

LAUNCHING A GLOBAL NETWORK OF AI EXCELLENCE CENTRES IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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By 2030 AI will measurably influence and impact more than 8.5 billion people, across all sectors, and human & earth diverse ecosystems on an unprecedented scale. AI could help achieve 79 % of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), more specifically it can enable the accomplishment of 134 targets across all the goals, but it may also inhibit 59 targets.

In order to understand and take advantage of these opportunities Slovenia is launching NAIXUS, a multi-stakeholder Network of Centers of Excellence around the world which aims to bridge the gap between AI and SDGs by supporting cutting-edge research and applied activities on SDGs-related priorities.

NAIXUS already has 20 partners from 14 countries and counting. It is coordinated by IRCAI and the Data-Pop Alliance and is complementary to all existing international initiatives currently in place, including the UN framework and its initiatives.

MORE ABOUT THE NETWORK

SPEAKERS:

- **Ambassador Boštjan Malovrh**, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the UN
- **Ambassador Tetsuya Kimura**, Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN
- **Tshilidzi Marwala**, Vice Chancellor and Principal, University of Johannesburg
- **Marielza Oliveira**, Director for Partnerships and Operational Programme Monitoring, Communications and Information Sector, UNESCO
- **John Shawe-Taylor**, Director IRCAI
- **Samuel Kaski**, Aalto University, ELISE Network Coordinator
- **Paul Lukowicz**, DFKI, HumaneAI Network Coordinator
- **Matthew Smith**, Senior Program Specialist, IDRC
- **Nelson González**, Head Global Impact Computing, AWS
- **Kathleen Siminyu**, Machine Learning Fellow, Mozilla Foundation
- **Nuria Oliver**, ELLIS Unit Alicante Foundation
- **Ulrich Paquet**, Deep Learning Indaba, DeepMind
- **Maria Fasli**, UNESCO Chair in Analytics and Data Science, Executive Dean, Faculty of Science and Health at University of Essex
- **Alexandre F. Barbosa**, Director Cetic
- **Emmanuel Letouzé**, Director Data-Pop Alliance

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