



Pan-Arab AI Governance Toolkit

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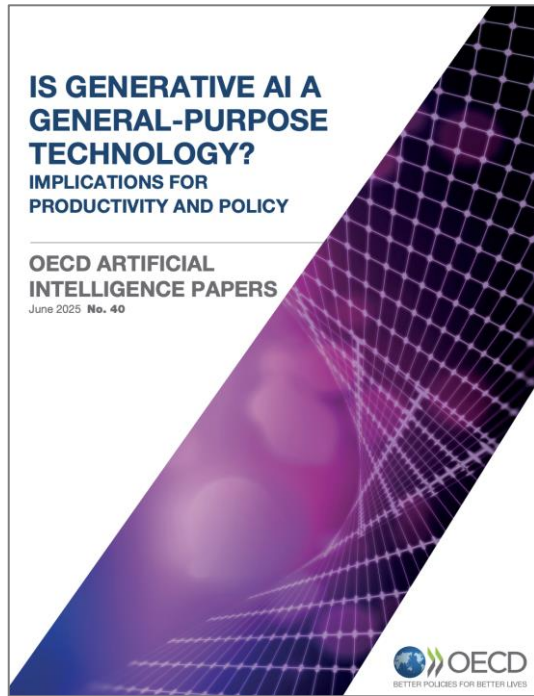
AI governance is about more than ‘just’ regulation



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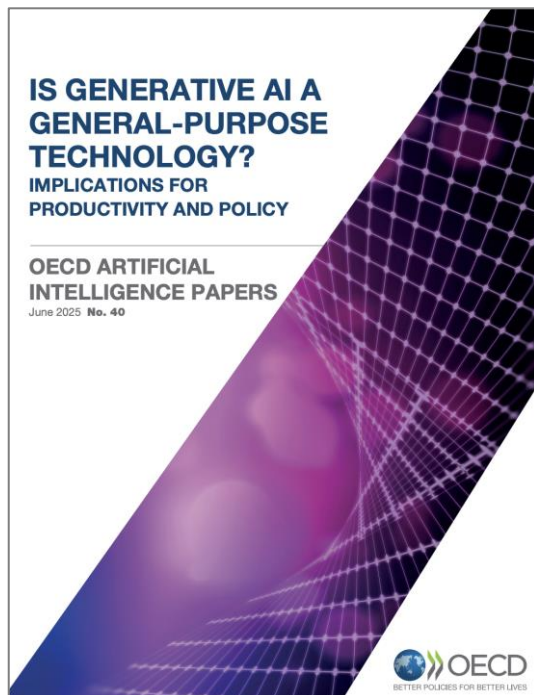
- Ensuring that AI (and digital) interventions **add value, and do not exacerbate existing issues**
- Enabling **public services to be judged against the best of the (digital) private sector** – and the growing digital expectations of citizens
- Shaping a **culture and approach to AI** (and technology) to position governments as key digital and innovation actors.
- *Regulation, legislation, and core guardrails, guiderails, and **protections***

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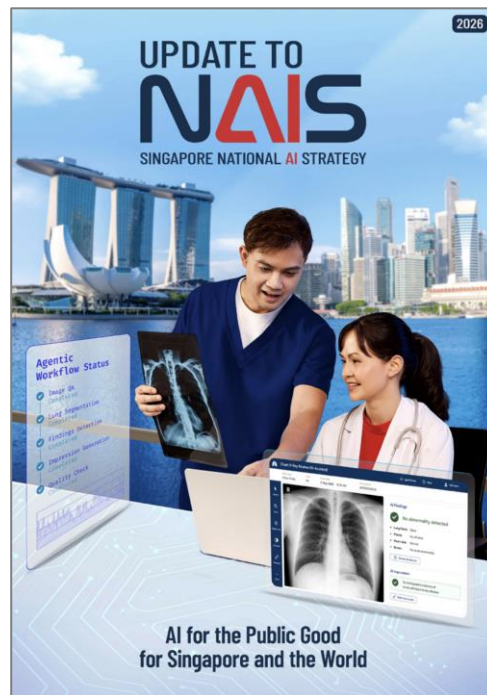


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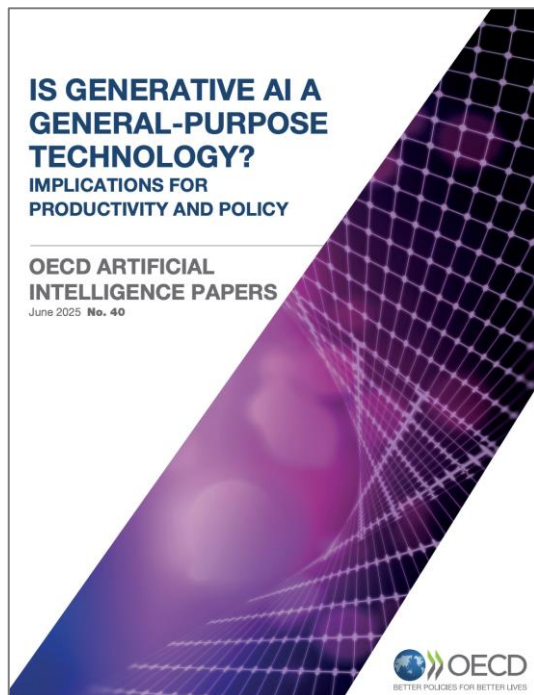


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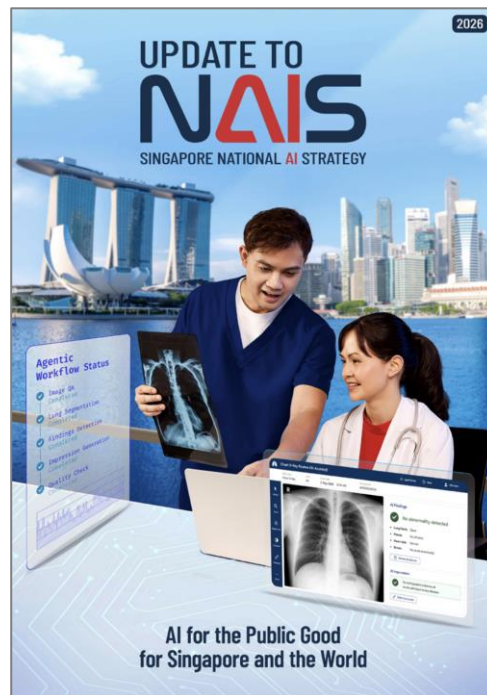


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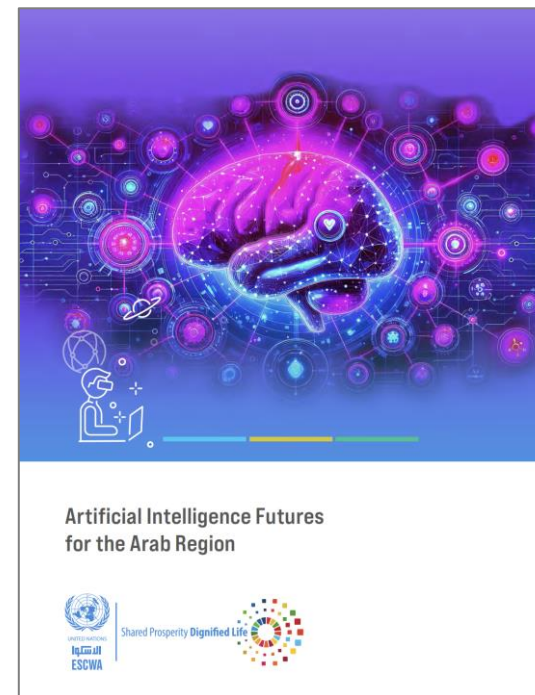
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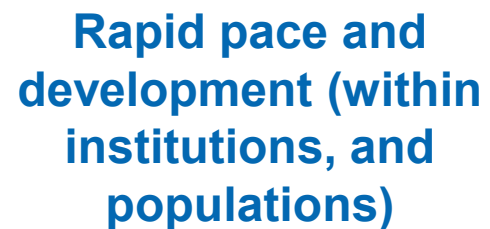
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Sovereignty, and regional approaches



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Exploring the types of AI risks and governance issues being encountered in countries and communities – including mapping existing efforts within the region.

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A 10-step guide to support countries in operationalizing AI governance – moving from principles to practice, and setting out key priorities and direction.

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- Unpacking the different types of AI risk – internal, external, national, sector-specific
- Exploring national and/or sector-specific AI governance
- Governing specific AI technologies - GenAI, agentic AI, etc.
- Considering AI-specific legislation
- Ensuring mechanisms for grievance redressal
- The interplay between the public and private sectors

Additional thoughts welcome!

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Upstream

Downstream

Legislation

Ambient legislation

Policy

Procurement

Sandboxes and testbeds

Technical standards

Industry self-regulation

Participatory data governance

Citizen auditing

Citizen Assemblies

AI registers

AI literacy

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A 10-step guide to support countries in operationalizing AI governance – moving from principles to practice, and setting out key priorities and direction.

1. Map existing AI governance efforts
2. Establish an advisory council, taskforce, or other (multi-stakeholder) body
3. Engage with risk
4. Define core principles of governance
5. Operationalize AI governance
6. Funding and resource provision cannot be afterthoughts
7. Shape the governance toolkit
8. Develop monitoring, learning, and evaluation approaches for AI governance
9. Continue to upskill the public sector, and the public
10. Identify platforms to share and to build learning

Over to you! Some guiding questions



1. *What AI governance and AI risk trends are you seeing in your country and your context?*
2. *Are there gaps in the AI governance value-chain – and is a value-chain approach a useful one for your work?*
3. *What steps or detail are we missing from the 10-step framework?*
4. *Can we feature your work as a case study in any particular section?*
5. *What is coming in the future? What are you worried, or excited, by?*



Thank you!

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