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ROADMAP FOR ETHICAL ARTIFICIAL
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Summary of the Roadmap and Declaration Development and Validation Process

During 2025, the development of the Roadmap for Ethical Artificial Intelligence in Latin America and the Caribbean 2026–2027 was carried out through a structured, participatory, and technically supported process, led by OGTIC with the support of CAF and UNESCO. The process was designed to ensure the inclusion of contributions from member countries and to guarantee a consensual, operational, and representative outcome reflecting regional priorities.

The methodology was organized into two parallel workstreams: a political-technical cycle (**Cycle A**) involving the member countries of the Working Group, focused on the review, feedback, and progressive validation of the content; and a technical cycle (**Cycle B**) involving OGTIC, CAF, and UNESCO, aimed at consolidating the inputs received, harmonizing the content, and ensuring methodological consistency. This approach enabled an iterative process of continuous improvement between political validation and technical refinement.

Over the course of several weeks, regular meetings were held, complemented by asynchronous feedback mechanisms through which countries were able to provide additional comments on the draft documents. Contributions were systematized using collaborative tools, including online documents and visual collaboration platforms, ensuring transparency in the recording of inputs and traceability in their incorporation.



As a result of this process, **a Roadmap was developed featuring prioritized lines of action, clearly defined regional deliverables, and a framework for regional coordination on ethical AI.** The Roadmap also served as a key input for the preparation of the draft Santo Domingo Declaration, the development of which included a dedicated phase for presentation to and review by member countries.

While the Roadmap benefited from a broader and more detailed consultation and feedback process, the Declaration was likewise developed on the basis of these contributions, ensuring coherence between the two instruments and alignment with previously agreed regional principles, including the continuity of the Montevideo Declaration (2024).



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In a context marked by the acceleration of the global debate on artificial intelligence (AI) and its ethical implications, it is strategically important for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) to strengthen regional coordination and consolidate processes that enable progress toward joint positions and collaborative actions. The First Ministerial Summit and High-Level Authorities Meeting on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence in LAC, held in Santiago de Chile in October 2023, represented a foundational milestone by initiating a regional dialogue that led to the creation of a specialized Working Group on the subject. Subsequently, at the Second Ministerial Summit held in Montevideo, Uruguay, in October 2024, the need to develop a Roadmap was recognized in order to organize, channel, and prioritize regional efforts. This instrument enabled the achievement of concrete and valuable results that enriched exchanges among countries and established common foundations for action. Specifically, impactful deliverables were developed aimed at creating regional public goods that can guide countries in the design and implementation of their public policies and regulatory frameworks on AI, across areas related to governance and regulation; talent and the future of work; protection of vulnerable groups; environment, sustainability, and climate change; and infrastructure.

At this Third Ministerial Summit held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on June 25–26, 2026, it is proposed to move forward on what has been built, materializing tangible results and specific deliverables that strengthen the capacity of member countries to advance short-term implementation initiatives, elevate a collective and representative voice in the international

community, and highlight the efforts invested in building ethical, inclusive, and human-centered artificial intelligence.

In this way, the region seeks not only to reinforce the cohesion and leadership of this Working Group, but also to position itself as a global reference in the promotion of ethical and responsible AI, with a direct impact on social well-being, innovation, and sustainable development.

The Roadmap is an instrument developed within the framework of the Working Group to strengthen technical and political dialogues related to governance and capacity-building for the development, use, adoption, and leverage of AI in LAC, as well as to guide and prioritize the technical support and contributions of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the CAF – Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean – aligned with other regional efforts. It shall be coordinated and updated, whenever necessary, by the High-Level Authorities within the framework of the Summits. It sets out the initial prioritized actions identified by the focal points of the countries participating in the Group, with a 12-month implementation horizon. This instrument aims to promote regional cooperation on AI that contributes to the social and economic development of the countries of the region, with an ethical approach.

Lines of Action

The areas and prioritized actions included in this Roadmap are considered key for the effective development and implementation of public policies on AI. Within the framework of the Group, the continuity of the thematic lines of action was approved, as well as the strengthening of the deliverables and actions initiated in the 2024–2025 Roadmap, seeking to create an enabling environment for ethical, inclusive, sustainable, and responsible technological innovation in the region.

1. Governance and Regulation

AI governance and regulation represent a strategic pillar for ensuring the responsible development and use of AI in LAC. The rapid expansion of AI-based technologies poses ethical, legal, and political challenges that require clear frameworks for action. Robust governance enables the building of trust, ensures the protection of fundamental rights, and lays the foundations for inclusive and sustainable innovation.

During the implementation of the 2024–2025 Roadmap, significant progress was made in consolidating instruments and methodologies to strengthen AI governance in the region. The **Emerging Practices in AI Governance in Latin America** integrates comparative experiences and strategic recommendations on the subject. In parallel, **the Practical Guide for the Implementation of Governance Models and the Methodology for Designing AI Regulatory Proposals**, developed by CAF–UNESCO, became a regional reference for supporting countries in the design of binding regulatory frameworks for this technology. In the area of disinformation, coordination was established for the **Working Group of Experts on AI and Disinformation**, with its operational framework completed, and the **Policy Proposal to Combat AI-Driven Disinformation was developed**. These achievements lay a solid foundation for transitioning from planning to active implementation of regional governance mechanisms.

Within the 2026–2027 Roadmap, the Governance and Regulation line of action is oriented toward the consolidation of practical mechanisms and the development of sustainable capacities in the region. Following an initial phase focused on the development of conceptual and methodological frameworks, the new period aims to shift toward implementation and the active use of tools that strengthen decision-making processes. Emphasis will be placed on generating timely responses to emerging AI challenges, particularly those related to disinformation, as well as fostering dialogue spaces that strengthen regulatory and legislative capacities.

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This aims to move toward a more articulated, dynamic governance model that is better adapted to the realities of LAC. To this end, the following key deliverables have been defined:

Deliverable 1.1: Implementation of the Regional Group of Experts on Disinformation and Artificial Intelligence in Latin America and the Caribbean, based on the monitoring of the operational manual

The Regional Group of Experts on Disinformation and AI will be established, composed of technical experts, academics, and representatives of international organizations, with the objective of guiding Member States and coordinating regional responses to digital disinformation. Its activities will be carried out within the framework of the regional AI Ethics Working Group, and its work plan will include studies on the state of AI-generated or AI-amplified disinformation in LAC, the development of a Rapid Response Playbook with use cases, response workflows, and inter-institutional coordination mechanisms—particularly in political or electoral contexts—and the compilation of regional and global best practices such as fact-checking, transparency in the use of generative AI, and deepfake detection.

Deliverable 1.2: Cycle of Workshops on AI Regulatory Design

A series of national workshops will be implemented to foster dialogue between AI regulatory authorities and their specialized technical teams, as a mechanism to strengthen their capacities in the design, evaluation, and updating of AI regulatory frameworks. These workshops will apply the regulatory roadmap in a practical manner, ensuring that regulations are grounded in human rights, promote responsible innovation, and are aligned with international standards (EU, OECD, UNESCO, and UN).

2. Talento y futuro del trabajo

Human talent is the engine of digital transformation and adaptation to the future of work. The integration of AI into education and productive systems requires new competencies that enable students, teachers, and professionals not only to use technology, but also to understand it, critically assess it, and leverage it in an ethical and responsible manner. This line of action seeks to strengthen the capacities of key stakeholders and ensure that the region has a workforce prepared for the rapid changes of the digital era.

During the implementation of the 2024–2025 Roadmap, the **Framework of Competencies for AI Literacy and Use in LAC** and the **Educational Guide** were developed, and progress was made in monitoring the incorporation of the **framework into curricula**, whose final version was validated and presented at the regional meeting in September. These products constitute a reference to guide educational and training policies in the region, consolidating a common framework for AI digital literacy.

During the execution of the 2026–2027 Roadmap, this line of action will focus on the **practical implementation** of mechanisms for skills development that materialize the progress achieved. To this end, the following key deliverables have been defined:

Deliverable 2.1: Creation of an online open course to disseminate the AI literacy framework and its Educational Guide, targeted at national authorities

This deliverable consists of the design, development, and launch of an open online course (MOOC) that transforms the Educational Guide into a practical training tool. It is aimed at authorities, key public sector stakeholders, education sector actors, technical teams, and teacher trainers in LAC. Its objectives are: (i) to generate a common knowledge base on the safe, ethical, and responsible use of AI; (ii) to strengthen educational leadership capacities to integrate AI into national policies and programs; (iii) to

promote regional cooperation through shared modules and spaces for exchange of experiences; and (iv) to provide reusable and adaptable materials for different national contexts. In this way, it establishes a common knowledge base for the strategic and ethical integration of AI, equipping education leaders with the fundamental competencies to design and implement initiatives that leverage AI in a responsible and human-centered manner.

Deliverable 2.2: Comparative study on incentive and subsidy programs

Preparation of a comparative study analyzing international incentive programs for companies investing in reskilling and upskilling initiatives, as well as a mapping of academic programs at all levels and public subsidy schemes. The objective is to identify best practices and lessons learned that can serve as a reference for the design of public policies in LAC.

3. Protection of Vulnerable Groups

The integration of AI into social and productive domains poses particular risks for groups historically in situations of vulnerability. Algorithmic bias, digital exclusion, and the lack of representation in the design of technology policies may deepen existing inequalities. This line of action seeks to anticipate and mitigate these risks through the inclusion of gender, ethnic, and diversity perspectives, ensuring that AI is developed in an equitable manner and in full respect of human rights.

During the implementation of the 2024–2025 Roadmap, significant progress was achieved with the development of a **guide to mainstream the gender perspective in AI policies**, accompanied by a structured experience-sharing process. Likewise, a **regional study on racism and discrimination in the field of public security was completed**, providing key evidence to guide future interventions. Both outputs consolidated a solid foundation to ensure that AI in the region is used as a tool for inclusion rather than exclusion.

This Roadmap seeks to translate previously developed conceptual frameworks into practical and applicable capacities for technical teams and policy decision-makers. This will ensure that the guidelines remain not only at the normative level, but are transformed into effective institutional competencies. In this way, the region will have more robust mechanisms to reduce bias, prevent discrimination, and ensure that the design and implementation of AI policies reflect principles of equity and social justice. To this end, the following key deliverable has been defined:

Deliverable 3.1: Capacity-building on the Gender Mainstreaming Guide

This deliverable consists of the design and implementation of a practical training program aimed at policymakers, government technical teams, and key stakeholders in the region to internalize and apply the Gender Mainstreaming Guide, transforming its recommendations into actionable competencies for the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of AI policies and systems. The course will combine theoretical modules with regional case studies, practical exercises for bias identification and mitigation, and spaces for the exchange of experiences among countries. The objective is to ensure that public AI policies are designed and implemented with a gender perspective, mitigating bias and promoting equity.

Deliverable 3.2: Study on the Impacts of AI on Children and Adolescents

Preparation of a comparative study analyzing the positive and negative impacts of artificial intelligence on children and adolescents, as well as protection measures adopted in different contexts. The purpose is to generate inputs that inform public policies and regulatory frameworks that prioritize the comprehensive protection of children and adolescents in the face of the risks and opportunities of AI.

4. Environment, Sustainability, and Climate Change

The potential of AI to support environmental monitoring, risk management, and the fight against climate change is enormous; however, its development also entails environmental impacts derived from the intensive use of computational and energy resources. This line of action promotes a balance between leveraging AI capabilities for sustainability and ensuring that its application does not generate adverse effects on the environment.

During the implementation of the 2024–2025 Roadmap, a compendium of best practices and recommendations for the use of AI in environmental conservation and protection was developed, along with a study on the environmental risks associated with its development in the region. Both documents were finalized and validated in coordination with the countries, providing a key reference framework to guide decisions and policies in this area.

The next step is to advance toward the standardization of environmental data, so that countries have a common framework to measure and assess the environmental impact of AI. This will ensure that sustainability policies are supported by reliable, comparable, and up-to-date evidence, enhancing both regional cooperation and decision-making effectiveness. To this end, the following key deliverable has been defined:

Deliverable 4.1: Development of a regional data standard to measure the environmental impact of AI

Establish a regional data standard to systematically measure, monitor, and compare the environmental impact of AI in LAC. This standard seeks to promote the availability of open and transparent data, taking into account international standards and emerging practices.

5. Infrastructure

The development of AI in LAC depends largely on the availability of robust and accessible technological infrastructure. Storage, processing, and data-sharing capacities, as well as data governance, constitute fundamental pillars for the responsible and effective deployment of AI. This line of action seeks to ensure that the region has the enabling conditions necessary to sustain innovation and competitiveness in the digital sphere.

During the implementation of the 2024–2025 Roadmap, a report of recommendations for the governance of data used for algorithm training was completed, incorporating contributions from various countries in the region. Likewise, agreement was reached to include in the new Roadmap the regional study on the demand for high-performance computing infrastructure, with the aim of ensuring continuity of this work and expanding its scope toward the strategic planning of shared technological capacities.

During the execution of the 2026–2027 Roadmap, this line of action will focus on generating evidence and practical capacities to optimize the use of technological resources in the region. This includes both the identification of needs and cooperation opportunities in high-performance infrastructure, as well as the creation of secure testing environments that allow AI projects to be evaluated under technical, legal, and ethical criteria. The combination of applied research and knowledge transfer will strengthen the foundations for a more reliable and sustainable AI ecosystem in Latin America and the Caribbean. To this end, the following key deliverables have been defined:

5.1 Regional Study on the Demand for High-Performance Computing Infrastructure

Conduct a regional study on the current and future demand for high-performance computing infrastructure in LAC, aimed at mapping existing initiatives, identifying enabling factors for the collaborative use of advanced computing centers oriented toward AI, and proposing financing schemes and mechanisms for shared utilization across the region.



5.2 Workshop on the Design and Implementation of Data Sandboxes

Strengthen the capacities of LAC countries to design and implement data sandboxes as controlled testing environments that allow for the assessment of the technical, legal, and ethical feasibility of data use in AI projects. The workshop will serve to transfer practical knowledge on methodologies, regulatory frameworks, and data governance models applicable across different strategic sectors.



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Implementation, Monitoring, and Review of the Roadmap

- **Leadership and Coordination:** The implementation of the 2026–2027 Roadmap will be led by the governments of the region in coordination with the Working Group, with technical assistance and financial support from CAF – Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean – and UNESCO. This process will aim to consolidate a collaborative governance framework that enables the articulation of regional efforts with international and multilateral initiatives, avoiding duplication and enhancing synergies.

The Working Group will be responsible for establishing a permanent mechanism for dialogue and cooperation with international organizations, networks, and specialized forums that develop relevant actions in the field of ethics and artificial intelligence. The existence of multiple spaces and actors advancing this agenda is recognized; therefore, strengthening coordination with them is essential in order to complement and align efforts, thereby reinforcing the regional voice in the global debate on the responsible use of AI.

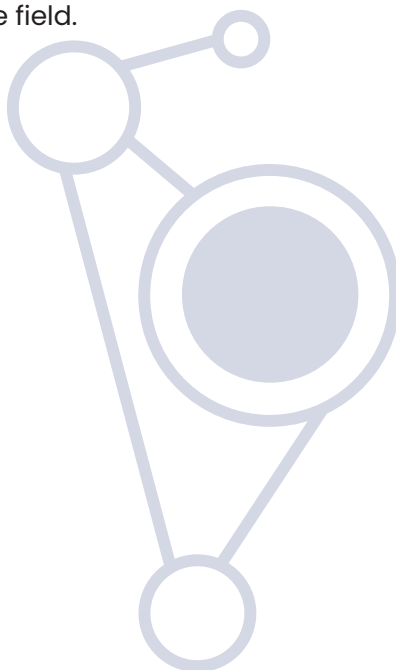
In this regard, the Presidency of the Working Group and the Technical Secretariat shall establish and implement a work plan defining priority coordination mechanisms, promoting strategic dialogue spaces, and facilitating the dissemination of regional outcomes in international forums. These coordination mechanisms will function as a validation and alignment instrument, thereby expanding the scope and impact of regional initiatives.

Monitoring Indicator: Number of formal interactions or dialogue spaces (presentations, participation in panels, bilateral or multilateral meetings) with international organizations, networks, or working groups, recorded and assessed quarterly by the Executive Committee (CAF–UNESCO–OGTIC). A **minimum target of four interactions per year is established**, prioritizing those that generate collaboration commitments or technical and policy synergies.

- **Prioritized Lines and Deliverables:** The strategic lines and defined deliverables will be approved by the Ministers and High-Level Authorities participating in the Ministerial Summit and High-Level Authorities Meeting on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence in Latin America and the Caribbean. Their definition results from a consultative exercise with member countries of the Group, based on dialogue processes, joint prioritization, feasibility analysis, availability of technical cooperation, and relevance for implementation.
- **Implementation of Initiatives:** The integration of the established working subgroups will be promoted, facilitating the exchange of experiences and knowledge, and ensuring appropriate coordination and participation of interested countries in the region. These teams will operate under a timeline that specifies the scope of deliverables, intermediate milestones, and stakeholder mapping, with a maximum implementation period of 12 months, unless exceptional agreements are reached.
- **Monitoring and Accountability:** The Working Group will carry out monitoring of the progress of approved deliverables, as well as periodic updates of the Roadmap, with results submitted for validation and endorsement at subsequent Ministerial Summits and High-Level Authorities Meetings on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- **Visibility and Dialogue:** The dissemination and recognition of all actions related to the Roadmap will be promoted, ensuring the broadest possible



inclusion and representation of different actors and stakeholders in the region, in accordance with their respective competencies and under the leadership of national governments. In this context, policies, programs, and projects developed by LAC countries in the field of AI will be published in UNESCO's Global Observatory on AI Ethics and Governance. Likewise, coordination and visibility of these actions will be encouraged in relation to other regional initiatives, such as the eLAC Digital Agenda and the GEALC Network, thereby contributing to greater regional coherence and cohesion in the field.



Comparison of Roadmaps

The following table presents a comparison between the 2024–2025 Roadmap and the 2026–2027 Roadmap:

Line of Action	Approved Deliverables (2024–2025)	Deliverables to be Developed (2026–2027)
1. Governance and Regulation	1.1. Governance Models and Evolution of Regulation in LAC 1.2. Methodology for Designing AI Regulatory Proposals 1.3. Coordination Mechanism to Address the Impact of AI on Disinformation in the Region	1.1. Implementation of the Regional Group of Experts on Disinformation and Artificial Intelligence in Latin America and the Caribbean, based on the monitoring of the operational manual 1.2. Cycle of Workshops on AI Regulatory Design
2. Talent and the Future of Work	2.1. Framework for AI Literacy and Use. 2.2. Workshop Series: AI for Leaders and Decision-Makers.	2.1. Creation of an Open Online Course to Disseminate the AI Digital Literacy Framework and its Educational Guide, Targeted at National Authorities 2.2. Comparative Study on Incentive and Subsidy Programs
3. Protección de grupos en situación de vulnerabilidad	3.1. Women in AI: Experience Exchange and Guide for Gender Mainstreaming 3.2. Regional Study on Racism and Discrimination in the Field of Public Security	3.1. Capacity-Building for the Gender Mainstreaming Guide 3.2. Study on the Impacts of AI on Children and Adolescents

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4. Environment, Sustainability, and Climate Change	4.1. Best Practices and Recommendations on Disaster Risk, Monitoring, Conservation, and Environmental Protection 4.2. Study on Environmental Risks from the Use and Development of AI in LAC	4.1. Development of a Regional Data Standard to Measure Environmental Impact
5. Infraestructura	5.1. Regional Study on the Demand for High-Performance Computing Infrastructure 5.2. Recommendations for Data Governance for Algorithm Training	5.1. Regional Study on the Demand for High-Performance Computing Infrastructure 5.2. Workshop on the Design and Implementation of Data Sandboxes