

## 11th NIC.br Annual Workshop on Survey Methodology |Innovation and Trends on ICT Data Production Webinar III: International projects on AI



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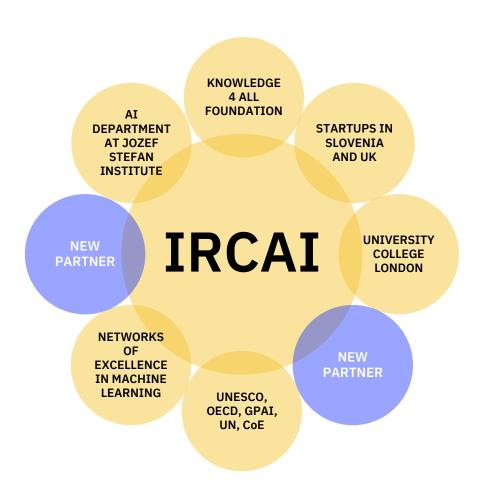
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- 1. The International Research Centre in Artificial Intelligence (IRCAI) was founded by the Government of Slovenia as the UNESCO AI arm in 2020 and approved at the 40th session of the General Conference, where 193 UNESCO Member States supported the establishment of the Center.
- 2. It was inspired by the international work in the field of AI by an ecosystem of high-level institutions and researchers involved in scientific, industrial and policy actions working directly with UNESCO and set up to showcase the use of Artificial Intelligence for the benefit of humanity.
- 3. The Center is independent and acts as a clearing house for Excellent Research to scale up into spin-offs and is exploring ways of creating an ambitious and realistic AI Global Research Agenda, to mobilize the World's AI community to tackle United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- 4. IRCAI will undertake a **Needs Assessment for Artificial Intelligence (AI), Digital transformation and Open Data for SIDS**. This survey aims at developing an understanding of capacity building needs for AI enabled digital transformation and related Open Data ecosystem.





Its current initiatives envisage the Center as a coordination point, funding route, and exploitation accelerator for approaches to the SDGs that make use of AI.

At the core of the Center are Program Committees around different Grand Challenges which put scientific quality first.

These are the fora made of AI and domain experts where individual international projects from any Region or Community are reviewed, approved for adoption, and prioritized for funding.



## Setting up: Global network of AI excellence centres in Sustainable Development





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