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**TRUST, CREDIBILITY, AND ETHICS
IN 'AI'-SUPPORTED EVIDENCE**

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TRUST, CREDIBILITY, AND ETHICS IN AI-SUPPORTED EVIDENCE



- Distinguished colleagues, I am honoured to speak on the subject of **'Trust, Credibility, and Ethics in AI-supported Evidence.'**

OPENING CONTEXT

- Artificial Intelligence is transforming how we collect, analyse, and interpret evidence.

AI transforming evaluation practice
Automated data analysis increasing
Predictive modelling expanding
Ethical concerns rising



WHY THIS TOPIC MATTERS

- Evaluation only has value when it is trusted.



Evaluation depends on trust

Evidence must be credible

AI can strengthen or weaken credibility

Ethical safeguards are essential

OBJECTIVES



- This session explores how AI is used in evaluation.

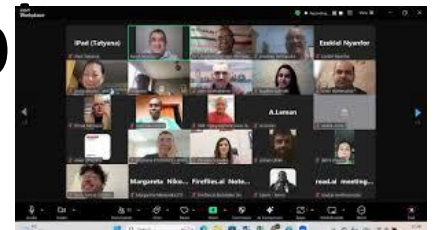
Examine AI in evaluation

Identify ethical risks

Strengthen trust in evidence

Define safeguards

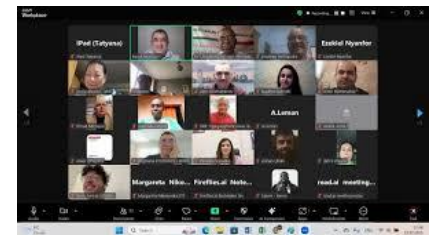
Propose guiding princip



'AI' IN PRACTICE

- AI is now used across the evaluation cycle.

Data collection tools
Machine learning analysis
Predictive models
Automated reporting
Policy simulations



OPPORTUNITIES

- AI offers enormous opportunities.

Speed

Scale

Efficiency

Big data analysis

Better forecasting



TRUST IN EVIDENCE

- Trust in evaluation depends on transparency.

Reliability

Transparency

Verification

Professional judgment

Accountability



CREDIBILITY CHALLENGES



- Many AI systems are difficult to explain.

Black-box algorithms

Hidden bias

Poor documentation

Weak validation

Over-automation



ETHICAL RISKS

- AI reflects the data used to train it.

Algorithm bias

Data privacy issues

Misuse of outputs

Lack of consent

Manipulation risk



HUMAN JUDGMENT



- Artificial Intelligence must remain a tool.

AI should support

Not replace

Human evaluators

RESPONSIBILITY

- Evaluators must strengthen professional standards.

Ethical standards

Oversight systems

AI literacy

Institutional review

Accountability



SAFEGUARDS

- Clear safeguards must exist.

Ethical guidelines
Transparency rules
Data protection
Independent review
Documentation



GLOBAL SOUTH

- Developing countries face special risks.

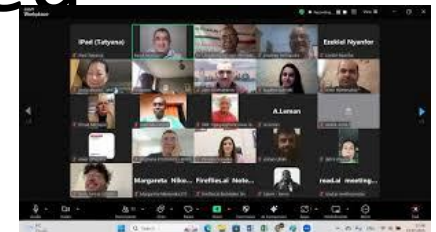
Digital divide

Unequal access

External control risks

Context matters

Local ownership needed



CIVIL SOCIETY

- Civil society plays a vital role

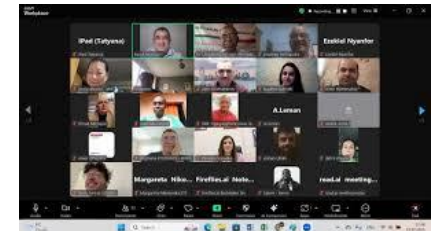
Promote accountability

Protect ethics

Support inclusion

Strengthen trust

Advocate responsible AI



PRINCIPLES

- These principles should guide AI-supported evaluation.

Fairness

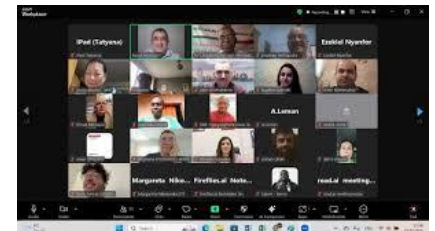
Transparency

Accountability

Inclusiveness

Human oversight

Context sensitivity



FRAMEWORK

- Evaluators should apply practical steps.

Review before use

Validate data

Document methods

Keep human control

Engage stakeholders



OUTCOMES

- AI can strengthen evaluation.

Better awareness

Stronger ethics

More credible evidence

Responsible AI use

Improved evaluation practice



KEY MESSAGE

- Technology should serve society

AI must enhance
Not replace
Ethical human judgment



CONCLUSION

- Without trust, evidence fails.

Trust is the foundation
Credibility is the standard
Ethics is the safeguard



THANK YOU

- Thank you for your attention

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Hope to see you again soon

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