



Call for Papers

5th Anti-Corruption Symposium on Challenges and Opportunities for the Use of AI in Anti-Corruption Efforts

Saturday, 13 and Sunday, 14 December 2025 | Doha, Qatar

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly reshaping the landscape of anti-corruption efforts. From detecting fraud in public procurement to uncovering illicit financial flows and enabling citizen-led oversight, AI offers unprecedented opportunities to fight corruption (Gerli, 2024; Schneider dos Santos et al., 2025). Scientific advances in predictive modelling, anomaly detection, and natural language processing demonstrate AI's potential to transform transparency, accountability, and governance (Köbis et al., 2022).

However, this promise comes with significant challenges. Data scarcity, bias, and the lack of explainability can undermine trust in AI systems (Zinnbauer, 2025). Political economy dynamics, organisational resistance, and the digital divide can hinder effective deployment (Köbis et al., 2022; Zinnbauer, 2025). Moreover, the context of use matters: government-led ("top-down") applications can strengthen oversight but risk entrenching existing power imbalances, while citizen-led ("bottom-up") initiatives can mobilise public engagement yet struggle with sustainability (Mattoni, 2024; Odilla & Veloso, 2024).

This symposium will bring together researchers, practitioners, policymakers and youth to explore how AI can be responsibly and effectively applied in anti-corruption. We welcome contributions that span disciplines, blend theoretical and empirical insights, and apply AI anti-corruption tools in the real world.

Submissions may address (but are not limited to) the following themes:

- Predictive analytics for corruption risk in procurement, political finance, or service delivery
- Use of satellite and geospatial data to detect irregularities linked to corruption
- Auditing, evaluation and impact assessment of AI in anti-corruption
- Grassroots and civil society uses of AI (e.g., bots, platforms, crowdsourcing) in anti-corruption
- Data availability, quality, and interoperability for AI anti-corruption systems
- Ethical, legal, and governance implications of AI in anti-corruption
- Comparative case studies of AI successes and failures in anti-corruption

Submissions are encouraged to reflect on how their work connects to the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, specifically Sustainable Development Goal 16 on "Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions", and/or the broader international agenda on anti-corruption and AI governance.



Tracks

1. Research Track

We invite submissions from all disciplines, particularly (computational) social sciences, computer science, economics, and law. Abstracts (max. 300 words, excluding references) should clearly state the novelty, research question, method (if empirical), and main results. Submissions will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary panel, so please ensure your abstract is understandable to scholars outside your field. Interdisciplinary work is strongly encouraged. References in abstracts must follow [APA style](#).

2. Applied Track

We seek submissions describing concrete projects that have used or are planning to use AI for anti-corruption. Abstracts (max. 300 words) should specify how AI is or will be applied, which data is or will be used, current development status, geographical deployment, and main challenges. References in abstracts must follow [APA style](#).

We aim for a diverse symposium in terms of geography and disciplinary background, and we especially encourage submissions from junior scholars. UNODC will provide successful candidates (only one author per abstract) with an airplane ticket (economy) as well as a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) in line with UN rules and regulations to cover accommodation and other costs related to the stay in Doha, Qatar.

Important Dates

- Abstract submission deadline: 21 September 2025
- Notification of acceptance: 15 October 2025
- Anti-Corruption Symposium: 13–14 December 2025, Doha, Qatar.

Click [HERE](#) to submit your abstract!

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