
ANNEX: GLOBAL SOUTH PERSPECTIVES

Proposed Contribution to the Guidebook on Mitigating Biases in AI in Security Institutions

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1. Preamble

GAIGI — the Geneva AI Governance Institute — and the Geneva Global South Club have the honour to commend the DCAF — Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance for its leadership in developing the forthcoming *Guidebook on Mitigating Biases in AI in Security Institutions*, supported by the Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations of Global Affairs Canada and by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Following the Expert Workshop convened in Geneva on 7 May 2026, both institutions respectfully submit the present proposal with a view to enriching the geographical and epistemic scope of the Guidebook, in the service of a truly universal governance of artificial intelligence in the security sector.

2. Rationale

The present contribution rests upon three converging observations:

- 2.1 — The structural asymmetry between jurisdictions producing artificial intelligence systems for the security sector — predominantly situated within the OECD area — and importing jurisdictions, the majority of which belong to the Global South, results in the transfer of technologies whose design has not systematically integrated the political, social and operational contexts of deployment.
- 2.2 — The relative weakness of bottom-up oversight mechanisms in several Global South jurisdictions, linked to the diversity of institutional architectures and to constraints upon civil society, calls for complementary reflection on substitute architectures capable of ensuring accountability across plural institutional configurations.
- 2.3 — The under-representation of Global South data and contexts within training datasets, identified by recent scientific literature, constitutes a contributing factor amplifying algorithmic bias, the mitigation of which presupposes intervention upstream in the production chain of such systems.

3. Proposed Areas of Contribution

3.1 — Conceptual Framing

GAIGI and the Geneva Global South Club propose the integration into the Guidebook of the notion of *geo-epistemic bias*, as a complement to the categories of gender bias and intersectional bias already addressed. Such framing would account for the distortions induced by the systematic under-representation of certain geographical, linguistic and institutional contexts in the design of AI systems deployed in the security sector.

3.2 — Transnational Oversight Architecture

It is proposed to outline, in complement to traditional bottom-up oversight, transnational oversight mechanisms capable of operating where internal conditions are not fully met: export conditionality, independent third-party audit, and shared responsibility between exporting and importing States. This approach builds upon the principles enshrined in the Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, opened for signature on 5 September 2024.

3.3 — Contextual Validation of Tools

Building upon the MOWIP methodology (Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations), developed jointly by DCAF and Cornell University, and currently deployed across four troop- and police-contributing countries (Bangladesh, Ghana, Jordan and Mongolia), it is proposed to elaborate a context-testing protocol applicable to AI systems used in the security sector prior to any export operation, with a view to objectively assessing their performance within the actual environments of deployment.

3.4 — Shared Infrastructure

GAIGI and the Geneva Global South Club further propose consideration of a Geneva-based multilateral Data Trust, designed to host — under shared governance and GAIGI certification — validation datasets representative of Global South contexts. Such infrastructure would confer upon the Guidebook a concrete operational outlet and a lasting institutional anchorage within International Geneva.

4. Proposed Modalities of Collaboration

The following modalities are respectfully submitted for the consideration of DCAF:

- Co-drafting of a dedicated chapter within the Guidebook, under the joint responsibility of the teams of DCAF, GAIGI and the Geneva Global South Club;
- Mobilisation of the Geneva Global South Club's expert network for the purposes of consultation and validation of sectoral recommendations;
- Organisation of a joint side-event on the occasion of Geneva Cyber Week 2026 or the GAIGI Geneva AI Trade Forum, with a view to the public valorisation of the Guidebook among international stakeholders.

5. Institutional Commitment

The Geneva AI Governance Institute and the Geneva Global South Club reaffirm their full readiness to contribute to the Guidebook in a spirit of institutional complementarity, mobilising their human, technical and diplomatic resources, together with their Geneva-based anchorage, in the service of a governance framework for AI in the security sector that is truly universal, operational and faithful to the values of International Geneva. Both institutions stand ready to engage, at short notice, in the technical exchanges required to give concrete effect to the areas of contribution outlined above.



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