

GENEVA AI GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE

Partner Prospectus

2026

Joining the trust architecture of artificial intelligence.

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A long-term commitment

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

The governance of artificial intelligence is fragmenting. Each jurisdiction develops its own frameworks, standards and requirements; few recognise one another. This fragmentation carries a cost — for companies that must comply everywhere, for regulators deprived of common reference points, and for countries at risk of being left at the margins.

For more than a century, Geneva has been the neutral ground on which trust architectures are built. It is here, at the heart of International Geneva, that the rules enabling cooperation between parties who do not share the same views are negotiated.

The Geneva AI Governance Institute designs concrete instruments: mutual recognition of assessments, mapping of equivalences, certification of decision-makers, and discreet dialogue between authorities. We do not seek to harmonise frameworks, but to make them interoperable — to translate between them.

A partnership with GAIGI is not a one-off act. It is a long-term commitment alongside an independent foundation whose direction rests solely with its Foundation Board. I invite you to discuss it with me, personally.

Dr. Axel Mazolo

Founder and Executive Director

AI in the age of fragmentation

Frameworks for the governance of artificial intelligence are multiplying. The European Union, the United States, China and international standards bodies each advance according to their own logic. These frameworks coexist without recognising one another.

The cost of this divergence is real. Companies bear redundant compliance obligations. Regulators lack points of comparison. And the Global South, often absent from the tables where standards are written, risks being subject to rules designed without it.

Our conviction is simple: the goal is not to harmonise, but to translate. Harmonisation asks each party to surrender what is distinctly its own. Translation, by contrast, preserves the sovereignty of every framework while establishing the equivalences that make cooperation possible.

This task belongs to a trusted third party — neutral and without commercial mandate. It is the role Geneva has always played. It is the one we take on.

“Engineering trust in the age of fragmentation.”

Mission, status, proof

MISSION

To design and operate the instruments that make artificial intelligence governance frameworks interoperable, verifiable and workable. Neutral ground, without commercial mandate.

STATUS

Swiss-law foundation, CHE-417.590.552, established at Rue du Prieuré 31, 1202 Geneva. Independent and not-for-profit.

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States trained

Decision-makers certified through the CAIGE programme.

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States convened

Masterclasses, afterworks and training for permanent missions and embassies.

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Frameworks mapped

Crosswalk, published open source.

No figure is published without verifiable proof.

The Geneva Bridge

The Geneva Bridge is a mechanism for the mutual recognition of conformity assessments of artificial intelligence systems. It draws on Article 6 of the World Trade Organization's Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT).

Its principle is translation, not harmonisation. National authorities retain their full sovereignty: they define their own requirements, while the mechanism establishes the functional equivalences between assessments.

The technical proposal was published in February 2026. Pilot applications are open to jurisdictions and sector associations, upon submission.

The Crosswalk

A mapping of functional equivalences across seven major AI governance frameworks. 34 sub-categories, three formats (Excel, CSV, JSON), open source on GitHub — verifiable by anyone.

NIST AI RMF	United States
EU AI Act	European Union
ISO/IEC 42001	International
TC260	China
OECD Principles	OECD
Model AI Governance Framework	Singapore
UK AI Framework	United Kingdom

TRAINING & EVENTS

Train, convene, dialogue

CAIGE

Certification in AI governance for public and private decision-makers. Certificates are verifiable online by unique number (learn.gaigi.org). Diplomatic cohorts on request.

EVENTS

— Geneva AI Trade Forum

11–12 February 2026 · Hôtel Royal Geneva · by invitation

— Geneva AI Trust House

6–10 July 2026 · alongside the AI for Good Summit · gaith.ch

— Masterclasses for permanent missions

53 States convened

— Global Summit on AI

First half of 2027 · hosted by the Swiss Confederation · GAIGI contributes to the preparatory work within the Tripartite Platform

All dialogues are held under the Chatham House Rule.

RECOGNITION

Trust that can be verified.

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

ITU-T Sector Member and ITU-D Associate (Study Group 2) since 18 September 2025, with a welcome letter from the ITU Secretary-General, Doreen Bogdan-Martin. The ITU is the United Nations specialised agency for ICTs, headquartered in Geneva.

Geneva Global South Club

Platinum Partner of this diplomatic platform dedicated to the priorities of the Global South.

Geneva Diplomatic Club

Dr. Axel Mazolo is a member (club founded in 1976).

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GOVERNANCE

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PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership Circles

The terms of each circle are defined in a personal conversation.

Founders' Circle

upon conversation

Multi-year structuring partnership: a dedicated interlocutor at the highest level, reserved strategic briefings, presence at high-level dialogues (in respect of the Chatham House Rule), institutional visibility, and an annual impact report.

Patrons' Circle

upon conversation

Major annual support: reserved briefings, priority invitations to events, institutional mention, and a dedicated interlocutor.

Partners' Circle

upon conversation

Annual support: a reserved newsletter, invitations to public events, and mention among partners.

The independence of the Institute is not negotiable. No partnership carries influence over its direction, which rests with the Foundation Board.

GUARANTEES

Guarantees & use of resources

— Independence

No commission from a single actor; no dependence on a single funder.

— Chatham House Rule

All dialogues are held under this rule.

— Conflicts of interest

Systematic declaration and management.

— Not-for-profit

Resources entirely dedicated to the mission.

— Open source

Instruments published openly, verifiable by anyone.

TAX FRAMEWORK

Contributions may give rise to a tax deduction according to the legislation applicable to the donor; a certificate is issued for each contribution.

STATUS & GOVERNANCE

Status, exemption and governance

GAIGI is a Swiss foundation governed by articles 80 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code, registered in the Geneva Commercial Register under CHE-417.590.552 and subject to supervision by the competent authority.^{1,3} Its public-interest purpose concerns the responsible governance of artificial intelligence and initiatives strengthening transparency, participation and accountability in digital technology.¹

GAIGI benefits from a tax exemption for its public-benefit activities. For donors taxable in Switzerland, donations to a Swiss institution exempt for public-benefit purposes may be deductible within the limits and conditions set by federal and cantonal law; the tax treatment depends on the donor's circumstances and canton.² GAIGI issues a donation certificate. No universal guarantee of deductibility is given.

The foundation's assets are allocated to its purpose. An independent Foundation Board provides direction, regular financial control is exercised, and transparent reporting is provided to partners and donors.

1. Geneva Commercial Register, CHE-417.590.552 —

<https://app2.ge.ch/ecohrcinternet/extract?lang=EN&companyOfsUid=CHE-417.590.552>

2. Canton of Geneva — Tax exemption and deductibility of donations —

<https://www.ge.ch/dossier/philanthropy-portal/practical-steps/tax-exemption-institutions-service-public-good>

3. Swiss Civil Code, art. 80 et seq. (SR 210) — https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/24/233_245_233/en

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