# AI governance in a shifting environment

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AI is on a growth trajectory in Malaysia but technologies and policies are constantly evolving. This requires extensive research and agile governing mechanisms. Excessive control could stifle innovation while insufficient governance could lead to unintended consequences. Malaysia, aiming high, needs to stay competitive while ensuring effective governance. Should it adopt frameworks like the EU's AI Act, China's recent regulations or Singapore's AI Verify? Or perhaps seek an internationally aligned approach, as seen with the Hiroshima AI Process? Alternatively, will it be ideal to tailor a national strategy that addresses its unique needs and priorities? More importantly, how will such governance framework be implemented?

The time has come for Malaysia to lead discussions, making it crucial to understand risks and the nuances between adopting and adapting approaches to AI regulation.

This multistakeholder workshop aims to explore questions about Malaysia's governance and regulatory environment, including comparing various forms of governance institutions; capacity needed; and identifying gaps in laws and regulations in the era of AI. It seeks to discover ways Malaysia could develop an AI governance ecosystem that aligns with international approaches and standards.

By examining best practices from other countries and engaging with experts in the field, participants will gain valuable insights on how to effectively regulate AI in Malaysia. Ultimately, the goal is to establish a framework that promotes innovation while also ensuring the ethical and responsible use of artificial intelligence technology.

| 0830 | Registration and refreshments |
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| 0900 | Opening and welcoming remarks |

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Chairman
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**YB Gobind Singh Deo**
Minister
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| 0945 | Photography session |
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| 1005 – 1120 | **Panel 1: Understanding AI governance in a shifting environment** |

Malaysia's AI governance has been unfolding, stemming from the initial National AI Roadmap unveiled in 2021. However, the competitive landscape could prioritise deployment, while testing and guardrails follow. The panel aims to unpack Malaysia's journey of AI governance and identify the challenges in current domestic, regional and international environment.

- What are Malaysia's priorities? What are the institutions needed to strengthen and normalise AI Safety practices?

- How do existing laws apply to AI governance? Can AI be legally responsible for a crime? What are the mechanisms and interventions needed for AI Safety?

- How does Malaysia interact with international frameworks on AI governance? Are there specific standards or practices Malaysia would subscribe to from regional or international partners?

Moderator:

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| 1115 – 1130 | Break |
| 1130 - 1300 | Workshop on Malaysia's vision for a leading AI governance approach |

The session builds on discussions from the first panel to identify Malaysia's priorities and trajectory in AI governance. Breaking participants into groups, the participants would deep-dive further into institutional, legal mechanism and ecosystem possibilities as well as challenges. The workshop is expected to be interactive with participants requested to explore:

- **Institutions:** What are the ideal institutional arrangements? What are the possible roles and responsibility of institutions to govern AI space? How can the ideas be operationalised?

- **Legal mechanisms:** What are the available legal mechanisms for AI safety? Are there gaps that require further research?

- **Ecosystem:** How could stakeholders support the development of AI safety in Malaysia's ecosystem? How do organisations balance consumer protection, technology innovation and competition in the development of AI? How to sow greater trust among stakeholders?

**1315**  Closing remarks

**Ms Ellina Roslan**
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**1330**  Networking lunch

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