

# **Delivering Solutions**

Expert Insights for France's 2025 Al Action Summit

**An Interim Report** 













## Delivering Solutions: Expert Insights for France's 2025 Al Action Summit An Interim Report

#### Cite as:

Caroline Jeanmaire and Tereza Zoumpalova, "Delivering Solutions: Expert Insights for France's 2025 Al Action Summit – An Interim Report" (The Future Society, 2024).

Contact: info@thefuturesociety.org

© 2024 by The Future Society. Cover image created with Midjourney.

This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 4.0 International License.



## **Interim Findings for France's 2025 Al Action Summit**

As Al's impact expands and its capabilities accelerate, our <u>expert consultation</u> reveals urgent consensus on the need for concrete action. Initial submissions from 84 experts across five continents point to four emerging trends:



The consultation continues through November 15, with final findings to be presented at <u>The Athens Roundtable on Al and the Rule of Law</u> on December 9.

#### Context

In September, we launched a global consultation to gather insights from Al experts and civil society ahead of France's Al Action Summit in 2025. The consultation—organized in partnership with the French Presidency Office, the Technology and Global Affairs Innovation Hub at PSIA - Sciences Po, the Al & Society Institute, the French Digital Council (CNNum), and Make.org—is part of a broader process aimed at helping shape the agenda for the Summit.

By engaging a wide and diverse range of stakeholders early on, we hope to set a constructive tone for an inclusive and well-informed global conversation on secure, safe, and trustworthy Al. So far, we've had the privilege of hearing from contributors spanning countries such as Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, India, Kenya, Pakistan, South Africa, Togo, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Uzbekistan, among others.

While this interim report highlights high-level trends from submissions during the first half of the consultation period, our final report will present detailed, actionable deliverables for each Summit theme. Our analysis has already identified more than 30 specific proposals with implementation timelines and responsible stakeholders. These early patterns offer a glimpse into the wide-ranging solutions being considered, and we are committed to further refining and contextualizing these ideas in the final report which will be shared in December 2024 at the OECD Headquarters, as part of the Sixth Edition of The Athens Roundtable on Al and the Rule of Law.

## Methodology

Our findings so far are based on a review of 84 submissions from five continents and more than 200 organizations engaged.

Our outreach has included direct outreach to academic and civil society organizations, engagement through the French Presidential

84	Total Submissions
5	Continents Represented
200+	Organizations Engaged

Office platform, and social media outreach to Al governance stakeholders globally.

## **Key Emerging Trends**

Our global consultation reveals four trends for the French Al Action Summit:

- Effective international coordination. Experts advocate for the urgent development and enforcement of global standards on Al. Currently, Al governance is fragmented among various key players, including the EU, UN, OECD, and UNESCO. Experts call for building upon the International Scientific Report on Al Safety through permanent institutional structures to ensure consistent and responsible Al governance worldwide.
- Independent verification. Experts recommend enhancing voluntary commitments with robust accountability mechanisms, including rules for reporting and independent auditing. Auditing requirements should have three prongs—self-assessments, external third-party reviews, and

## Delivering Solutions: Expert Insights for France's 2025 Al Action Summit An Interim Report

regulatory evaluations—and rely on standardized training programs and certification schemes.

- Inclusive decision-making. Experts call for expanding decision-making beyond traditional centers, citing that the Global Majority is significantly under-represented in most fora. Early suggestions include establishing a dedicated fund for capacity building in the Global Majority and rotating Al Summits leadership.
- 4. Environmental responsibility. Experts highlight recent studies revealing increasingly concerning environmental footprints, particularly from training large models. They emphasize the urgent need for energy-efficient algorithms and standardized impact reporting to better assess and address these concerns.

## **Next Steps and How to Get Involved**

- November 15, 2024: Consultation closes
- December 9, 2024: Full findings presented at The Athens Roundtable,
   OECD Paris; Register to join online <a href="here">here</a>
- February 10-11, 2025: Al Action Summit

The consultation remains open through November 15, 2024. We particularly seek expertise on how to move from recommendations to reality, including implementation protocols, stakeholder leadership, and transition strategies.

Contribute now: <u>aisummit-expertconsultation.org</u>

Our complete analysis will be presented to Special Envoy Anne Bouverot and the Thematic Envoys to the Al Action Summit in December 2024, as part of The Athens Roundtable. For each of the Summit's five themes—Public Interest Al, Future of Work, Culture and Innovation, Global Al Governance, and Trust in Al—the report will outline specific deliverables with implementation timelines and key stakeholders, laying the groundwork for the February 2025 Summit.





The Future Society is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in the United States and Europe with a mission to align artificial  $intelligence\ through\ better\ governance.$ 











