



Trinidad and Tobago Takes Next Step in Artificial Intelligence Policy Development

Trinidad and Tobago is advancing its efforts to ensure that artificial intelligence (AI) is developed and used in ways that are safe, responsible, and beneficial to all citizens. Through the Ministry of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence (MPAAI), in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Government is adopting a structured, evidence-based approach to understanding the country's readiness for AI.

This work builds on earlier initiatives, including the National AI Assessment Launch held on November 26, 2025, which marked the start of the UNDP's Artificial Intelligence Landscape Assessment (AILA). The AILA provides a holistic and practical framework for identifying opportunities, gaps, and challenges related to AI adoption. This methodology will culminate with a national report containing actionable recommendations and a roadmap to guide the integration of AI across priority sectors such as health, education, and the public service.

The next phase of this national effort is the rollout of UNESCO's Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM), which commenced with the distribution of a multi-stakeholder survey. The survey invites participation from leaders, professionals, and organisations across the public and private sectors, academia, civil society, and youth groups. It seeks to assess Trinidad and Tobago's preparedness for AI across five (5) key dimensions, namely, Legal and Regulatory; Technological and Infrastructural; Societal and Cultural; Scientific and Educational; and Economic.

Input gathered through the survey will play a critical role in shaping national AI policy and strategic recommendations, ensuring that future approaches to AI are grounded in ethics, human rights, inclusion and transparency. Survey findings will be further explored during sector-based consultation sessions scheduled for **January 19 to 23, 2026**, providing stakeholders with an opportunity to validate results, share practical insights and propose sector-specific actions.

The outcomes of the surveys and consultations will be consolidated and reviewed at a national **Validation Workshop on February 27, 2026**, to be held at The University of the West Indies, St Augustine. This workshop will bring together government officials, researchers, industry experts and key stakeholders, to examine the findings, identify strengths and gaps, and agree on clear, actionable next steps to guide Trinidad and Tobago's AI journey.

Together, these initiatives demonstrate Trinidad and Tobago's commitment to introducing AI in a way that supports innovation, safeguards citizens' rights and privacy, and delivers meaningful and sustainable benefits for national development.

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