

Inter-American
Guidelines on Data
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Strategic Vision of the Inter-American Framework

Effective data governance in the countries of the region is essential to achieving the digital transformation of the State, fostering impactful and efficient use of data technologies that contribute to sustainable development, and protecting and upholding the human rights of all individuals within its jurisdiction. Ensuring the rigorous adoption and implementation of data governance models will strengthen public institutions' decision-making processes, enhance institutional efficiency across various initiatives, bolster transparency and accountability to empower citizens, and optimize models for service delivery and access for the public.

Additionally, data governance in the countries of the region is essential for maximizing the benefits of implementing emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, while simultaneously addressing associated challenges and risks.

There is a historic opportunity to accelerate and strengthen the capacities of national digital agendas, which have been the focus of numerous efforts in recent years yet, in some cases, have faced difficulties in consolidating into effective and sustainable actions and initiatives.

The establishment of a robust reference framework for data governance—encompassing the development or maintenance of relevant regulations tailored to each context, institutional layers, procedural layers, roles and responsibilities, capacity-building, technological infrastructure strengthening, consolidation of digital security capacities, and the opening and effective use of data—is crucial. This framework is essential for enabling the proper implementation of artificial intelligence to enhance service delivery, create opportunities, reduce inequality, and foster more robust economic development in the region.

This framework recognizes that data governance in the countries of the region is essential for achieving effective governance of artificial intelligence.

It is imperative for the countries of the Americas to adopt a coordinated and coherent approach to data and artificial intelligence governance, acknowledging the importance of these elements as catalysts for citizen well-being, the safeguarding of rights, progress, and innovation.

An Inter-American framework on data governance and artificial intelligence, built upon elements unique to the region's identity, should promote the harmonization of policies, practices, and standards, ensuring that technologies, including emerging ones, are implemented in accordance with Inter-American standards and principles on transparency and access to information, information security, data protection, privacy, and other rights enshrined in the American Convention on Human Rights. At the same time, it should encourage collaboration between the public and private sectors, academia, and civil society to build an inclusive and equitable digital ecosystem.



Inter-American Guidelines for Data Governance and Artificial Intelligence

The Inter-American guidelines for data and artificial intelligence governance were developed around twelve key themes prioritized by countries across the region in a collaborative process

in 2023. These themes are further enriched by cross-cutting guidelines identified through a co-creation process involving multiple regional stakeholders in 2024.



Data governance and artificial intelligence cross-cutting guidelines

To establish a cross-cutting environment that supports data governance and artificial intelligence, countries in the region will:

1.1 Ensure that initiatives and actions related to data and artificial intelligence governance adhere to the principles outlined in the Inter-American human rights framework.

1.2 Promote coordinated efforts grounded in multi-stakeholder dialogue for the definition, design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of various initiatives related to data and artificial intelligence governance.

1.3 Encourage the updating of regulatory frameworks related to data governance, particularly regarding privacy and personal data protection, to ensure compliance with relevant provisions in initiatives involving data and artificial intelligence governance.

1.4 Promote the adoption and effective implementation of the guidelines outlined in this reference framework, in alignment with national regulatory and legal frameworks.

1.5 Foster citizen engagement in the design, implementation, and monitoring of various data and artificial intelligence governance initiatives.

1.6 Ensure that data and artificial intelligence governance initiatives align with the region's environmental sustainability and sustainable development priorities and commitments.

1.7 Encourage activities aimed at disseminating and integrating the various guidelines of the Inter-American framework and its derived instruments among governmental actors.

1.8 Implement reporting mechanisms within their countries regarding compliance with this reference framework and report adherence to these guidelines to the CAJP of the OAS.



Alignment with international and *multilateral initiatives on data governance and artificial intelligence*

To achieve effective alignment of national efforts with relevant international and multilateral initiatives, the governments in the region will:

2.1 Advance the alignment of their various data and artificial intelligence governance initiatives with Inter-American standards and guidelines focused on strengthening democracy and human rights, in accordance with the emerging obligation within the Inter-American legal framework for States to respect, ensure, and protect these rights.

2.2 Promote the alignment of their policies and regulations in data and artificial intelligence governance with international frameworks, such as UNESCO's ethical recommendations on artificial intelligence, guidelines from the United Nations General Assembly, data governance standards discussed within the ITU, and open data principles like those of the International Open Data Charter.

2.3 Encourage regional, multi-stakeholder dialogue strategies to advance a Latin American agenda at the international level. States will seek to create processes of exchange and dialogue with various stakeholders to consolidate national positions, recognizing and leveraging existing regional platforms, such as past regional declarations on these matters.

2.4 Establish coordination mechanisms between foreign ministries and national offices or entities responsible for data and artificial intelligence governance to ensure coherent, effective, and regionally coordinated participation in international forums.

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Strengthening and consolidating *Institutions for data governance and artificial intelligence*

To promote the strengthening and consolidation of institutional capacities for data governance and artificial intelligence, the governments in the region will:

3.1 Develop dynamic and flexible regulatory frameworks that balance innovation with the protection of human rights in data and artificial intelligence lifecycle management, ensuring transparency, ethics, inclusion, and non-discrimination. These frameworks should be grounded in clear methodological processes, involve multi-stakeholder dialogue, and adapt to the specific realities of each country while harmonizing with international best practices and Inter-American human rights standards.

3.2 Design and implement governmental strategies for data and artificial intelligence lifecycle governance and management that, based on diagnostic assessments, clearly define pathways for public policy formulation, regulatory frameworks, institutional developments, and the implementation of mission-critical initiatives, aiming for clear, verifiable, and objective impacts.

3.3 Coordinate, when appropriate, data and artificial intelligence governance initiatives with existing institutional arrangements, starting with high-level strategic national development or government plans and complementing with agendas on digital transformation, open data, and data infrastructure, fostering synergy.

3.4 Clearly define the processes, roles, and responsibilities of various actors involved across the data lifecycle, from collection or production to protection, analysis, sharing, reuse, and application. Roles and responsibilities should be addressed at both institutional and national levels, covering strategic assets and initiatives, and promoting collaboration and coordination between governmental institutions and levels to ensure coherent and efficient data governance and artificial intelligence management, adhering to security, integrity, information availability, and personal data protection standards.

3.5 Encourage the establishment of offices or entities responsible for data and artificial intelligence governance in each country, with a technical character and institutional environment that ensure continuity and stability in policies and strategies. These entities will be responsible for building institutional data governance capacities to enable technology applications like artificial intelligence, fostering capacity development at national and subnational levels.

3.6 Promote leadership roles in data and artificial intelligence governance for individuals with strong technical backgrounds, ensuring impactful and

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pertinent decision-making. Technical capabilities will encompass not only technology but also other public sector management domains. Additionally, public officials in leadership roles related to data and artificial intelligence governance will be provided with relevant training.

3.7 Ensure that data and artificial intelligence initiatives contribute to fulfilling Inter-American human rights commitments and support high-impact international agendas, such as open government action plans, climate action plans, and sustainable development goals (SDGs).

3.8 Promote the implementation of innovation labs, controlled testing environments, and other spaces, as appropriate, for defining, testing, and adopting policies and regulatory frameworks and developing innovative solutions.

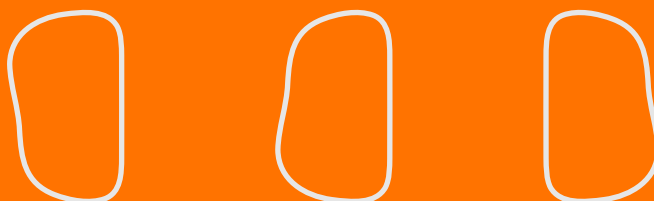
3.9 Encourage public investment optimization to drive the development of governance models, data management, artificial intelligence initiatives, and national capacity-building. Effective knowledge management and technology transfer schemes between institutions will be promoted, with emphasis on the integration and ownership of tools within these exchanges.

3.10 Foster collaborative work frameworks between the executive branch and other branches of public power to manage institutional capacities and align agendas and initiatives in data and artificial intelligence.

3.11 Establish clear and concise guidelines for public procurement of data and artificial intelligence initiatives and projects, ensuring that all tools and solutions, regardless of their origin (procurement, financing, donations, partnerships, or co-development), comply with standards on security, data protection, privacy, open data, access to information, transparency, explainability, ethics, and human rights protection.

3.12 Develop communication plans, channels, and protocols to inform all stakeholders, including the public, about policies, strategies, and progress in data and artificial intelligence governance.

3.13 Create institutional architecture, budgetary, financial, public procurement, regulatory, and legal instruments to ensure sustainability, transparency, and continuity of data governance frameworks.



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Data and artificial intelligence culture

To establish a culture of both data and artificial intelligence within the public sector and among citizens, the governments in the region will:

4.1 Implement awareness-raising strategies targeted at all actors in the data and artificial intelligence ecosystem, emphasizing the importance of data management, open data, and the potential of artificial intelligence and new technologies for competitiveness, public problem-solving, transparency, and citizen participation, as well as potential risks to individual rights.

4.2 Promote training initiatives in various formats covering ethical aspects of artificial intelligence, personal data protection and privacy, and responsible technology use, tailored to the needs of ecosystem actors, particularly within the public sector and for citizens.

4.3 Establish mechanisms to attract and develop human talent in data management and utilization. Governments will develop collaboration frameworks with the academic sector to attract and train data managers, data scientists, AI specialists, and other technical profiles needed by the public sector and other social and productive sectors.

4.4 Develop digital literacy and citizenship programs for all inhabitants. These initiatives will cover basic digital skills, foundational concepts in data management, open data, artificial intelligence, and advanced aspects, helping individuals understand how data is generated, stored, processed, and utilized, as well as the risks involved in data and AI lifecycles for human rights and ways to manage them ethically, transparently, responsibly, and securely. These programs will be tailored to the specific characteristics of their target populations.

4.5 Promote the integration of competencies related to data governance, data management, and artificial intelligence into educational curricula from basic to higher levels.

4.6 Encourage the implementation of programs, processes, platforms, and networks to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, information, experiences, and best practices in data management and artificial intelligence among public servants, academia, industry, civil society, and other stakeholders, fostering dialogue, collaboration, and mutual learning.

4.7 Promote the use of plain language, emphasizing explainability and transparency, in public communications regarding the regulation and implementation of data management and artificial intelligence projects and initiatives.

4.8 Support initiatives for continuous learning, enabling public administration actors to stay up-to-date with the latest trends and applications in data management and artificial intelligence, fostering the skills required in their roles.

4.9 Promote initiatives focused on raising awareness and building competencies in data management and artificial intelligence within the productive sector, with special emphasis on Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs), encouraging practical adoption, knowledge transfer, and technology transfer schemes, as well as awareness of ethical and secure approaches to utilizing these technologies.



Ethics, transparency, and protection of *human rights in data governance and artificial intelligence*

To ensure an ethical, transparent, and rights-based approach in data and artificial intelligence governance, the governments in the region will:

5.1 Work toward the effective implementation of UNESCO's guidelines and recommendations for the ethical use of artificial intelligence, adapting them to their national contexts through specific regulatory and institutional instruments.

5.2 Adhere to the guidelines established by the United Nations General Assembly's Resolution of March 21, 2024, to promote the development and use of artificial intelligence systems that are safe, secure, and reliable.

5.3 Adopt necessary guidelines to ensure the protection of personal data and privacy, observing Inter-American principles on this matter and other applicable Inter-American standards related to transparency, access to information, and open government in data and artificial intelligence governance initiatives.

5.4 Implement measures to ensure full explainability and transparency in decision-making processes that leverage data and artificial intelligence, particularly when used in processes related to rights assurance.

5.5 Integrate ethical and transparency principles, along with rights-based approaches, into all initiatives and strategies related to data and artificial intelligence governance.

5.6 Adopt a proactive approach based on responsible and secure usage, as well as risk assessment and management, defining specific measures for each level of risk and ensuring mitigation of impacts on individual rights in both data governance and artificial intelligence initiatives. Instruments such as prior impact assessments, audits, and post-impact evaluations will be encouraged.

5.7 Establish multi-stakeholder mechanisms, including civil society, academia, and the private sector, to verify the effective application of ethical guidelines and mitigate potential impacts from data and artificial intelligence governance. These mechanisms will engage across data lifecycles and throughout the stages of data governance initiatives, from design through monitoring and evaluation.

5.8 Carry out activities and initiatives to identify and address potential transgressions of principles related to ethics, transparency, and rights assurance in data and artificial intelligence governance. Additionally, they will promote the establishment of adequate and effective grievance and redress mechanisms in response to rights violations that may result from inadequate data management or the use of artificial intelligence.

5.9 Collaborate in international forums and settings to advocate for the respect and protection of human rights in the context of data and artificial intelligence governance, working towards a strong, unified regional stance.

5.10 Promote the design and implementation of data and artificial intelligence initiatives that incorporate an inclusive and differentiated approach from their inception, valuing and strengthening the region's cultural diversity and considering sectors that may be more vulnerable.

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Data governance frameworks

To strengthen data governance frameworks in their countries, the governments in the region will:

6.1 Establish policies, guidelines, and/or protocols for effectively managing the data lifecycle generated by the states and used by various government institutions, with a special emphasis on ensuring data quality, integrity, traceability, cataloging, protection, and security throughout its lifecycle.

6.2 Establish interoperability frameworks that include guidelines on technical, semantic, institutional, legal, and cultural elements to foster trust and ensure data exchange among governmental and regional actors. Standardization will consider international and regional guidelines and frameworks, promoting data architectures that facilitate interoperability through standardized integration interfaces or other secure data exchange protocols across government platforms and with other ecosystem actors. Guidelines will be set to expedite interoperability processes while adhering to local regulatory frameworks and minimizing the need for inter-institutional data exchange agreements. Efforts will focus on regional and subregional cross-border interoperability in areas such as identification, health, labor, and security. To facilitate cross-border interoperability, states will promote agreements that clarify terms and conditions on data responsibility and conditions for maintaining data quality, traceability, security, and cataloging.

6.3 Encourage the incorporation of rights-based and differential approaches—where applicable—and in accordance with each country’s personal data protection regulations, including gender, ethnic, and racial considerations in government databases to support the design of inclusive and representative public policies and service delivery.

6.4 Promote independent audit mechanisms throughout the data lifecycle and multi-stakeholder feedback, where applicable, regarding the quality, integrity, traceability, cataloging, protection, and security of data managed by various government institutions. Methods based on analytics, artificial intelligence, and open data will be encouraged for audit and feedback processes.

6.5 Promote the design and identification of data architecture models that are scalable, secure, flexible, and traceable to adapt to data utilization needs and address opportunities, challenges, and risks from technological advancements and data collaborations and exchanges at national and regional levels.

6.6 Develop guidelines for standardized metadata that clearly describe the content, context, and structure of data generated, collected, and used in the public sector to facilitate data management and utilization. The consolidation and publication of metadata catalogs will be encouraged.

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Data *governance frameworks*

6.7 Foster the creation of accessible, user-friendly data catalogs for various stakeholder groups in the ecosystem, ensuring data is discoverable and usable.

6.8 Promote the implementation of master and reference data identification and management initiatives to unify and manage data across various systems.

6.9 Encourage data utilization processes based on specific use cases prioritized according to strategic alignment and impact on various stakeholder groups.



Data *infrastructures*

To strengthen the capabilities associated with their data infrastructures, the governments in the region will:

7.1 Promote the design and implementation of data infrastructures that allow for scalability and sustainability, both in their operational models and their environmental impact, using technologies that enable flexibility, continuous growth, and agile integration. They will consider the adoption and deployment of public digital infrastructures, especially in their data governance and management components, focusing on their role as drivers and accelerators of digital transformation.

7.2 Encourage the development of technological, human, and organizational capacities to adopt, integrate, and utilize emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, within data infrastructures.

7.3 Foster the establishment of policies and resources for the periodic review and updating of data infrastructure, ensuring that the technologies implemented remain relevant and effective in addressing changing needs and technological advances.

7.4 Promote the adoption of solutions to enhance flexibility and responsiveness to evolving data management demands, with a strong focus on data protection and security. This approach will comprehensively consider various infrastructure management models, including local infrastructure, private cloud, public cloud, and hybrid schemes. These adoption processes will adhere to each country's regulatory guidelines in this area.



Ecosystem dynamization and *multi-stakeholder alliances for data and artificial intelligence governance*

To energize ecosystems and promote public-private partnerships around data and artificial intelligence governance, the countries of the region will:

8.1 Promote governance models that, as appropriate, actively involve businesses, civil society, and academia in decision-making and the design and implementation of ecosystem-wide data and artificial intelligence projects.

8.2 Establish mechanisms to identify and highlight private actors and initiatives, both local and regional, within the data and AI governance ecosystems, facilitating their connection and synergy to foster collaborative initiatives in these areas.

8.3 Encourage measures to stimulate data and AI ecosystems, which may include collaboration incentives, experience and knowledge sharing, economic measures, public procurement, regulatory adjustments, and other country-specific mechanisms that support joint efforts among various actors.

8.4 Foster the design and implementation of initiatives that establish and strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships in the short, medium, and long term to effectively leverage data within the ecosystem, with academia encouraged to participate in these initiatives.

8.5 Promote the development of policies and initiatives that encourage the creation and use of common data assets and infrastructures, facilitating multi-actor collaboration in sustainable development efforts.

8.6 Facilitate knowledge exchange and best practices among the government, academia, businesses, and civil society organizations, creating institutional frameworks that allow these practices to be effectively applied in local, national, and regional data and AI governance, management, and utilization projects.

8.7 Support multi-stakeholder research and monitoring on trends and impacts of data and AI governance, considering the establishment of multi-sectoral observatories.

8.8 Promote, within their strategic policies and regulatory frameworks, the coordination, design, and implementation of public policies to mobilize and channel public and private investment resources toward data and AI governance initiatives.

8.9 Encourage policies with tools and mechanisms to strengthen MSMEs, startups, and civil society organizations working on data governance, management, and AI utilization projects.

8.10 Consider actions to integrate impact-oriented private investment into public policy agendas, aiming to harness private sector contributions to strengthen the data and AI governance ecosystem in their countries.

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Maximizing the impact of data management and artificial intelligence

To focus on maximizing the impact of data governance and artificial intelligence initiatives, the countries in the region will:

9.1 Encourage data and artificial intelligence governance and management initiatives to aim at maximizing their impact on population quality of life, institutional management, and strengthening democracy.

9.2 Promote the design and adoption of measurement and monitoring mechanisms to evaluate the implementation of recommendations within the Inter-American framework, with countries striving to implement systems that monitor the effective implementation of policies and guidelines, ensuring the achievement of proposed objectives.

9.3 Foster the adoption of specific, measurable impact indicators to validate the success and outcomes of data and artificial intelligence governance and management initiatives.

9.4 Manage robust evaluation and monitoring systems to track and assess processes, activities, and outcomes related to data and artificial intelligence governance.

9.5 Encourage effective mechanisms for sharing the impacts achieved through data and artificial intelligence governance initiatives.

9.6 Promote the use and analysis of relevant international and regional benchmark indicators, focusing on critical analysis to provide feedback and ensure continuous improvement of data and AI governance initiatives.

9.7 Promote the design and adoption of alternative impact assessment methods, including impact narratives, aiming to capture the initiatives' effects on individuals and communities comprehensively and offering a qualitative perspective that complements quantitative metrics.

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Research and development *in data governance and artificial intelligence*

To promote data and artificial intelligence governance initiatives and practices, the countries of the region will:



10.1 Prioritize public investment to finance research and development (R&D) projects in artificial intelligence and data governance, ensuring adequate economic allocation to foster local and regional technological innovation.

10.2 Promote collaboration with universities and civil society organizations to co-create AI research agendas aligned with government strategic priorities, ensuring relevance and applicability within the local context.

10.3 Encourage research aimed at developing and training AI models in the predominant languages of the region, facilitating culturally and linguistically appropriate solutions to address community needs.

10.4 Promote R&D focused on creating technological infrastructures for the training, development, and deployment of advanced AI models and data governance systems, encouraging the design and rollout of regional projects that share computational capabilities. These R&D initiatives will prioritize sustainable infrastructure and environmentally sound development and operation of technologies.

10.5 Foster knowledge and technology transfer research schemes to support the adoption of local solutions and products, ensuring that regional innovations can be scaled and used by both the public and private sectors.

10.6 Encourage clusters and other public-private partnership mechanisms within the region, supported by universities, to consolidate AI and data governance research efforts, leveraging the expertise and resources of multiple educational institutions for joint projects.

10.7 Promote the development of specialized talent in data governance and artificial intelligence, integrating training programs with educational institutions and creating incentives to attract expertise in these fields.

10.8 Foster international cooperation in the research and development of technologies related to data governance and AI management, actively participating in global alliances to exchange knowledge and develop joint solutions to regional challenges.

10.9 Support the creation and consolidation of research project repositories on data governance, algorithm development and use, and AI systems, in partnership with higher education institutions, and promote initiatives that recognize innovative projects in these fields.

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Open data

To strengthen and effectively coordinate their open data strategies within the framework of data governance and artificial intelligence, the countries in the region will:

11.1 Encourage the formulation and updating of open data policies, promoting their effective integration within the broader data and AI governance framework. Countries will also work towards updating open data regulatory frameworks, aiming for high-level government leadership in these policies.

11.2 Promote guidelines for defining national metadata profiles, standardizing dataset structures, data licensing, and fostering interoperability among public databases at regional and sub-regional levels.

11.3 Ensure that national data and AI governance strategies incorporate open data elements in alignment with the principles established by the International Open Data Charter: open by default, timely and comprehensive, accessible and usable, comparable and interoperable, aimed at improving governance and citizen participation, and supporting inclusive development and innovation.

11.4 Prioritize data openness based on the needs and expectations of different user groups, aiming to maximize the relevance and utility of open datasets for reuse and focusing on ensuring data relevance. Priority will be given to open data strategies impacting areas such as democracy strengthening, human rights promotion and protection, transparency, anti-corruption efforts, innovation, and sustainable development.



11.5 Promote the establishment and updating of processes and tools focused on data management and quality assurance for open data, ensuring that open datasets undergo standardized management and quality control throughout their lifecycle. The use of AI technologies will be encouraged to validate and improve data quality across the data lifecycle and in public open datasets.

11.6 Promote the opening of strategic, high-volume, and automated open datasets to ensure accessibility and efficient handling for high-value utilization. These processes will fully respect personal data protection and privacy.

11.7 Develop strategies to promote the effective opening and use of open data, fostering interoperability and enabling open data to act as catalysts for value creation through AI tools that support decision-making in local and national ecosystems.

11.8 Strengthen local and regional open data ecosystems, promoting multi-stakeholder governance models to coordinate effective integration.

11.9 Enhance open data portals by incorporating AI tools to facilitate data access and use, improving user experience in searching, appropriating, and reusing available datasets.

11.10 Promote open data portals as spaces to share strategies, initiatives, practices, and developments related to the intersection of open data and AI.

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Open data

11.11 Encourage the use of open data as a driver for developing AI-based guidelines, best practices, technologies, and innovative solutions, stimulating technological progress. Open data will be promoted for training AI models tailored to the region's characteristics.

11.12 Support the enrichment of open datasets by integrating public and private data, enhancing their value and applicability across multiple contexts.

11.13 Foster cross-sector collaboration in the use and management of open data, promoting partnerships among various government sectors and levels, the private sector, academia, and civil society.

11.14 Strengthen the capabilities of human talent involved in open data initiatives to ensure their effective integration with data and AI governance efforts.

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Cybersecurity

To strengthen digital security capacities that enable effective data and artificial intelligence governance, the countries of the region will:

12.1 Promote the adoption of existing regional standards and guidelines related to cybersecurity and data protection, such as the Organization of American States' principles for personal data protection and privacy, in data and AI governance initiatives and projects.

12.2 Update regulatory frameworks to address emerging threats and risks, establishing minimum standards to guide AI tool development, data security, and accountability of the various actors within data and AI governance frameworks.

12.3 Involve government institutions, the private sector, academia, and civil society in designing and implementing data governance and AI components within cybersecurity strategies, integrating technical components and efficient processes to address digital threats, and fostering education and training to promote shared responsibility among stakeholders.

12.4 Encourage the development of AI technologies with built-in security considerations, implementing ethical and cybersecurity impact assessments prior to adoption and promoting regional collaboration in cybersecurity and AI research and development.

12.5 Promote the implementation of advanced security measures, including encryption, multi-factor authentication, and defenses against cyberattacks,

to protect data infrastructure from internal and external threats. They will also encourage vulnerability reporting on these security systems by civil society, academia, and experts to identify potential vulnerabilities in data infrastructure through non-intrusive methods.

12.6 Conduct regular vulnerability audits on systems and data assets related to data and AI governance initiatives, implementing risk management processes to identify and mitigate threats and keeping information systems and software updated against vulnerabilities.

12.7 Promote the definition and adoption of specific security measures to protect algorithms, ensuring they are safeguarded against vulnerabilities and attacks through secure coding practices, regular evaluations and audits, and protection against manipulations that could infringe on individual rights.

12.8 Encourage best practices for the classification and categorization of personal data, ensuring required processes for adequate protection and security in various data and AI governance initiatives.

12.9 Promote the adoption of disaster recovery plans against cyberattacks to enhance digital resilience for systems and assets related to data and AI governance in the region.

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Cybersecurity

12.10 Identify and protect critical public and private infrastructure associated with data and AI governance from cyberattacks through regular risk and vulnerability assessments, establishing risk management, response, and recovery plans to minimize the impact of potential incidents.

12.11 Include security provisions and clauses in contracts with vendors and third parties providing data and AI management solutions and tools, clearly establishing digital security responsibilities in agreements.

12.12 Support regional and subregional exercises to improve joint incident response, work toward harmonizing cybersecurity standards and regulations, and provide technical assistance across countries to strengthen capabilities in the region, especially in data and AI governance elements.

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2. To request the General Secretariat, through the Department for Effective Public Management, to review existing guidelines for data governance and artificial intelligence, particularly as regards the ethical use of artificial intelligence policies, algorithms, and data governance, such as the OECD AI Principles, for potential dissemination throughout Member States work on the development of the guidelines for the Inter-American framework for data governance and artificial intelligence, focused on people and the inclusive and sustainable development of our region, taking as a background the discussions that are taking place within the fra-

mework of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Data Governance and AI (RedGealc), strengthen the articulation of the different initiatives underway at the inter-American level and to submit its findings to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP).

3. Encourage member states to maintain or adopt, following a multistakeholder approach, as appropriate, and implement, national strategies to promote the safe, secure and trustworthy development and use, AI technologies in a manner that respects human rights and is consistent with inter-American human rights instruments the UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and other relevant instruments.



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