Press Release

Bhutan to Host the "AI for Development" Workshop

The Royal Government of Bhutan in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of UAE, Eurasia Group and G42 is hosting the AI for development workshop in Thimphu from 15-16 July 2025.

As a key catalyst of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, AI is transforming global economies and development paradigms, offering unprecedented opportunities for innovation, inclusion, and sustainability. Recognizing its transformative potential, Bhutan is proactively advancing initiatives to harness AI in support of its national development priorities. This workshop marks a pivotal step in Bhutan's journey toward leveraging AI for socio-economic progress.

The event will convene together over 80 participants from the Royal Government of Bhutan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the UAE, Eurasia Group, G42, and local AI practitioners from the private sector in Bhutan. Through high-level panel discussions, expert presentations, and interactive sessions, participants will explore AI's role in accelerating Bhutan's socio-economic transformation, with a particular emphasis on priority sectors such as agriculture, tourism, and employment.

The key objectives of the workshop are to identify strategic opportunities for AI to advance Bhutan's socio-economic transformation, strengthen digital infrastructure and institutional capacity for effective AI integration, and promote responsible, inclusive, and values-driven adoption of AI that aligns with Bhutan's national values. The program will also emphasize the importance of international collaboration and private sector engagement to accelerate innovation and knowledge exchange, while positioning Bhutan as an active contributor to regional and global AI governance efforts.

Through collaborative dialogues, the workshop seeks to establish a strategic path for an impactful use of AI in Bhutan's development journey.