

AI for Peace

With the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) technology, economic globalization, and the democratization of international relations, global interconnectivity has reached unprecedented levels. While fostering mutually beneficial opportunities, this growing interdependence also amplifies the risks of transnational crises. On one hand, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, racism, and populism continues to pose traditional military and security threats to the international community. On the other hand, economic and financial instability, refugee crises, extreme wealth disparities, resource scarcity, and environmental degradation contribute to socio-political unrest, geopolitical competition, and regional conflicts, forming new dimensions of global security challenges.

Meanwhile, AI is redefining our approaches to peace and conflict resolution. AI technologies not only facilitate conflict mitigation and risk prediction, offer robust support for global peace initiatives, but also transcend linguistic, cultural, and geographical barriers, creating unprecedented opportunities for international cooperation and cross-cultural dialogue. AI has the potential to empower youth, drive social change, and emerge as a key force in global peacebuilding.

The year 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations (UN). Since its inception, the UN has played a pivotal role in maintaining international peace and security, promoting sustainable development, and advancing human rights. At this historic juncture, the global community must reassess the UN's mission and objectives in light of emerging technologies and explore how AI can be harnessed to promote global peace, resolve conflicts, and foster social justice. Youth, as the architects of future peace, are both the primary drivers of technological innovation and key participants in peacebuilding. The synergy between AI and youth has the potential to generate innovative solutions to complex global challenges and infuse the peace movement with renewed dynamism, steering the UN's core mission toward a more inclusive and sustainable future.

Against this backdrop, this theme seeks to inspire and mobilize youth in the pursuit of lasting peace by examining AI's applications in peacebuilding across multiple dimensions.

1. AI for Peace Building

In an era of intensifying geopolitical competition, protectionism, and unilateralism, the lack of trust between nations has led to a pronounced trust deficit. Misunderstandings, suspicions, alienation, and fear have emerged as formidable obstacles to communication and cooperation, further destabilizing the global economic and political landscape. The foundations of trust within the global governance system have been severely weakened, if not entirely fractured. Simultaneously, disparities in AI development across countries has further exacerbated trust deficit. Nations with advanced technological infrastructure and substantial investments in research and development, have taken the lead in AI, while others, constrained by limited funding, technology, talent, and resources, struggle to keep pace. This divide raises concerns among technologically disadvantaged nations about potential marginalization by leading AI powerhouses. There is also growing apprehension that AI-driven technological advantages could be exploited for economic dominance or military deterrence, further deepening international distrust. Against this backdrop, AI itself holds immense potential to bridge divides, rebuild trust, and foster international cooperation.

Contestants are encouraged to explore **how AI can enhance the transparency and fairness of cross-border information sharing, minimize information errors and misuse, and ensure the accuracy and reliability of shared information, thus laying a solid foundation for trust-building among nations? Can AI help countries shift from confrontation to cooperation, mitigate zero-sum thinking, and promote a win-win approach to addressing today's complex interwoven security challenges, ultimately steering the world toward lasting peace and global stability? In international negotiations, how can AI simulate diverse negotiation scenarios, provide unbiased assessments, and facilitate mutual understanding to bridge differences and advance political solutions to pressing international and regional hotspot issues? Additionally, how can AI serve a supervisory role in ensuring compliance with international agreements? Furthermore, how can we establish a practical global framework for AI cooperation and communication—one that fosters knowledge sharing and technical assistance between technologically advanced and developing nations, strengthens mutual trust and understanding, and enables a collective response to the challenges and opportunities presented by AI?**

2. AI for Peace Communication

Cultural differences among countries and regions can lead to misunderstandings and, in some cases, become sources of conflict. Promoting cross-cultural communication and reducing misunderstandings is therefore a crucial way to prevent disputes and fostering global peace. AI has significantly expanded humanity's capacity to understand and reshape the world, and can play a pivotal role in facilitating cross-cultural dialogue and mutual understanding. By enabling deeper communication and cooperation among people from diverse backgrounds, AI can help alleviate tensions, mitigate social conflicts, and lay a solid foundation for societal stability and development. For instance, within international cooperation frameworks such as the *Belt and Road Initiative*, China actively promotes the use of AI technology for the digital preservation and dissemination of cultural heritage, fostering dialogue and exchange between civilizations, while advancing the *Global Civilization Initiative* and the *Global Security Initiative*. AI has the potential to serve as a critical tool for promoting shared human values, fostering appreciation for the diversity of world civilizations, and, on this basis, strengthening international cultural exchanges and cooperation. By supporting the preservation, transmission, and innovation of world civilizations. Contestants are encouraged to consider the following questions: **How can AI facilitate cross-cultural communication and understanding by breaking down linguistic and cultural barriers? How can AI make diverse cultures more accessible and comprehensible to broader audiences? Additionally, how can AI enhance awareness of cultural norms, etiquette, and negotiation styles to reduce cooperation failures, biases, and conflicts stemming from misunderstandings?**

The *Global Security Initiative* underscores the importance of resolving international differences and disputes between countries through peaceful dialogue and negotiation. However, cultural differences among ethnic groups and nations can lead to misunderstandings, hindering effective communication and diplomatic efforts. Addressing these cultural gaps and fostering inclusivity—thus achieving harmony through diversity—is essential for promoting lasting peace. Contestants are encouraged to explore the following questions: **How can AI be leveraged to analyze cultural similarities and differences, fostering greater inclusivity and mutual understanding? In what ways can AI facilitate the coexistence and integration of diverse cultures? How can AI be harnessed to drive cultural innovation, enhance cross-cultural exchange, and highlight the shared values of all humanity?**

Moreover, how can we ensure that AI does not reinforce existing biases but instead serves as a bridge to promote diversity and inclusivity?

3. AI for Peace Shielding

Cyberspace, often referred to as the fifth domain, has emerged as a crucial arena of human activity alongside land, sea, air, and outer space. Cybersecurity now plays a vital role in maintaining global peace and stability. With the rapid advancement of AI, its intersection with cybersecurity has become a double-edged sword. On one hand, AI significantly enhances cybersecurity by automating data analysis, intrusion detection, and real-time threat response, thereby fortifying defenses against cyberattacks. Machine learning and deep learning technologies empower cybersecurity systems to rapidly adapt to evolving threats, improving their ability to predict and prevent attacks with greater efficiency. On the other hand, the proliferation of AI introduces new security risks. Malicious actors can leverage AI to develop more sophisticated, adaptive, and precise cyberattacks, posing unprecedented challenges to traditional cybersecurity frameworks.

Contestants are encouraged to explore **how AI can serve as a protective shield in enhancing cybersecurity, enabling agile, rapid, and effective responses to emerging threats? How can AI contribute to maintaining the peace and stability of cyberspace while addressing the conflicts, social risks, and ethical challenges posed by technological advancements? Additionally, how can AI be leveraged to foster international cybersecurity cooperation and contribute to the establishment of a governance framework that reflects the interests and needs of all stakeholders—ultimately creating a global cyberspace governance system featuring openness and inclusion, justice and fairness, security and stability, vigor and vitality? Furthermore, how can AI help bridge the digital divide and governance gap between developed and developing countries in the application of AI to cybersecurity? What measures can be taken to enhance the representation and influence of developing countries in global AI governance, promote fairness, inclusivity, and the equitable distribution of digital benefits worldwide?**

4. AI for Peace Education

AI, a transformative force reshaping educational paradigms, is enhancing the

strategic significance of peace education. UNESCO's *Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence* calls for both harnessing AI's technological potential to innovate educational models and ensuring that its applications in education align with ethical principles that promote peace. Currently, AI is revolutionizing peace education in multiple ways. For instance, multilingual MOOC platforms and personalized learning systems help bridge the information gap among young people across different regions, fostering cross-cultural understanding. VR technologies are able to simulate conflict mediation scenarios, providing immersive training that strengthens young people's awareness of peacebuilding. Additionally, AI-driven learning analytics systems monitor extremist tendencies on social media in real time, enabling educational institutions to identify and address potential risks at an early stage.

The advancement of technology is invariably accompanied by ethical challenges. UNESCO's recent publication, *Guidance for Generative AI in Education and Research*, cautions that without proper regulatory mechanisms, educational AI could stray from the principles of peace ethics. At the algorithmic level, AI systems in education that lack cultural inclusivity risk perpetuating and amplifying Western-centric narratives. At the application level, there is a danger that extremist groups could exploit AI to spread hate speech or disinformation, potentially shaping the minds of children whose values are still in development. At the governance level, the unchecked use of educational AI could erode the sovereignty of human-led education, making it imperative for schools and teachers to safeguard the authority and credibility of traditional education.

Contestants are encouraged to reflect on the following critical questions: How can the international community collaborate to prevent AI from generating extremist content that contradicts peace ethics? What measures can be implemented to detect and mitigate algorithmic biases in educational AI? How can governments, social organizations, and experts support the ethical and effective use of generative AI in education and research? And finally, how can schools proactively establish ethical and pedagogical guidelines for integrating AI tools into learning environments?

5. AI for Peace Promotion

In alignment with the United Nations' *Sustainable Development Goals* (SDGs), we share a collective responsibility to foster peaceful and inclusive societies, ensure universal access to justice, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels. In today's world, AI has become deeply integrated into the military

domain and international conflicts, playing a role in everything from early warning systems and crisis decision-making to post-conflict peacebuilding. Given this reality, it is imperative for us, as young leaders, to actively engage in optimizing military AI applications through international cooperation, adherence to the rule of law and a people-centered philosophy. At the same time, we must explore sustainable strategies to mitigate the risks caused by AI-related conflicts.

In the pre-conflict phase, AI has led to a revolutionary transformation in early warning systems for unforeseen incidents. By deeply analyzing data related to extremist rhetoric, ethnic conflicts, populist policies, and other factors, as well as assessing systemic financial risks and resource competition that could trigger geopolitical crises, AI is capable of predicting and alerting potential security threats. This provides decision-makers with scientific evidence to prevent the escalation of crises. During conflicts, the risks and challenges associated with military AI decision-making, the global AI arms race, and the development of AI+ weapons of mass destruction have become increasingly prominent. To prevent the misuse of AI technology, the international community must establish regulations to ensure its application in security domains aligns with international law and universal ethical principles. In this regard, the *Position Paper of the People's Republic of China on Regulating Military Applications of Artificial Intelligence*, submitted to the United Nations, advocates for stronger restrictions on military AI applications to prevent an arms race, address humanitarian concerns, and create an effective international regulatory framework to minimize harm and uphold peace. In the post-conflict phase, AI also plays a critical role. It aids in social reconciliation and psychological recovery, optimizes aid resource allocation, supports national development strategies, promotes economic recovery, and helps reconstruct urban infrastructure, offering innovative solutions for peacekeeping governance.

Regarding AI for peace promotion, contestants can reflect on the following questions: **How can multi-dimensional data analysis enhance early warning systems and improve decision-making assessments in security crises? How can we ensure that AI usage in military and security fields complies with international law and universal ethical principles? In the context of AI-related conflicts, how should the international community collaborate to establish regulations that mitigate the risks and challenges posed by escalating AI-related competition? How can we develop effective international regulatory frameworks to ensure the safety, controllability, and reliability of military AI applications?**

How can AI be leveraged to optimize the allocation of aid resources, refugee relocation, and the reconstruction of infrastructure—such as public health facilities—thereby restoring economic stability, alleviating refugee conflicts, and reducing potential risks? Lastly, how can AI contribute to post-conflict reconciliation, psychological recovery, and the analysis of victims’ needs, while fostering trust and collaboration between governments and society, ultimately addressing crisis-driven social issues?