussels Capital Region (Belgium) and its State Secretary for Equal Opportunities and Housing, Ms Nawal Ben Hamou. Our partners in this event include the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, University College Dublin, the European Women's Lobby and Amazone CSO.

It is clear that Artificial Intelligence (AI) presents both benefits and risks. AI is currently used in various areas of our daily lives and services such as social media, banking, employment, education, justice and health, both in the private and public sectors.

These techniques aim to enable machines to imitate a form of real intelligence. Like science, however, these techniques are not exempt from a number of gender biases. This is because AI and, in particular, data bases and related algorithms, reflect the biases of the society in which they develop. At each stage of its development, from the definition of an algorithm's objectives to its optimisation, an algorithm can store biases, whether sexist or racist. Of course, gender-biased decision processes are far from being specific to AI, but the increasing scope of Artificial Intelligence makes it particularly important to address the problem. Ensuring the equality and fairness of these techniques, thus protecting the fundamental rights of women, is a major contemporary and global issue.

In this context, this side event will give panelists and participants the opportunity to discuss the gender, racial and intersectional bias in Artificial Intelligence, to see how this gender bias is also a hindrance for the future of AI. Participants will also formulate proposals for solutions to build ethical and inclusive AI systems that not only respect human dignity and human rights but also become an opportunity to achieve equality. AI can become a real asset and tool when integrated in a gender mainstreaming strategy.

PROGRAMME
"CAN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OVERCOME GENDER BIAS? WAYS TOWARDS POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS"

LANGUAGE : EN

Panelists

Introduction

Nawal Ben Hamou, Brussels Capital Region, Belgium

State Secretary for Equal Opportunities and Housing

Addressing gender equality aspects of Artificial Intelligence: the work of the Council of Europe

Claudia Luciani, Council of Europe

Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance, Directorate General of Democracy

A human-centric approach to Artificial intelligence in the European Union

Louisa Klingvall, European Commission

Team Leader, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, Fundamental rights policy

In Numbers Too Big to Ignore: How can we address gender bias in artificial intelligence?

Eline Chivot, Center for Data Innovation

Senior policy analyst who focuses on technology policy issues and on how policymakers can promote digital innovation

A civil society perspective on digitalisation and "artificial intelligence": Gender Mainstreaming the Digital Transformation

Magda de Meyer, President of the Vrouwenraad, member of the European Women's Lobby

Moderator and speaker : Fairness in AI

Dr Susan Leavy, University College Dublin

Assistant Professor, with research interests concerning AI and digital policy, developing interdisciplinary frameworks for the governance and regulation of machine learning algorithms

RSVP required by 11 March, please contact :

Marjolein.VanDooren@diplobel.fed.be