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Subject: Invitation to share free UNESCO–Oxford Course on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Transformation in Government

Your Excellency,

I am pleased to share with you an invitation to participate in a new global capacity-building initiative, developed by UNESCO in collaboration with the University of Oxford: A free, open online course titled “AI and Digital Transformation in Government”, launching on 10 November 2025.

This online course has been designed to support civil servants and public sector leaders in navigating the complex challenges of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital transformation. Developed by global experts from UNESCO, the University of Oxford, and leading Schools of Public Administration, the course offers approximately twelve hours of guided learning and is accessible to professionals at all levels, regardless of technical background.

Participants will explore key topics including AI and human rights, ethics and data governance, inclusive service design, leadership for digital transformation, and real-world case studies. The course also provides hands-on experience with generative AI tools. Upon successful completion, learners will receive a certificate jointly issued by UNESCO and the University of Oxford, recognizing their commitment to responsible innovation in the public sector.

The course will initially be available in English and Spanish, with French and Portuguese following soon and additional languages coming later. We believe this initiative will contribute meaningfully to strengthening public sector capacities on AI and digital transformation worldwide.

We kindly invite you to share this opportunity with relevant ministries, public administration training institutions, and other stakeholders who may benefit from this learning experience.

Please find more detailed information here: https://oxsbs.link/unesco

This initiative is part of the broader framework of the SPARK AI Alliance launched by UNESCO in June 2025 and which brings together Schools of Public Administration, as well as stakeholders from the world of knowledge and research who represent more than 80 countries, around the challenges of strengthening public sector capacities in AI.

For any question, don't hesitate to contact us at the following email addresses: y.trankner@unesco.org; digital@unesco.org.

We count on your support to promote this initiative in your country for the advancement of digital transformation in the public sector, which would be both inclusive and human rights based.

Yours sincerely,



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