IGF Coalition on Data and Artificial Intelligence Governance

Call for Papers on
AI Transparency and Accountability

Background:

The [IGF Coalition on Data and Artificial Intelligence Governance (DAIG)](#) is a multistakeholder group established under the auspices of the United Nations Internet Governance forum (IGF). The Coalition aims at fostering discussion of existing approaches to data and AI governance, promoting analysis of good and bad practices to identify what solutions should be replicated and which ones should be avoided by stakeholders to achieve a sustainable an effective data and AI governance.

To do so the DAIG Coalition aims at promoting collective studies and multistakeholder interactions to collect and discuss evidence, critically analyse existing regulatory and institutional arrangements, and propose policy updates in AI governance. Importantly, the DAIG will act as a hub to connect global UN IGF discussions with regional and local initiatives, with a particular focus on Global South debates.

This first Annual Report of the Coalition aims at fostering reflections on **AI transparency and Accountability** with a particular focus on experiences of Global South countries, to provide valuable contributions that could feed into IGF 2023 discussions.

Call:

The IGF Coalition on Data and Artificial Intelligence Governance (DAIG), established under the auspices of the United Nations Internet Governance Forum, invites researchers and practitioners to submit short papers analysing the issues of AI transparency and accountability. **Suggested topics include, but are not limited to**, analyses of:

- technical tools aimed at enhancing transparency of AI systems and/or automated personal data processing
- technical tools aimed at algorithmic explicability
- technical tools or normative frameworks aimed at promoting transparency and/or accountability in open source AI
- existing or proposed normative frameworks aimed at fostering transparency and/or accountability of AI systems and/or automated personal data processing
- existing or proposed technical standards aimed at fostering transparency and/or accountability of AI systems and/or automated personal data processing
- existing or proposed standards supporting the transparent and accountable development and deployment of AI models, including Generative AI models, foundation models and Large Language Models (LLMs)
- international efforts aimed at promoting AI transparency and/or accountability

- case studies discussing risks stemming from lack of transparency and/or accountability
- case studies of mechanisms designed to ensure compliance with AI transparency and accountability norms/standards

Submission Guidelines:

Research papers, including analytical and theoretical papers, position papers, or case studies will be considered for inclusion in the report, even if they have been previously published.

- The length of the submissions should be between 2500 and 5000 words.
- To facilitate the reviewing process, papers should not include author names or other information that would help identify the authors.
- The paper can be written by up to 3 (co-)authors;
- All submission shall be in English or Spanish language.
- Citation should be in **APA 6 style**, authors shall use footnotes rather than endnotes
- The submission should be in Microsoft Word or OpenDocument Text format.

Submissions are due on **25 August 2023**. They should include the following elements:
- Title
- Short abstract (200 words)
- Keywords
- Draft paper
- Only in the body of the email: author's name, affiliation and short bibliographical note

Submissions should be sent to luca.belli [at] fgv.br and walter.gaspar [at] fgv.br including "**Paper Submission DAIG 2023**" as an object.

Authors will be notified within approximately 7 days from the deadline as to the status of their contributions.

All submitted papers will be subject to peer review. **PLEASE note that every author submitting a paper will be asked to peer review another submission within <u>10</u> days,** which will be judged according to the (1) novelty of the contribution, (2) the theoretical soundness, and (3) the quality of presentation.

Authors will be given the opportunity to improve their contributions based on peer comments. Selected papers will be published into the 2023 Report of the IGF Coalition Data and Artificial Intelligence Governance, which will be published in open access, under Creative Commons licenses.

Authors will also be invited (at their own expenses) to present their work at the annual DAIG meeting to be held at the United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF), taking place on 8-12 October 2023, in Kyoto, Japan.