SCEWC SIDE EVENT

Policy Tools for Ethical Urban AI Governance

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Smart City Expo World Congress
Fira Barcelona, Gran Via Venue, Av. Joan Carles I, 64, 08908 L'Hospitalet de Llobregat
Side Event, CC3 Area, Room 3.13C.
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Background

Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies have the potential to address some of the most pressing urban challenges of our time, from easing traffic congestion to improving resource allocation. However, alongside these opportunities come significant challenges and risks that cannot be ignored, such as the amplification of discriminatory practices and the erosion of digital rights. As AI becomes increasingly integrated into urban life, it is crucial for local administrations to ensure the responsible and ethical use of these systems.

To effectively navigate the complexities of AI implementation, cities can adopt a range of responsible AI governance practices and tools, such as AI registries or digital rights procurement clauses. This side event explores existing governance frameworks that operationalize ethical AI principles—such as transparency, accountability, and cybersecurity—and promote responsible urban AI deployment. The goal is to share valuable insights and policy tools that can inspire action and provide a roadmap for local governments worldwide.

Programme

11:30 – 11:45   **Introductory remarks**, provided by the co-organizers of the side event: CIDOB's Global Cities Programme, the Barcelona City Council and the Cities Coalition for Digital Rights.

11:45 – 13:00   **Panel: Policy tools for responsible urban AI**

- **Leandry Junior Jieutsa**, Researcher on AI Governance in cities, UNESCO Chair in Urban Landscape
- **Shazade Jameson,** Senior Consultant Tech Governance & Urban AI
- **Manuel Portela,** researcher in urban innovation, algorithmic justice and data ethics, Pompeu Fabra University
- **Daniel Sarasa**, Zaragoza City Council and member of the CC4DR

Moderator: **Marta Galceran-Vercher,** Senior Researcher, Global Cities Programme, CIDOB

13:00 – 13:30   **Snacks and Networking**

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