

DataScientia Symposium 2026

Theme: Diversity-Aware Sovereign AI

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Overview

The **DataScientia Symposium 2026**, to be hosted in South Africa at Durban University of Technology (DUT), will take place **from 22 to 24 July 2026**, followed by a dedicated day of social and networking activities on 25 July. The event marks a significant step in advancing a global dialogue on **Diversity-aware Sovereign AI**; an approach to artificial intelligence that respects cultural diversity, local knowledge, and data autonomy across regions and communities.

Bringing together leading researchers, policymakers, industry experts, and international organizations, the meeting is designed as a **multi-day collaborative platform** combining scientific exchange, policy dialogue, and strategic co-creation. Participants will engage in a dynamic program of talks, workshops, and discussions aimed at shaping the future of inclusive and culturally aware AI systems.

The event will open with an **Opening Ceremony at DUT**, setting the stage for three thematic workshops:

- **Day 1 (22 July) – Diversity-aware AI**

The goal of this workshop is to provide a high level overview, via survey talks, and case studies, of the **state of the art in Diversity-aware AI**, problems and solutions, across the main diverse application domains and case studies across diverse cultures and languages. Talks will present cutting-edge research and interdisciplinary approaches to building AI systems.

- **Day 2 (23 July) – Diversity-aware sovereign AI for Africa (Policy & Regional Perspective)**

Building on the scientific foundations of the first workshop, this workshop will shift toward **policy, governance, and regional implementation**, with a particular focus on South Africa and the broader African landscape. Speakers will include representatives from governments, academia, and international bodies, offering insights into current initiatives and strategic priorities. The session will conclude with a multi-stakeholder panel discussion addressing pathways toward African leadership in Diversity-aware sovereign AI.

- **Day 3 (24 July) – The DataScientia Initiative (Collaboration & Action)**

The final day is dedicated to the DataScientia Initiative, focusing on its core pillars: **community building** towards **shared information, education, research, and innovation**. The participants will actively contribute to shaping ongoing and future activities, fostering partnerships, and defining concrete actions for collaboration at both regional and global levels. The session will conclude with a panel Q/A section where the participants will discuss difficulties, open problems, and concrete ways of how to proceed.

- **Day 4 (25 July) – Social Program**

The meeting will conclude on **25 July** with a **social program**, offering participants the opportunity to experience the richness of beautiful South Africa while strengthening informal connections and fostering long-term international collaboration.





A Manifesto for Diversity-aware Sovereign AI for Africa

A central outcome of the event will be the co-creation of a Manifesto on diversity-aware sovereign AI, developed through structured contributions from leading researchers, senior policymakers, institutional representatives, and international partners. The manifesto will be conceived not as a declarative statement, but as an **evidence-informed and action-oriented framework**, grounded in the discussions and outputs of the meeting.

Its development will draw on the three core pillars of the program: the **scientific evidence presented during Day 1**, capturing the state of the art and key research challenges; the **policy and governance perspectives of Day 2**, reflecting regulatory approaches, public sector priorities, and international cooperation efforts, including contributions from institutions such as the European Commission and African governmental bodies; and the **implementation-oriented work of Day 3**, translating these insights into operational priorities across capacity building, data governance, education, and innovation.

To ensure continuity and impact beyond the event, the manifesto will be accompanied by **concrete follow-up mechanisms**, including the establishment of thematic working groups, the identification of pilot initiatives and joint projects, and its integration into the ongoing activities of the DataScientia Initiative across research, education, and innovation. In this sense, the meeting is designed not only as a forum for exchange, but as a **mechanism for coordination and alignment**, inviting participants to actively contribute to shaping both the conceptual foundations and the practical trajectory of Sovereign AI in Africa and globally.





Programme Outline

DAY 1 – 22.07.2026 | OPEN TO PUBLIC

Opening Ceremony @Riverside Hotel			
Talk #	Time	Talk Title	Duration (minutes)
T0	08:00	Registration for the Event	30 min
Opening Session Session Chair: Prof Sunday Ojo			
T1	08:30	Opening & Welcome Address by Prof. Oludayo Olugbara <i>Executive Dean, Faculty of Accounting & Informatics, DUT</i>	15 min
T2	08:45	Zulu Cultural Dancers Performance	20 min
T3	09:05	The African-EU strategy for AI Research and Innovation by Vincenzo Lorusso <i>EC Policy Officer, Bruxelles</i>	15 min
T4	09:15	Introduction to the Workshop Theme by Prof. Fausto Giunchiglia	10 min
	09:30	Launch of the DUT DataScientia Living Lab Prof. Sunday Ojo, Prof. Oludayo Olugbara, Prof. Fausto Giunchiglia	15 min
	09:45	Coffee Break	15 min



Workshop on Diversity Aware AI - Purpose and Structure

The goal of the first day is to bring together speakers from different communities (e.g., AI, linguistics, anthropology, design), as well as participants with diverse backgrounds, even if from the same research area, e.g., AI. The goal for each speaker will be to provide a broad overview of the state of the art while also placing our work in a wider context. The key objective is to facilitate the development of an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary understanding of the issues being discussed. There is a need to present a holistic and well-integrated perspective on your work.

As from the title of the event, “Diversity-aware Sovereign AI,” and its location in Durban, South Africa, the speakers have been selected, to the best of our ability, to cover the various issues connected to these themes. The first day is primarily focused on the scientific aspects. However, it has also been designed to lay the groundwork for the discussions that will take place on the second and third days, whose main focus will be on how to develop sovereign, diversity-aware AI in Africa. This is also linked to the plan of producing, as a possible outcome of this three-day event, a manifesto paper on the development of “diversity-aware sovereign AI in Africa”.

- Day 1 - Workshop on Diversity-aware AI					
Talk #	Time	Talk Title	Presenter(s)	Duration (minutes)	Institute
Morning Session AI for X Session Chair: Prof Sunday Ojo					
T4	10:00	Capturing patient diversity across molecular and clinical phenotypes with foundation models [Ai for Health]	Valentina Giunchiglia	25+5	Imperial College London, Harvard University (HU)
T5	10:30	Accelerating scientific discovery with agentic AI [Ai for science]	Owen Queen	25+5	Dept. of Computer Science, Stanford University (SU)
T6	11:00	A Large Lexical Database on Language Diversity	Gabor Bella	25+5	IMT – Atlantique
T7	11:30	Diversity-aware AI	Davide Cavicchini	25+5	University of Trento
	12:00	Lunch Break		1 hour	ALL
Afternoon Session Diversity-aware AI (a) Session Chair: Valentina Giunchiglia					



T8	13:00	Language Diversity, Dialectical Pluralism and Grassroot Digital Technologies	Professor Aimé Sègla	25+5	University of Abomey-Calavi
T9	13:30	Language diversity – a linguistic point of view	Prof Paul Oye Taiwo	25+5	University of Ibadan
T10	14:00	AI design and knowledge diversity – potentials, conundrums and research questions	Gertraud Koch	25+5	University of Hamburg
T11	14:30	Co-Designing for Pluriversal AI	Rachel Charlotte Smith	25+5	Aarhus University
	15:00	Coffee Break		15 min	ALL
Afternoon Session Diversity-aware AI (b) Session Chair: Davide Cavicchini					
T12	15:15	Community-Centred Priorities for Artificial Intelligence in Africa	Rachel Oluwatuyi & Jasmine Johnson-Mazwi	25+5	University of Cape Town
T13	15:45	Diversity-aware Word Sense disambiguation model for South African Languages- A case study of Sesotho sa Leboa	Dr Daniel Masethe	25+5	Tshwane University of Technology
T14	16:15	Diversity-aware Data Collection for South African languages Word Sense Disambiguation-enhanced Machine Translation - A Case study of English-Setswana Machine Translation	Dr Tebatso Moape	25	University of South Africa
T15	16:40	AI for Ancient Culture (video presentation link)	Hao Xu	20	Jilin University
	17:00	DAY END			



DAY 2 – 23.07.2026 | OPEN TO PUBLIC

Workshop on Diversity-aware Sovereign AI for Africa - Purpose and Structure

The goal of the second day will be to provide a broad overview of the different dimensions of the subject matter of Diversity-Aware Sovereign for Africa (DASAI4Africa), while also placing our views in a wider context. The key objective is to facilitate the development of an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary understanding of the issues around DASAI4Africa being discussed. The audience (now there are more than one hundred people signed up) will include people from different disciplines, as well as participants with more general backgrounds. Therefore, there is a need to present a holistic and well-integrated perspective on the DASAI4Africa subject matter.

The second point relates to what lies behind the DataScientia event theme, "Diversity-aware Sovereign AI (DASAI)." The DASAI scientific foundation and global perspective is the primary focus of Day 1 of the event, while Day 2 zooms in on the African context of DASAI. The Day 2 programme is deliberately designed to logically build upon the Day 1 programme by critically examining the contextual issues, challenges, and opportunities of developing DASAI in the African context. In addition to the policy and dialogue sessions, the programme includes a practical tutorial that complements these discussions by providing participants with hands-on exposure to methodologies, tools, and collaborative approaches for developing diversity-aware AI resources. Together, these activities are intended to bridge conceptual discussions with practical implementation, fostering collaboration and capacity building to support the long-term goals of the DataScientia Initiative. The Day 2 programme has also been designed as a precursor to the practical, solution-focused DataScientia Initiative, scheduled for Day 3. It is also linked to the plan of producing, as a possible outcome of this three-day event, a manifesto paper on the development of "Diversity-aware Sovereign AI in Africa."

The 3rd point relates to a knowledge transfer capacity-building Tutorial session on Lexical semantics for diversity-aware sovereign AI. The Tutorial targets academic staff and students from language studies and Computing. The Tutorial session is motivated by the principle of Science and Technology development and transfer which states that Technology transfer cannot take root in the recipient context unless the science behind the technology is transferred with it.

Day 2 – Morning Workshop on “Diversity-aware Sovereign AI for Africa”					
Talk #	Time	Talk Title	Presenter(s)	Duration (minutes)	Institute
Morning Session (a) <i>Session Chair: { Prof Nalen Naicker }</i>					
	08:20	WELCOME	Prof Sunday Ojo	10	Durban University of Technology
T16	08:30	Diversity-aware Sovereign AI for Africa in Perspective	Prof Sunday Ojo	25+5	Durban University of Technology





T17	09:00	African Diversity-aware Sovereign AI: Higher Education Perspective	Prof Oludayo Olugbara	25+5	Durban University of Technology
T18	09:30	African Diversity-aware Sovereign AI: Socio-Ethno-Linguistics of African Languages Diversity	Prof Moufoutaou Adjéran	25+5	University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin Republic
	10:00	Coffee Break		30 min	ALL
Morning Session (b) Session Chair: { Prof Marion Adebisi }					
T19	10:30	Who Owns AI?- An African Thought	Prof Pius Owolawi	25+5	Tshwane University of Technology
T20	11:00	From Data to Value: Rethinking Sovereign AI in Africa	Dr Wayne Moodaley	25+5	University of Cape Town
T21	11:30	“Chinese + AI” Training in Africa: From Language Bridge to Citizen-Generated Data for Person-Centric AI.	Lin Wu	25+5	Confucius Institute, DUT
	12:00	Lunch Break		1 hour	ALL

The afternoon program will feature two concurrent activities: a Dialogue Forum and a Tutorial Session. The specific activities within each session are detailed below.

It is a well acknowledged development studies principle that Technology Transfer can take root in the recipient context only if the underlying Science is transferred with it. Therefore, the primary mission in this Tutorial session (session 1) on Lexical Semantics for Diversity-Aware Sovereign AI is knowledge transfer cum capacity building. It will entail sessions of lectures and hands-on practical exercises, as detailed in the table below.

The Session 2 is a knowledge-generation session, which is about the participants engaging the main theme of the Symposium– Diversity-Aware Sovereign AI (DASAI)– with an African context focus. Hence, it is titled Diversity-Aware Sovereign AI for Africa (DASAI4Africa). The session will entail a number of Talks and a DASAI4Africa Dialogue Forum. The DASAI4Africa Dialogue Forum will entail a plenary session of unpacking the DASAI4Africa idea into 8 dimensions, which provides the basis for splitting the participants into 8 Discussion Groups. Following this is a break-away session for each Discussion Group to engage the assigned DASAI4Africa dimension. The session will end with a plenary session of DG reporting and a round-up presentation.





Day 2 – Morning / Afternoon Parallel Sessions					
		Morning Session- Lectures			
Talk #	Time	Talk Title (topic)	Presenter(s)	Duration (minutes)	Institute
Session 1 Tutorial: Lexical semantics for diversity-aware sovereign AI <i>Facilitator: Dr Hadi Khalilia, PTUK</i> <i>Coordinators: Dr Tebatso Moape, UNISA, Dr Sibusiso Dlamini, DUT, Dr Hlaudi Masethe, TUT, Mr Dira Thokwane, TUT, Dr. Mosima Masethe, SMU, Ms Lindelweyizwe Manqele, DUT, Mr Freedom Khubisa, DUT, Mr Tosin Akindele, DUT, Dr Halleluyah Aworinde, BU</i>					
	09:00	Registration and Students Projects Poster Presentations	Lindelweyizwe Manqele, Freedom Khubisa	1 hour	DUT
1	10:00	Welcome	Dr Sibusiso Dlamini	5 mins	DUT
2	10:05	DataScientia Tutorial Rationale	Dr Tebatso Moape	10 mins	UNISA
3	10:15	Lecture 1: Lexical Resources and Their Role in Multilingual AI	Dr Hadi Khalilia	45 mins	PTUK
4	11:00	Lecture 2: Language Diversity and Its Impact on Technology	Hadi Khalilia	30 mins	PTUK
5	11:30	Lecture 3: Building Diversity-Aware Lexical Resources: Methods, Experiments, and Collaborative Data Collection	Hadi Khalilia	1 hour	PTUK
6	12:30	Coffee/Lunch Break		1 hour	ALL
		Afternoon Session - Practicals	Lecturer / Coordinators / Trainees		
7	13:30	Hands-on Introduction to UKC Resource Collection using South African Languages	Coordinators / Trainees	1 hour	ALL
8	14:30	Collaborative UKC Population Exercise and Inter-Evaluator Validation	Coordinators / Trainees	1 hour	ALL
9	15:30	Review and Way Forward	Lecturer / Coordinators / Trainees	30 mins	ALL



Session 2 Diversity-Aware Sovereign AI (DASAI) Dialogue Forum Session <i>Session Chair: Dr Oyeniya Akeem Alimi</i>					
	13:00	Science Diplomacy and International Cooperation in AI Research and Innovation	Mr. Luca Tiano, Scientific Attache	10	Italian Embassy
1	13:10	Introduction to the Dialogue Forum Session	Prof Sunday Ojo	20 mins	DUT
2	13:30	Break Away Dialogue Sessions (see details in Appendix A)	Group Facilitator / Rappertoires/ Co-Facilitator (See Appendix A)	1 hour 30 mins	ALL
		Group 1: Ethno-Linguistic (Cultural and Linguistic) Inclusivity (ELI)	Prof Emmanuel Adetiba, Ms Andiswa Dlamini, Mrs Omolola Haastrup, Dr Tunde Adegbola		DUT, RGIT, HUD ALT-i
		Group 2: Local Data Sovereignty (LDS)	Dr Dimane Mpoeleng, Ms Rachel Oluwatuyi, Ms Boitumelo Mangwedi, Prof Frederick Awuor		BIUST, UCT, MUT, KSU
		Group 3: Infrastructure and Compute Control (ICC)	Prof Yanchun Liang, Ms Jasmine Mazwi, Prof Michael Oshin		ZCST, UCT, PANASSI
		Group 4: Open-Modular Model Sovereignty (OMMS)	Prof Marion Adebisi, Dr Robyn Thompson, Prof Abimbola Baale		DUT, LAUTECH
		Group 5: Indigenous Expertise (Talent) Development and Community Governance (IEDCG)	Prof Pius Owolawi, Mr Wonder Ndlovu, Ms Margherita Trestini, Lin Wu, Prof Justice, Emuoyibofarhe		TUT, WITS, Apodissi, DUT





		Group 6: Social Management of AI Technologies and Systems (SMAITS)	Prof Mammo Muchie, Dr Julius Aroba, Dr Benard Maake, Dr Michael Kizito		GU, DUT, KYU, MAK,
		Group 7: Sustainable Equitable Strategic Partnership Building (SESPB)	Prof Dalin Li, Prof Timothy Adeliyi, Prof Ayodele Ariyo Adebisi		ZCST, UP, LU
		Group 8: DASAIAfrica Business Model (BM)	Dr Wayne Moodaley, Mrs Lana-Ann Brady, Ms Patience Marasha, Prof Olive Stumke		UCT, DUT, DMC, DUT
	15:00	Coffee Break		20 mins	ALL
3	15:20	Group Reportings	Group Facilitator / Repertoire / Co-Facilitator	1 hour 20 mins	ALL
4	16:40	Rounding Up	Prof Sunday Ojo	20 mins	DUT
	17:00	DAY END			

**DAY 3 – 24.07.2026 | INVITATIONS ONLY****Workshop on The DataScientia Initiative - Purpose and Structure**

The third day is dedicated to the future development of the DataScientia Initiative and serves as a collaborative working session for current and prospective partners. Building on the scientific foundations of Day 1 and the policy discussions of Day 2, the focus shifts towards concrete actions, partnerships, and long-term sustainability. The programme will present the progress achieved over the past year across DataScientia's core areas of activity—Knowledge Commons, Education, Research, and Innovation—as well as the collaboration models and infrastructure that support them.

The day will provide an opportunity to discuss how new partners can join and contribute to the initiative, explore fundraising and sustainability strategies, and strengthen collaboration across institutions and regions. Through presentations, discussions, and a concluding panel, participants will help define priorities for the coming years and identify practical pathways for advancing Diversity-aware Sovereign AI in Africa and beyond. The overall objective is to transform the ideas and relationships developed throughout the symposium into a coordinated and impactful programme of action.

The “DataScientia Initiative” workshop					
Talk #	Time	Talk Title (topic)	Presenter(s)	Duration (minutes)	Institute
T0	08:20	OPENING REMARKS	Mr Luca Tiano, Scientific Attache	10	Italian Embassy
T1	08:30	WELCOME	Fausto Giunchiglia	5	University of Trento
T2	08:35	DataScientia: Towards Diversity-aware Sovereign AI	Fausto Giunchiglia	25	University of Trento
T3	09:00	The DataScientia Joint labs collaboration model and experiences { ZCST, DUT }	Li Zi	30	Zhuhai College of Science and Technology
	09:30	Coffee Break		15 min	ALL
T4	09:45	Presentations by Partner & Prospective Partner Institutions { *see complete list below }	ALL	1 hour	ALL Participating Institutions
Knowledge Commons Creating, Sharing and Publishing Knowledge					



T5	10:45	From local knowledge to global knowledge commons: Shared content repository, Publishing strategy { UNITN, DUT }	Freedom Khubisa, Lindelweyizizwe Manqele, Mayukh	20	Durban University of Technology
	11:05	Lunch		55 min	ALL
Education MOOCs, Joint curricula, Student exchanges, Educational resources					
T6	12:00	Building inclusive AI education across cultures and languages { UNITN, OUC, JLU, NUM, ZCST, ABAI }	Matteo Busso, Rui, Stella, Zhanat Nurbekova	1 hour	University of Trento
Research Citizen science projects: Language resources and Personal Data collection(s)					
T7	13:00	Language and Personal Data { MAK, UNITN, NUM, JLU, IMT, DUT, TUT, PTUK, AIUB }	Michael Kizito, Hadi Khalilia, Leonardo Malcotti	40	Makerere University / Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie
Innovation AI Tools and Competitions					
T8.1	13:40	Data Exploitation for Impact: Data challenges and beyond	Andrea Bontempelli	25	University of Trento
T8.2	14:05	Data Exploitation for Impact: The SmartCampus App	Li Dalin	20	Zhuhai College of Science and Technology
	14:25	Coffee Break		15 mins	ALL
Fund Raising					
T9	14:40	Building Sustainable Partnerships and Funding: Funding task force, Priority funding calls, Joint proposals, Expansion roadmap { UNITN, DUT, NUM, ABAI, OUC, MAK, PTUK, APODISSI, IMT }	Margherita Trestini	30	Apodissi



DataScientia in Action					
T10	15:10	The DataScientia community and Intermediary	Ali hamza	35	University of Trento
T11	15:45	Disseminating DataScientia for Impact: How to Join?	Margherita Trestini	25	Apodissi
T12	16:10	Closing Remarks DataScientia: towards Diversity-aware Sovereign AI	Fausto Giunchiglia	20	University of Trento
	16:30	DAY END			

*Presentations by Partner & Prospective Partner Institutions		
#	Name	Affiliation
1	Prof. Fausto Giunchiglia	University of Trento
2	Prof. Oludayo Olugbara	Durban University of Technology
3	Prof. Yanchun Liang	Zhuhai College of Science and Technology
4	Prof. Amarsanaa Ganbold	National University of Mongolia
5	Prof. Zhanat Nurbekova	Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University
6	Prof. Jahna Otterbacher	Open University of Cyprus
7	Prof. Rui ZHANG	Jilin University
8	Dr. Michael Kizito	Makerere University
9	Dr. Hadi Khalilia	Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie
10	Ms. Margherita Trestini	APODISSI
11	Dr. Hlaudi Masethe	Tshwane University of Technology
12	Prof. Gabor Bella	IMT Atlantique



13	Dr. Alethia Hume	Universidad Católica "Nuestra Señora de la Asunción"
14	Dr. Tebatso Moape	University of South Africa
15	Dr. Wayne Moodaley	University of Cape Town
16	Dr. Dimane Mpoeleng	Botswana International University of Science and Technology
17	Prof. Tabin Hassan	American International University–Bangladesh
18	Prof Mammo Muchie	Gondar University, Ethiopia
19	Wanyi Zhang	Chongqing University, China





Appendix A – Break Away Dialogue Session Details

DASAI Dialogue Forum Discussion Rubrics		
Idea to discuss	Diversity-Aware Sovereign AI for Africa (DASAI4Africa): Diversity-Aware Sovereign AI (DASAI) integrates a continent/region/nation's data independence with ethical inclusivity, with core pillars which define the framework for developing inclusive, self-determined AI science & technology, being centred on ensuring local control over digital resources while actively mitigating algorithmic bias and cultural erasure in marginalized regions. It demands infrastructures, models, and practices that are locally governable, ecologically accountable, and epistemically just, with pluriverse and 2-Eyed Seeing principles underpinning.	
Modalities	Participants divided into groups based on the sub-ideas to discuss, using the 5-step sub-issues Framework, with assigned Group Facilitator and Repertoire	
Groups & Meeting Links	Sub-Ideas to Discuss	Facilitators / Co-Facilitator / Rappertoires
1. ELI Group	ELI Group: Ethno-Linguistic (Cultural and Linguistic) Inclusivity (ELI): AI models must be trained on localized data to preserve regional languages, dialects, and cultural norms, to avoid AI systems that suffer from semantic drift and cultural erasure, and thus safeguarding indigenous heritage from being absorbed or exploited.	❖ Facilitator: Prof Emmanuel Adetiba, DUT, South Africa ❖ Repertoire: Ms Andiswa Dlamini RGIT, South Africa Mrs Omolola Haastrup, HUD, UK ❖ Co-Facilitator: Dr Tunde Adegbola, African Languages Technology Initiative (ALT-i), Nigeria ➤ Moufoutaou Adjéran, University of Abomey-Calavi (UAC), Benin Republic ➤ Professor Aimé Sègla, UAC, Benin Republic ➤ Mr Zamikhaya Mapundu, TUT, South Africa ➤ Prof Mzwamadoda Phillip Cekiso, TUT, South Africa ➤ Prof Oye Paul Taiwo, University of Ibadan (UI), Nigeria ➤ Dr Olukemi Victoria Olatunde, FUTA, Nigeria ➤ Ivan Kayongo, UniTrento, Italy ➤ Dr. Iheanetu Olamma, Covenant University, Nigeria ➤ Prof Yirsaw Ayalew, UB, Botswana ➤ Prof Diran Soumonni, WITS, South Africa ➤ Dr Vimbai Hungwe, SMU, South Africa ➤ Prof Tosin Fasanmi, CENRECOM, Nigeria
2. LDS Group	LDS Group: Local Data Sovereignty (LDS): Countries require legal, operational, and technical control over data governance, to avoid "data colonialism," whereby external entities extract local knowledge to train models that do not benefit the originating community.	❖ Facilitator: Dr Dimane Mpoeleng, BIUST, Botswana ❖ Repertoires: Ms Rachel Oluwatuyi, UCT, South Africa Ms Boitumelo Mangwedi, MUT, South Africa ❖ Co-Facilitator: Prof Frederick Awuor, KSU, Kenya ➤ Prof Gábor Bella, IMT Atlantique, France ➤ Dr Getnet Belay Tesema, Ethiopian Institute of Textile and Fashion Technology, Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia ➤ Prof Justine Daramola, UP, South Africa ➤ Davide Cavicchini, UniTrento, Italy ➤ Dr Reuben Ojo, University of Ibadan., Nigeria



		➤ Dr Ozichi Nweke Emuoyibofarhe, Bowen University, Nigeria ➤ Dr Andrea Bontempelli, UNITN, Italy ➤ Prof Abigail Adetunji, LAUTECH, Nigeria ➤ Dr Abdelhakim Freihat, MBZUAI, UAE
3. ICC Group	ICC Group: Infrastructure and Compute Control(ICC): Sovereign AI relies on domestically controlled infrastructure, ranging from high-performance computing (like local GPU clusters) to edge computing networks, to guarantee that a nation's AI capabilities are not entirely dependent on foreign cloud providers or subject to external technological embargoes.	❖ Facilitator: Prof Yanchun Liang, Zhuhai College of Science & Technology ❖ Repertoire: Ms Jasmine Mazwi, UCT, South Africa ❖ Co-Facilitator: Prof Michael Oshin, PANASSI, Australia ➤ Prof Oludayo Olugbara, DUT, South Africa ➤ Prof Nalen Naicker, DUT, South Africa ➤ Prof Gabriel Iwasokun, FUTA, Nigeria ➤ Dr Toyin Oguntunde, University of Ibadan, Nigeria ➤ Dr Mojeed Adedoyin Agoro, University of Fort Hare, South Africa ➤ Prof John Oladosu, LAUTECH, Nigeria ➤ Dr Taurai Hungwe, SMU, South Africa ➤ Ali Hamza, University of Trento, Italy ➤ Ijeh Adaora Princess, Covenant University, Nigeria. ➤ Prof Babatunde Akinkunmi, UI, Nigeria ➤ Dr Lawrence Bunmi Adewole, FUOYE, Nigeria
4. OMMS Group	OMMS Group: Open-Modular Model Sovereignty (OMMS): The use of open-source and modular small/compact language models (SLMs) tailored to national needs, to avoid technology monopolies and enable contextualization/customization of AI models/algorithms for specific public sectoral needs, such as education, healthcare, agriculture, etc.	❖ Facilitator: Prof Marion Adebisi, DUT, South Africa ❖ Repertoire: Dr Robyn Thompson, DUT, South Africa ❖ Co-Facilitator: Prof Abimbola Baale, LAUTECH, Nigeria ➤ Prof Bennet Makunzi, MUST, Malawi ➤ Prof Babatunde Olofin, AU, Nigeria ➤ Prof Olufunke Oyejoke Oladipupo, Covenant University, Nigeria ➤ Owen Queen, Stanford University, USA ➤ Dr Freeson Kaniwa, Botswana Open University, Botswana ➤ Comfort Ojedapo, Covenant University, Nigeria ➤ Dr Timothy Oyelowo, Augustine University, Nigeria ➤ Dr Akinyemi Akinrotimi, South-Western University (SWU), Nigeria, ➤ Dr Victoria Olatunde, FUTA, Nigeria ➤ Dr Samson Akinpelu, FUOYE, Nigeria ➤ Mr Alex Maraga, KSU, Kenya ➤ Dr Ifeoluwa Jenyo, LAUTECH, Nigeria
5. IEDCG Group	IEDCG Group: Indigenous Expertise (Talent) Development and Community Governance (IEDCG): Homegrown expertise entailing investment in AI-ready human capital, digital literacy programmes, and community-driven institutions, through participatory governance,	❖ Facilitator: Prof Pius Owolawi, TUT, South Africa ❖ Repertoires: Mr Wonder Ndlovu, WITs, South Africa Ms Margherita Trstinin, Apodissi, Nigeria ❖ Co-Facilitators: Mr Lin Wu, DUT, South Africa Prof Justice Emuoyifarhe, LAUTECH, Nigeria ➤ Dr Olusegun Olatunji Ojedoyin, Federal University of Health sciences, Nigeria ➤ Dr Maria Isabella Bressan, WitMee, Italy



	with stakeholders' underrepresentation avoidance in AI tools building and deployment decision making-AI model transparency.	➤ Prof Gbolagade Adekanmbi, Botswana Open University, Botswana ➤ Abiodun Abigail Adedokun, Covenant University, Nigeria ➤ Prof Tranos Zuva, VUT, South Africa ➤ Prof Titilayo Adedeji, LAUTECH, Nigeria ➤ Dr Otgontsetseg Sukhbaatar, NUM, Mongolia. ➤ Mrs.Natasha Hutcheson , AgileLifeSkills, South Africa ➤ Prof Haonan Zhao, CUST, China ➤ Dr Ronke Babatunde, KWASU, Nigeria
6. SMAITS Group	SMAITS Group: Social Management of AI Technologies and Systems (SMAITS): Every AI System as a technological solution, is both Universal and a problem-solving tool, value-laden (not value-neutral), and has side-effects and thus risks. Hence, AI requires management of Risks, Abuse, Future, and Informing Public through appropriate home-grown ethical and regulatory frameworks based on 2-Eye Seeing principle. Sovereign AI and Epistemic Justice.	❖ Facilitator: Prof Mammo Muchie, GU, Ethiopia ❖ Repertoire: Dr. Julius Aroba, DUT South Africa ❖ Co-Facilitator: Dr Michael Kizito, Makerere University (MAK), Uganda ➤ Dr Gertraud Koch, University of Hamburg, Germany UoHG ➤ Rachel Charlotte Smith, Aarhus University, Denmark (AUD) ➤ Prof Khandaker Tabin Hasan, American International University, Bangladesh ➤ Eyethu Thwala, UniZulu, South Africa ➤ Dr Oyeniya Akeem Alimi, DUT, South Africa ➤ Hiwot Adane, Media Practice, Ethiopia ➤ Dr Matteo Busso, UniTrento, Italy ➤ Britone Mwasaru, Kenya ➤ Zhanat Nurbekova, Abia Kazakh National Pedagogical University, Kazakhstan ➤ Ms. Nokuthaba Moyo, Unisa, Zimbabwe ➤ Mrs. Edwige Saida Ojo, Unisa, Benin Republic
7. SESPB Group	SESPB Group: Sustainable Equitable Strategic Partnership Building(SESPB): The dynamics of equity, mutual benefit, and sustainability in DASAI partnerships- fostering balanced, impactful intra-/inter-regional/national/institutional collaborations	❖ Facilitator: Prof Dalin Li, ZCST, China ❖ Repertoire: Valentina Giunchiglia, ICL, UK ❖ Co-Facilitator: Prof Timothy Adeliyi, University of Pretoria, South Africa ➤ Prof Moses Tunde Oladiran, ABM University College, Botswana ➤ Prof Fausto Giunchiglia, UniTrento, Italy ➤ Mrs Ugeshni Moodley, DUT, South Africa ➤ Cetty Bombaci, Witmee, Portugal ➤ Racheal Akinboyo, Covenant University, Nigeria ➤ Dr Samson Akinpelu, FUOYE, Nigeria ➤ Birhanu Alemneh Truworke, Debark University, Ethiopia ➤ Prof Amarsanaa Ganbold, NUM, Mongolia ➤ Mr Marco Esposito, Italian Embassy, Pretoria ➤ Mr. Luca Tiano, Italian Embassy, Pretoria ➤ Mr. Sphesihle Dlamini, KZN Convention Bureau, SA



8. BM Group	DASAI4Africa Business Model Group: DASAI4Africa Business Model centers on state-backed, community-driven computing infrastructure designed to protect local data, support African languages, and drive inclusive economic growth. It treats sovereign infrastructure, localized data, and ethical regulation as key strategic priorities. Monetizes specialized models trained on regional data for high-impact sectors; Co-funds data centers and AI factories through PPP; Provides low-cost access to foundational models for local startups, academia, and public services through government subsidies, Promotes Language Services market sector.	❖ Facilitator: Dr Wayne Moodaley, Graduate Business School, University of Cape Town ❖ Repertoire: Mrs Lana-Ann Brady, DUT, South ❖ Co-Facilitator: Owen Queen Stanford University, USA ➢ Naftali Ndeapo Indongo, Namibia University of Science and Technology, Namibia ➢ Ivano Rocchi, Witmee, Portugal ➢ Rebecca Ryakitimbo, Core23 Lab/apc, Tanzania ➢ Prof Saiful Islam, American International University, Bangladesh ➢ Mulugeta Shitie Zewudie, Debark University, Ethiopia ➢ Mr Antonie Smith, TUT, South Africa ➢ Prof Sello Mokwena, UL, South Africa ➢ Ms. Patience Marasha, DMC Agency, South Africa ➢ Mrs. Tabitha Banda, South Africa ➢ Dr Alessandro, Agostini, Inha University in Tashkent (IUT), Uzbekistan ➢ Mr. Tebogo Machethe, WITS, South Africa ➢ Ms. Neliswa Hlangu, KZN Tourism & Film Authority, SA ➢ Ms Given Mpho UP, South Africa
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Group Discussion Framework	
Discussion Sub-Issues	Guidelines
Step 1. Who we are	Participants self-introduction Participants will display the following sentence: “My name is (x) and during the day I (x) and I like to (x).” You will also be asked to draw yourself and your superpower. Once you have written down your name, place the name card in front of you with the text facing your fellow participants. After that, the Facilitator will invite participants to do a round of sharing.
Step 2. What we care about	Each participant answers the question: Why is the idea important to my region / country / institution / me? Each participant has joined the Dialogue Forum for a specific reason and brings a unique point of view. In step 2, participants are asked to share their motivation for joining by answering “why the DASAI idea is important to them” or “what they care about”. All participants are asked to share why the DASAI idea is important to them or what they care about. By using key words and short sentences, participants individually write on the “what I care about” activity card and place it on step two on the canvas. The Facilitator will then ask participants to share.



Step 3. Obstacles and Opportunities	From their unique perspectives each participant to answer: What obstacles to overcome- barrier, problem, or challenge? What opportunities does the DASAI idea offer? solution or improvement to the idea? Participants are asked to write the obstacles the DASAI idea faces and opportunities it presents on sticky notes. One obstacle or opportunity per sticky note. After this, participants are invited to share and then place on the canvas. If two or more participants have similar ideas, group them together.
Step 4. Influencing perspectives and factors	Participants are asked to consider how external factors impact their idea. Using the 4R's of Roles & relationships, Resources, Results and Rules, participants are given an opportunity to reflect individually before the Facilitator facilitates an open dialogue. While the participants are discussing, the Facilitator and Repertoires, take note of the key discussion points. The Facilitator then shares the key points of the discussion and if everyone agrees, each point is noted What different perspectives and external factors in your regional/national/institutional context can influence the DASAI idea and its outcomes such as: • Roles & Relationships: who affects and who is affected by the idea? • Resources: what resources are needed for your idea? Think budget, personnel, time, etc. • Rules: are there laws, policies, guidelines, protocols or norms that apply to your idea? • Results: what are the desired outcomes of this idea?
Step 5. Let's Act	What are the concrete and measurable actions that can be carried forward after the DASAI Dialogue? • Identify which general actions need to be taken to implement the idea, from the perspective of relevant institutional stakeholders. • Identify individual actions that each participant can take after the DASAI Dialogue. E.g. By October 2026 I will facilitate an intra-institutional DASAI Dialogue Forum, By June 2027, I will facilitate my institution joining the DataScientia initiative on DASAI; By October 2027, I will facilitate a National DASAI Dialogue Forum, etc



Appendix B – Acronyms and Abbreviations

#	Acronym	Institution / Organization	Country
1	UNITN	University of Trento	Italy
2	DUT	Durban University of Technology	South Africa
3	ZCST	Zhuhai College of Science and Technology	China
4	NUM	National University of Mongolia	Mongolia
5	ABAI	Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University	Kazakhstan
6	OUC	Open University of Cyprus	Cyprus
7	JLU	Jilin University	China
8	AIUB	American International University–Bangladesh	Bangladesh
9	MAK	Makerere University	Uganda
10	PTUK	Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie	Palestine
11	APODISSI	APODISSI	Nigeria
12	TUT	Tshwane University of Technology	South Africa
13	IMT Atlantique	IMT Atlantique	France
14	UNISA	University of South Africa	South Africa
15	UCT	University of Cape Town	South Africa
16	UAC	University of Abomey-Calavi	Benin Republic
17	BOU	Botswana Open University	Botswana
18	BIUST	Botswana International University of Science and Technology	Botswana
19	ABMUC	ABM University College	Botswana
20	KU	Karinyaga University	Kenya
21	KSU	Kissi University	Kenya
22	FUTA	Federal University of Technology, Akure	Nigeria
23	CU	Covenant University	Nigeria
24	ALT-i	African Language Technology Initiative	Nigeria





25	UB	University of Botswana	Botswana
26	AUL	Anchor University,Lagos	Nigeria
27	FUOYE	Federal University Oye-Ekiti	Nigeria
28	UI	University of Ibadan	Nigeria
29	AIU	America International University	Bangladesh
30	DU	Debank University	Ethiopia
31	GU	Gondar University	Ethiopia
32	VUT	Vaal University of Technology	South Africa
33	UP	University of Pretoria	South Africa
34	HUD	University of Huddersfield	UK
35	EIT	Ethiopian Institute of Technology	Ethiopia
36	NUST	Namibia University of Science & Technology	Namibia
37	PANASSI	PAN African Strategic Studies Initiative	Australia
38	UL	University of Limpopo	South Africa
39	UFH	University of Fort Hare	South Africa
40	UoHG	University of Hamburg, Germany	Germany
41	AUD	Aarhus University, Denmark	Denmark
42	HU	Harvard University	USA
43	SU	Stanford University	USA
44	WITS	University of Witwatersrand	South Africa
45	SWU	South-Western University	Nigeria
46	AUL	Augustine University, Lagos	Nigeria
47	CONRECOM	Center for Research in Education and Communication	Nigeria
48	CQU	Chongqing University	China
49	CCUT	Changchun University of Technology	China
50	CCST	Zhejiang University (College of Computer Science and Technology)	China





51	RGIT	Richfield Graduate Institute of Technology,	South Africa
52	IUT	Inha University in Tashkent	Uzbekistan
53	MBZUAI	Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence	UAE
54	KWASU	Kwara State University	Nigeria
55	ICL	Imperial College, London	UK



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