**ICC Response to Elements Paper on modalities for the UN Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and Global Dialogue on AI Governance**

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The Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence

**Mandate**

We support point a. on the mandate of the Panel, to promote scientific understanding drawing from existing research and initiatives at national, regional and international level.

We propose a clear reference in the mandate that the Panel does not conduct new research, but rather aggregates, translates and distils existing AI knowledge.

We welcome point b. on the independent, multidisciplinary and globally representative function of the Panel, as well as its role in informing evidence-base policy decisions. However, we wish to underline that there should be clarity in the mandate of the Panel to inform, and not dictate, policymaking.

We welcome parts of point c. on the assessments of opportunities, capabilities, impacts and risks of AI, in line with advancing scientific understanding, as envisioned in paragraph 55(a) of the Global Digital Compact. However, we advise caution regarding the Panel initiating research on capacity-building, as existing initiatives already address this area, which can create duplication.

We emphasise that the assessments of the Panel should be based on existing AI research, and, while the risks associated with AI must be addressed through those assessments, the Panel should highlight AI’s opportunities and benefits in driving economic development and accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Structure**

We welcome the general spirit of points a. and b. on the composition of the Panel, and open nomination and transparent selection process. However, we recommend a clear reference to the open, multistakeholder nomination process, and multistakeholder set-up of the Panel, drawing reference from the structure of the UN High-Level Advisory Body on AI. This will ensure a broad representation of the Panel, which contributes to a comprehensive understanding of AI’s implications across regions and sectors.

We also wish to highlight the importance of including business representatives as part of the Panel, given the significant expertise that exists within the private sector. This will ensure that discussions are reflective of real-world AI developments, including practical applications and economic impacts.

To ensure the credibility and legitimacy of any potential working groups as proposed in point c., those should be formed with representatives from all sectors. We also recommend that a steering committee is formed with one or two members from all sectors.

**Outputs**

We welcome the proposed Panel outputs as presented in point a., in particular the periodical assessments. We recommend that these periodical assessments are produced annually and synthesise the latest scientific research, key developments and global trends in AI, focusing both on the challenges, but also the opportunities of AI in accelerating progress towards the SDGs.

We strongly recommend that the Panel collaborates with other international organisations and UN entities, to coordinate with existing initiatives, foster amore unified approach to AI, and strengthen global efforts.

We support point b., that the assessments of the Panel inform the Global Dialogue, and that they are released in advance of the Global Dialogue.

The Global Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence Governance

**Mandate**

We welcome the spirit of the mandate of the Global Dialogue, as a multistakeholder platform to facilitate open, transparent and inclusive discussions on AI governance, as noted in point a. Effective governance frameworks require stakeholder input and buy-in, which can only be achieved through a multistakeholder, bottom-up approach. By fostering inclusive participation in the Dialogue, the UN can help ensure that AI governance frameworks are both scientifically rigorous and practically applicable.

We support point b. that the Global Dialogue acts as a forum for sharing best practices and as a venue for dialogue between all stakeholders, including governments, the private sector, civil society, the technical community, and academia.

We also welcome point c. on collaboration and synergies with existing initiatives. Specifically, the Dialogue should align with major global convenings, such as the Internet Governance Forum, ITU’s AI for Good Summit, and UNESCO’s Global Forum on AI Ethics to ensure broad participation and impact.

**Structure**

We support that the Global Dialogue is open to all member states and stakeholders as noted in point a. However, we caution against maintaining separate intergovernmental and multistakeholder tracks. Even with efforts to connect them, such an approach can easily create silos and diminish opportunities for collaboration and best-practice exchange among all stakeholders, which the Global Dialogue should be designed to facilitate.

We welcome point b. that the Global Dialogue is convened on the margins of existing UN conferences and meetings. To maximise its impact and ensure relevance across regions and sectors, we propose that the Global Dialogue aligns with key global events such as the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), ITU’s AI for Good Summit, and UNESCO’s Global Forum on AI Ethics.

We welcome point c. to ensure efforts in supporting the effective, equitable and meaningful participation and representation of developing countries in the Global Dialogue.

**Outputs**

We welcome point a. that the outcomes of the Global Dialogue are non-binding and available in all six languages. The Global Dialogue’s outcomes should focus on AI’s role in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly in developing economies, and ensure that AI’s benefits are reachable to all.

The outcomes of the dialogue should enhance global understanding of AI’s opportunities and promote international cooperation to address the challenges associated with its development, deployment, and use.

With regards to point b. we support that the Panel and Global Dialogue work in tandem—the Panel providing expert-driven insights and the Dialogue offering diverse stakeholder perspectives.