

**New Frontiers of Human
Development in the 21st Century:
Challenges and Milestones
for Artificial Intelligence
Governance in Brazil**

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The Triple International Forum on the Governance of the Global South, titled **“New Indicators and Strategic Themes for Development and Sustainability in the Digital Age,”** has been established to facilitate discussions regarding the challenges of international governance in the context of the Digital Age and its implications for the economies of the Global South.

The event will be held by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics, in collaboration with the Government of the State of Ceará, among other partners, and will have the support of the United Nations Development Programme. The event will host three strategic forums – BRICS, Mercosur and the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries – to promote proposals and actions aimed at the design of new sovereign indicators, as well as to reflect on essential issues for development and sustainability, in the year of the 30th United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 30), to be held in November in Brazil.

The series of National Dialogues for Development, an initiative anchored in the partnership between the IBGE and UNDP, within the scope of the international cooperation project BRA/23/023, will have as its starting stage the **Triple International**

Forum on the Governance of the Global South.

The opening dialogue of this series of technical debates shares the concern focused on by the Forum and presents governance in the Digital Age as the core of its discussion, by proposing an analysis of Artificial Intelligence as one of the greatest challenges and opportunities for Human Development in the 21st century.

The recently published ***Human Development Report 2025***, elaborated by the Human Development Report Office, presents crucial findings that demand attention. This edition, based on rigorous empirical research conducted in 21 countries, including Brazil, unequivocally addresses the theme ***A Matter of Choice: People and Possibilities in the Age of AI.***

The 2025 Report decisively analyzes the significant global impact of artificial intelligence on human development.

The Report analyzes the dizzying technological progress in the face of the stagnation of human development, especially with the COVID-19 pandemic, and the increase in the difference between countries in terms of their Human Development Indexes (HDI), a difference that had been reducing for decades. The document points to Artificial Intelligence as a powerful and disruptive technology, with the ability to impact vast areas of human life, depending

on the context in which it is presented. On the other hand, it highlights that for this technology to effectively promote human development, it must be utilized in ways that enhance and maintain people's capabilities. This will empower individuals to make their own informed choices.

One of the central messages of the Report discusses the fact that the future that will present itself as a result of the advent of Artificial Intelligence is in dispute, causing the current moment to experience challenges and opportunities that require special attention. The uses and applicability of new technological tools depend on human choices and, in this sense, the impact of Artificial Intelligence on people's lives is conditioned by the decisions to be made regarding their design, development, and implementation.

In this context, several actions are identified by the **HDR 2025** as essential to ensure that innovations contribute to human development while simultaneously not exacerbating existing global inequalities and social injustices.

Specifically, these actions include:

i) the establishment of an economy of complementarity in the interaction between humans and artificial intelligence, aimed at making technology serve to enhance and support human labor rather than merely

automating or displacing it; ii) the promotion of innovation with purpose, directing advancements stemming from artificial intelligence toward achieving socially beneficial outcomes; and iii) the investment in critical capabilities, thereby empowering individuals to leverage the opportunities presented by artificial intelligence and facilitating improvements in their quality of life.

In the ***Development Report***, UNDP addresses a critical priority for global equity in AI: assisting developing countries in formulating effective policies and strategies that incorporate complementarity into the methodologies that shape how AI technologies will be designed, deployed, and regulated — and by whom.

This aligns directly with the Report's emphasis on strengthening institutional oversight. Without strategic guidance, regulatory frameworks, and proper local policy guidelines, AI systems risk deepening digital inequalities, compromising rights, or undermining public trust. Therefore, one of the most important recommendations of the Report is to support countries in establishing comprehensive approaches that accelerate innovation aligned with national development priorities, while respecting international human rights standards.

OBJECTIVES

The ***National Dialogues for Development*** are an initiative carried out between the IBGE and the UNDP, within the scope of the international cooperation project BRA/23/023. This initiative aims to facilitate technical discussions concerning issues that present challenges to human development in the twenty-first century. The outcomes of this series of dialogues will be disseminated to the public and will serve as valuable input for the formulation of the ***National Human Development Report***.

The first Dialogue will be based on the reflections presented at the HDR 2025, published in May 2025. This initiative will leverage the momentum generated by the **Triple International Forum on Governance in the Global South**, which brings together representatives from BRICS, Mercosur, and the Community of Portuguese Language Countries. The focus will be on discussing new indicators and strategic themes pertinent to development and sustainability in the Digital Age.

In this context, the first Dialogue hopes to provide a discussion on the use of AI and its impacts on Brazilian society, taking as a starting point the ***Human Development Report 2025***, the Brazilian Artificial Intelligence Strategy,

and the Brazilian Artificial Intelligence Plan. It is expected that the discussions will contribute to the deepening of the debate around the governance and regulation of AI, reflecting on how the legal framework can generate innovations and favor human development and on the potential of this legal articulation to reduce or increase the inequalities that permeate the country.

METHODOLOGY

The initial dialogue is organized into distinct segments, each presenting specific proposals for engaging with the guests. It begins with an institutional opening, which includes a moment dedicated to the presentation of the International Cooperation Project of IBGE/ UNDP.

Following the initial presentations, representatives from the UNDP and the Federal Government will deliver remarks to initiate the Opening Panel of the Dialogue. These contributions will set the stage for a presentation by the participants. The concluding segment will provide an open forum for discussion, during which guests are encouraged to share their insights and experiences related to the topic.

Proposed structure

Part 1 - Presentation of the IBGE/UNDP Cooperation Project (10 minutes)

Opening of the Dialogues: institutional speech and presentation of the IBGE/UNDP Cooperation Project.

Part 2 - Presentations on reference materials (40 minutes)

Presentation on the Human Development Report 2025, by the representative of the Human Development Report Office.

Presentation of the Brazilian Strategy for Artificial Intelligence and the Brazilian Plan for Artificial Intelligence, by the representative of the MCTI.

BREAK (10 minutes)

Part 3 - Guest Presentation (60 minutes)

The guests will make a brief intervention of up to 05 minutes, from their areas of expertise.

**Part 4 - Open Debate - Moderated
(120 minutes)**

After the contribution of all guests, there will be an open debate, with qualified moderation, in which each guest will be able to make their interventions with speeches of up to 5 minutes.

Part 5 - Closing (10 minutes)

Conclusion and closure of the First Dialogue.

