



Third Ministerial Summit
on the Ethics of AI

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Latin America and the Caribbean

GENERAL PROGRAM

**THIRD MINISTERIAL AND HIGH-LEVEL
SUMMIT ON THE ETHICS OF
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN
LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN**



Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
June 25 & 26, 2026



Schedule

Activities

From **08:00** a. m.
to 09:30 a. m.

Registration and welcome coffee.

From **09:30** a. m.
to 10:00 a. m.

Opening conference: The State of AI Globally and in Latin America and the Caribbean.

An analysis of the current landscape of artificial intelligence at the global and regional levels: adoption rates, existing gaps, and current and future strategic challenges posed by this technology for the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Speaker:

- **Richard Stirling** | CEO and Founder, Oxford Insights.

From **10:00** a. m.
to 10:30 a. m.

Coffee Break.

From **10:30** a. m.
to 11:00 a. m.

Welcome and opening remarks.

High-level interventions by the host authorities and international co-organizing organizations of the event.

- **Edgar Batista Carrasco** | Director General of the Government Office of Information and Communication Technologies (OGTIC), Dominican Republic.
- **Christian Asinelli** | Corporate Vice-President of Strategic Planning, CAF (development bank of Latin America and the Caribbean).
- **Anne Lemaistre** | Director of the Regional Office in Havana, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).
- **Raúl Fuentes Milani** | Ambassador of the European Union to the Dominican Republic.
- **Luis Abinader** | President of the Dominican Republic.

From **11:00** a. m.
to 11:45 a. m.

High-Level Roundtable: Regional Overview of AI. Readiness Assessments (RAMs) in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Ministerial dialogue among countries in the region that have implemented the AI Readiness Assessment (RAM) methodology during 2025–2026. Participants will share progress, lessons learned, and opportunities for regional collaboration.

- **Moderator: Gisselle Burbano** | UNESCO Montevideo.
- **Panelists:** Ministers and high level authorities from the region.

From **11:45** a. m.
to 12:25 p. m.

High-Level Roundtable: AI Infrastructure, Its Importance, and Opportunities for LAC.

Discussion on the technological infrastructure capabilities needed for the development of AI in Latin America and the Caribbean, including computing, data, and prospects for regional scaling.

- **Speakers: Eduardo Chomali** | Senior Executive (speaker and moderator), CAF.
- **Moderator: Antonia Moreno** | Head of Public Advocacy at the National Center for Artificial Intelligence (CENIA) and Executive Secretary of the Latin American Index of Artificial Intelligence (ILIA), CENIA (speaker).
- **Panelistas:** Ministers and high level authorities from the region.
- **Special Guest: Rodrigo Barraza** | SDG Specialist at the UNDP Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean.



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From **12:25** p. m.
to 13:10 p. m.

Governance for AI: Regulatory Frameworks and Models for Building AI Capacity.

A discussion on the two complementary dimensions of AI governance: national and regional regulatory frameworks, and models aimed at strengthening implementation capacity in specific sectors. The discussion will focus on how these layers of governance should operate simultaneously and in a coordinated manner.

Speakers:

- **Reyson Lizardo** | Director of Digital Transformation, OGTIC.
- **Enrique Zapata** | CAF.
- **Natalia González Alarcón** | UNESCO.

Moderator:

- **Yuberkis Chevalier** | Director of Innovation, OGTIC.

Special guests:

- **Carla Bonina** | Open Government Partnership (OGP).

From **13:10** p. m.
to 14:40 p. m.

Lunch.

From **14:40** p. m.
to 15:45 p. m.

High-Level Roundtable: Transforming Education and Labor Markets for Inclusive and Ethical AI.

A discussion on the changes driven by AI in the region's education systems and labor markets, with an emphasis on skills development, workforce readiness, and the promotion of equitable inclusion across various spheres of social and professional life.

- **Speaker and moderator: Dr. Gale Rigobert** | CEO and Principal Consultant at Propel Ltd., co-founder of the Global Summit on Southern AI, and advisor to the Pan-African Council.
- **Panelist Marco Llinás** | Director of the Division of Productive and Business Development, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).
- **Panelists:** Ministers and high-level authorities from the region.
- **Special Guests: Javier García Colino** | Director of International and Alumni Affairs, School of Industrial Organization (EOI).
- **Special Guests: Claudia Felipe** | UNESCO Havana.

From **15:45** p. m.
to 16:45 p. m.

High-Level Roundtable: The Impact of AI on Disinformation and the Exercise of Democratic Freedoms.

A discussion on the actual and potential impacts of AI on disinformation and the exercise of democratic freedoms, featuring the sharing of experiences and lessons learned from measures implemented by various countries.

- **Speaker and moderator: Carlos Cortés** | Co-founder and fundraising consultant, Linterna Verde.
- **Panelists: Dr. Armstrong Alexis** | Deputy Secretary-General of the CARICOM Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).
- **Panelist: Alberto Gago** | Director General of AESIA.
- **Panelist: Paula Isturiz** | UNESCO Kingston.
- **Panelists:** Ministers and high level authorities from the region.

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June 25, 2026
 12:15 to 17:30 | Open Forum
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 Convention Center (Mirex)

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From **16:45** p. m.
to 17:00 p. m.

Coffee Break.

From **17:00** p. m.
to 17:30 p. m.

Conference: Environment and AI.

Speaker:

- **Ángel Melguizo** | TIDE Centre, University of Oxford.

From **17:30** p. m.
to 18:00 p. m.

Panel: From Regulation and Sandboxes to Scaling Up.

After making progress on regulatory frameworks, ethical principles, and sandboxes for artificial intelligence, Latin America and the Caribbean now face a deeper challenge: scaling up. In a global context where AI has become strategic infrastructure, integrating computing, data, talent, energy, standards, and economic power, the question is no longer just how to regulate it, but how to build the necessary capabilities to adopt it on a massive scale in productive sectors and within the state.

This panel will address how to move from controlled experimentation to large-scale implementation, combining computing infrastructure, evidence-based governance, financing, talent, and regional coordination to avoid structural dependency and transform AI into an engine of productivity, competitiveness, and sustainable development.

Panelists:

- **Melvin Asin** | Head of Cooperation, European Union Delegation.
- **Jaime Alberto Gutierrez** | Data & Analytics Sr Manager de NNT Data.
- **Panelist: Alberto Gago** | Director General of AESIA.
- **Maria Virginia Pardo** | Director of the Information Society Area, Agesic, Uruguay.
- **Moderator:**
 - **Armando Guío** | Executive Director of the Harvard Network of Centers.

Closing remarks.

High-level interventions by the host authorities and the international co-organizing organizations of the event.

- **Pablo Bello** | Digital Transformation Manager at CAF - Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- **Anne Lemaistre** | Director of the Regional Office in Havana, UNESCO.
- **Edgar Batista Carrasco** | Director General of the Government Office of Information and Communication Technologies (OGTIC), Dominican Republic.

From **18:00** p. m.
to 18:10 p. m.



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[ST DAY | EVENING

June 25, 2026
 19:00 to 21:00 | welcome cocktail
 Reception Venue: Colonial Zone,
 Santo Domingo.

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From **19:00** p. m.
to 21:00 p. m.

Welcome Reception in the Colonial Zone.

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From 08:30 a. m. to 09:00 a. m. From 09:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m.	Registration and Welcome Coffee. Roundtable: High-Performance Computing for Latin America and the Caribbean. Session dedicated to analyzing the current state and future prospects of high-performance computing infrastructure in the region, its strategic role in the sovereign development of AI, and available investment and cooperation models. Speaker: ▪ Tom Allegaert Partner, Fide Partners Moderator: ▪ CAF (development bank of Latin America and the Caribbean).
From 11:00 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.	Coffee break.
From 11:30 a. m. to 11:50 a. m. From 11:50 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. From 12:30 p. m. to 13:30 p. m. From 13:30 a. m. to 13:50 p. m. From 13:50 a. m. to 14:00 p. m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks at the Third Ministerial and High-Level Authorities Summit. ▪ Edgar Batista Carrasco Director General of the Government Office of Information and Communication Technologies (OGTIC), Dominican Republic. ▪ Maria Virginia Pardo Director of the Information Society Area, Agesic, Uruguay. Ministerial Dialogue: National and Regional Priorities for AI. Presentation of each country's progress, achievements, and priorities regarding AI, focusing on the thematic areas of the Roadmap for Ethical Artificial Intelligence in Latin America and the Caribbean 2024–2025. Roadmap for Ethical Artificial Intelligence in Latin America and the Caribbean 2026–2027. ▪ Presentation and approval of the 2026–2027 Roadmap. ▪ Formation of thematic working groups for the implementation of the Roadmap. Santo Domingo Declaration. ▪ Adoption of the text of the Santo Domingo Declaration. Closing remarks at the Third Ministerial and High-Level Summit, press conference, and photo session. ▪ Pablo Bello Digital Transformation Manager at CAF – the development bank for Latin America and the Caribbean–. ▪ Anne Lemaistre Director of the Regional Office in Havana, UNESCO. ▪ Edgar Batista Carrasco Director General of the Government Office of Information and Communication Technologies (OGTIC), Dominican Republic.
From 14:00 p. m. to 18:00 p. m.	Lunch.
Note: Workspace reserved for official delegations, high-ranking officials, and accredited companions.	