
CPA UK & UNESCO Anguilla Workshop Outcome Statement on Responsible AI and Parliamentary Actions in the Caribbean

This document was approved by Workshop delegates from the parliaments of:

Anguilla, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Saint Lucia, Sint Maarten, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the United Kingdom.

We, the parliamentarians and parliamentary officials participating in the Caribbean AI Workshop in Anguilla from 21 to 24 June 2026, recognise the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to strengthen parliamentary effectiveness, public services, economic opportunity, education, access to information, climate resilience, and sustainable development.

We also recognise that AI may deepen inequalities and create risks for human rights, privacy, democratic participation, public trust, national security, cultural diversity, creative expression, information integrity, environmental sustainability, and the rule of law.

With consideration given to internationally recognised principles for responsible AI and informed by UNESCO's Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and emerging Caribbean policy frameworks, we welcome the endorsement on 18 June 2026 by CARICOM's Ministerial Council for Trade and Economic Development of the Caribbean Artificial Intelligence Policy Roadmap.

We affirm that AI governance in the Caribbean should be ethical, human-centred, rights-based, inclusive, transparent, accountable, secure, environmentally sustainable, and responsive to the circumstances of Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

We therefore recommend and commit to advancing the following priorities for parliamentary action on AI, building on the 9 Workshop sessions:

AI in Parliament

Develop the capacity of parliamentarians and parliamentary staff to use AI ethically and effectively in parliamentary work. Strengthen parliamentarians' understanding of AI's opportunities, risks, and societal implications, develop internal guidance for the responsible and human-supervised use of AI in parliamentary institutions, and support continued learning as the technology evolves.

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AI Implementation across Sectors

Support and advocate for nationwide public education, awareness-raising initiatives, and appropriate skill development on AI and digital transformation in the public sector, all workplaces, and educational institutions. Ensure education is accessible and inclusive for all and responsive to differing levels of digital access, skills, and institutional capacity.

AI Readiness

Encourage the national government to roll out inclusive, multi-stakeholder AI readiness assessments, drawing on methodologies such as UNESCO's Readiness Assessment Methodology to outline jurisdiction-specific strengths, gaps, and priorities for AI implementation. The results should be shared to inform national strategies, and policy and legislation development.

Ethical Governance and Data Privacy

Create or strengthen oversight bodies and/or mechanisms, as well as conducting Ethical Impact Assessments, to scrutinise the processes of procurement, competition frameworks, partnerships, data governance, and data usage as they relate to AI. Particular emphasis should be placed on transparency, accountability, privacy, and the protection of human rights.

Legislating on AI

Advocate for an initial review of the existing legislative framework in priority areas, including data protection, privacy, public procurement, and access to information, to identify gaps, risks, and opportunities related to AI. Develop recommendations for adaptive and proportionate AI governance frameworks for the ethical design and deployment of AI.

Cybersecurity

Prioritise the scrutiny and strengthening of national cybersecurity frameworks to address risks associated with the rapid development of AI capabilities and to protect public data, public services, and Critical National Infrastructure.¹ Support education campaigns and public outreach programmes to promote cybersecurity as a collective responsibility.

1. As defined by the National Cyber Security Centre: "National assets that are essential for the functioning of society, such as those associated with energy supply, water supply, transportation, health and telecommunications."

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Information Integrity and Digital Platforms

Contribute to an assessment of the impact of AI on misinformation, disinformation, and other threats to information integrity, including during electoral processes and national emergencies. Promote clear and context-sensitive definitions to ensure both parliaments and the public can identify when mis/disinformation occurs and can distinguish harmful manipulation from legitimate expression, journalism, and political debate.

Ethics: Gender, Inclusion, and the Environment

Conduct evidence-based inquiries and review emerging research into the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of AI, with a focus on gender equality, bias, inclusion, and sustainability, in the effort to reduce inequalities and ensure that AI systems uphold human rights. Support the development of representative datasets and digital resources that reflect Caribbean societies. Assessment of AI accessibility should consider digital skills and all forms of digital infrastructure.

Regional and International Governance

Create and sustain multi-stakeholder dialogues relating to AI governance and build on networks developed at the Workshop. Create a regional framework on best practice in AI policy development and regulation through the sharing of parliamentary case studies and legislative approaches, with a focus on regulatory impact assessments. Advance regional cooperation through regional dialogue on digital sovereignty and the development of a regional digital sovereignty strategy. Support implementation of the Caribbean Artificial Intelligence Policy Roadmap as the principal regional framework for cooperation on ethical, inclusive, and sustainable AI policy development.

We invite CPA UK, UNESCO, ParlAmericas, CARICOM, CARICOM IMPACS, the Caribbean Court of Justice, regional academic institutions, and other partners to support participating legislatures in translating these priorities into practical measures.

Each participating legislature is encouraged to identify at least one priority follow-up action and an appropriate focal point. CPA UK will coordinate an initial progress update in October 2026, with UNESCO and other partners providing technical support where requested.