



Call for financial contributions

Global Conference on AI, Security and Ethics

18-19 June 2026 — Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

As preparations for the [Global Conference on AI, Security and Ethics 2026](#) move forward, UNIDIR welcomes voluntary financial contributions to support complementary efforts that enhance its accessibility, visibility and impact.

With artificial intelligence (AI) systems moving rapidly from development to deployment, their governance sits at the forefront of global policy agendas. AI is no longer a frontier question, but actively shapes national, regional and global security environments.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural edition, which reached over half a million people, and the ongoing work of the [Roundtable for AI, Security and Ethics](#), UNIDIR's Global Conference on AI, Security and Ethics has become a key platform for fostering international dialogue and catalyzing collaborative action on responsible AI governance. Its growing influence reflects widespread interest and a shared recognition among governments, industry, academia and civil society of the need to act in shaping AI policy and security frameworks.

In 2026, financial support will help expand and deepen the conference's impact through additional efforts including:

Broader participation: Enabling the in-person attendance of diverse experts, thought leaders and emerging voices.

Enriched dialogue: Reinforcing the quality of exchanges through increased visibility and communications support.

Greater impact: Supporting the production of conference outputs that contribute to global efforts on AI governance in security and defence.

As an institute funded through voluntary contributions, UNIDIR relies on the generous support of donors to carry out its mandate and activities. Contributions to the conference will support complementary activities that enhance participation, accessibility, visibility and post-event follow-up. Donors can also receive visibility for their support through the inclusion of their logos on the event webpage.

The Global Conference on AI, Security and Ethics 2026 serves as a catalyst for action. By contributing, you demonstrate a shared commitment to a more secure world. There is no set minimum contribution, and all support is welcome.

The call for voluntary contributions is open until **Sunday, 24 May 2026**.

For questions or to explore contribution opportunities, please contact: ai-sectec-unidir@un.org.