

Concept Note

Haiti School on Internet Governance (HaitiSIG) 2026

Artificial Intelligence Capacity Building and Ethics

Preparing Haiti's Next Generation of Responsible Digital Leaders

Dates: 26-30 October 2026

Followed by

Haiti Internet Governance Forum (Haiti IGF) 2026

Date: Thursday, 5 November 2026

1. Executive Summary

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping every sector of society, creating unprecedented opportunities for innovation, economic growth, education, healthcare, public administration, and sustainable development. At the same time, AI raises critical questions regarding ethics, transparency, accountability, digital rights, cybersecurity, privacy, and governance.

For Haiti, developing national expertise in Artificial Intelligence and Internet Governance is essential to ensuring that digital transformation remains inclusive, ethical, secure, and people-centered. Building local capacity will empower stakeholders to participate meaningfully in national, regional, and global policy discussions while fostering responsible innovation that benefits all citizens.

The **Haiti School on Internet Governance (HaitiSIG) 2026** is envisioned as Haiti's flagship national capacity-building initiative dedicated to Internet Governance and Responsible Artificial Intelligence. Through an intensive five-day hybrid training program, participants will develop the knowledge, practical skills, and leadership necessary to contribute to Internet Governance and AI policy processes.

The School will culminate with the **Haiti Internet Governance Forum (Haiti IGF) 2026**, providing participants with an opportunity to directly engage with policymakers, regulators, industry leaders, academia, civil society, and the technical community in shaping Haiti's digital future.

2. Background

The digital transformation currently underway across the world is being accelerated by advances in Artificial Intelligence, cloud computing, cybersecurity, digital public infrastructure, and data-driven innovation. While these technologies offer enormous

opportunities, they also introduce new challenges concerning governance, ethics, accountability, fairness, transparency, digital inclusion, and human rights.

Developing countries must actively participate in shaping the governance of emerging technologies rather than simply adopting frameworks developed elsewhere. Haiti has a unique opportunity to build national expertise capable of contributing to international Internet Governance discussions while designing policies adapted to its own social and economic realities.

Strengthening national capacity in Internet Governance and Responsible AI will contribute to:

- Developing evidence-based digital policies;
- Promoting responsible and ethical AI adoption;
- Supporting digital inclusion and universal connectivity;
- Strengthening cybersecurity awareness;
- Encouraging youth leadership and innovation;
- Building national resilience in the digital economy;
- Increasing Haiti's participation in regional and global Internet Governance processes.

The Haiti School on Internet Governance directly supports the objectives of the Internet Society Foundation by fostering inclusive, non-commercial, multi-stakeholder dialogue and developing future Internet Governance leaders.

3. Theme

Artificial Intelligence Capacity Building and Ethics

Preparing Haiti for Responsible Digital Transformation

4. Objectives

The Haiti School on Internet Governance aims to:

- Build national capacity in Internet Governance and Artificial Intelligence.
- Strengthen understanding of AI ethics and responsible AI.
- Promote inclusive and evidence-based digital policymaking.
- Foster meaningful multi-stakeholder collaboration.
- Encourage youth leadership in digital policy.
- Increase participation of women and underrepresented groups.
- Develop future Internet Governance leaders.
- Prepare Haitian stakeholders for regional and global Internet Governance processes.
- Establish a national community of practice on AI Governance.

5. Target Audience

Approximately **150 participants** representing the full Internet Governance ecosystem:

- University students
- Researchers
- Government officials
- Parliamentarians
- Regulators
- Civil society organizations
- Technical community
- Internet Service Providers
- Entrepreneurs
- AI developers
- Journalists
- Legal professionals
- Women leaders
- Youth organizations
- International organizations
- Development partners

6. Event Structure

Haiti School on Internet Governance (HaitiSIG)

Dates

26-30 October 2026

Hybrid Learning Model

The School will be delivered simultaneously from five locations through an integrated hybrid learning environment.

Main Hub

Faculty of Sciences (FDS)

Port-au-Prince

Regional Hubs

- Port-au-Prince
- Jérémie
- Saint-Marc
- Cap-Haïtien

Each hub will provide local facilitation while all sessions are connected through a national virtual platform, enabling interactive discussions, collaborative exercises, and networking among participants across Haiti.

7. Haiti Internet Governance Forum (Haiti IGF)

Date

Thursday, 5 November 2026

Main Venue

Hotel Montana

Port-au-Prince

Connected Regional Hubs

- ESIH
- Jérémie
- Saint-Marc
- Cap-Haïtien

The Haiti Internet Governance Forum will serve as the country's annual national multi-stakeholder dialogue on digital policy, bringing together representatives from government, academia, civil society, the private sector, the technical community, youth organizations, and international partners.

Graduates of HaitiSIG will actively participate in the Forum as moderators, rapporteurs, speakers, facilitators, and youth ambassadors, ensuring a direct transition from capacity building to policy engagement.

8. Proposed Program

Day 1 - Foundations of Internet Governance

Topics include:

- Evolution of the Internet
- Internet Governance Ecosystem
- Multi-Stakeholder Governance Model
- Internet Standards
- Critical Internet Resources
- ICANN
- IETF
- Internet Society
- Global Digital Cooperation
- WSIS+20
- Global Digital Compact

Day 2 - Artificial Intelligence Fundamentals

Topics include:

- Introduction to Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning
- Deep Learning
- Large Language Models
- Generative AI

- Open Source AI
- AI Applications
- AI for Sustainable Development

Day 3 - Artificial Intelligence Ethics

Topics include:

- Responsible AI
- Algorithmic Bias
- Fairness
- Transparency
- Explainability
- Accountability
- Privacy
- Human Rights
- Data Protection
- AI Risk Management
- UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of AI
- OECD AI Principles

Day 4 - AI Governance

Topics include:

- National AI Strategies
- AI Regulation
- AI Standards
- AI Safety
- AI and Cybersecurity
- Digital Public Infrastructure
- AI in Education
- AI in Healthcare
- AI for Government
- AI and the Sustainable Development Goals

Day 5 - Leadership and Policy

Activities include:

- Internet Governance Simulation
- Policy Labs
- National AI Strategy Workshop
- Team Projects
- Youth Leadership Forum
- Policy Recommendations
- Closing Ceremony

9. Cross-Cutting Themes

Throughout the School, participants will explore:

- Digital Inclusion
- Universal Connectivity
- Community Networks
- Digital Rights
- Cybersecurity
- Online Safety
- Data Governance
- Gender Equality and Technology
- Climate and Digital Technologies
- Platform Governance
- Digital Economy
- Internet Resilience
- Children's Rights Online
- Emerging Technologies

10. Learning Methodology

The HaitiSIG will adopt an interactive and participatory learning approach combining:

- Expert lectures
- Interactive discussions
- Case studies
- Hands-on workshops
- Group exercises
- Policy simulations
- Team projects
- Mentorship sessions
- Networking activities

The hybrid delivery model will enable participants from all regions of Haiti to collaborate while strengthening local Internet Governance communities.

11. Expected Outcomes

Upon completion of the School, participants will:

- Understand the principles of Internet Governance.
- Demonstrate foundational knowledge of Artificial Intelligence.
- Understand ethical and responsible AI principles.
- Analyze AI governance challenges.
- Participate effectively in multi-stakeholder policy processes.
- Contribute to national digital policy development.
- Strengthen regional and international collaboration.
- Join Haiti's Internet Governance community of practice.

12. Expected Outputs

- 150 trained participants
- Five operational regional learning hubs
- HaitiSIG Alumni Network
- National AI Ethics Community of Practice
- Youth Internet Governance Network
- National policy recommendations
- AI Governance Working Groups
- Enhanced participation in regional and global Internet Governance initiatives

13. Organizers

The Haiti School on Internet Governance will be organized through a multi-stakeholder partnership led by:

- Internet Society Haiti Chapter (ISOC Haiti)
- Haiti Internet Governance Forum (Haiti IGF)

With the collaboration of:

- Faculty of Sciences (FDS)
- École Supérieure d'Infotronique d'Haïti (ESIH)
- Transversal
- Universities
- Government institutions
- Civil society organizations
- Technical community
- International experts

14. Strategic Partners

The initiative will be implemented in collaboration with national, regional, and international organizations committed to strengthening Internet Governance, Artificial Intelligence, and digital development.

Strategic Partners

- **BANJ**
- **Association for Responsible Artificial Intelligence (ARAI)**
- **Internet Society (ISOC)**
- **LACNIC (Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry)**

Academic Partners

- École Supérieure d'Infotronique d'Haïti (ESIH)
- Transversal

Supporting Partners

- Government institutions

- Universities
- Civil society organizations
- Private sector organizations
- Technical community
- International experts

Each partner will contribute according to its expertise through technical assistance, capacity building, policy dialogue, financial support, research collaboration, knowledge sharing, or community engagement.

15. Sustainability

The Haiti School on Internet Governance is designed as an annual initiative that will continue beyond the training week through:

- Haiti IGF Working Groups
- Monthly webinars
- AI Ethics Community of Practice
- Youth Leadership Network
- Mentorship Program
- National AI Working Groups
- Research collaborations
- Participation in regional and global Internet Governance events

The HaitiSIG Alumni Network will promote continuous collaboration, peer learning, and the development of future trainers and Internet Governance ambassadors.

16. Monitoring and Evaluation

The impact of the initiative will be assessed through:

- Number of participants trained
- Geographic and stakeholder diversity
- Gender balance
- Participant satisfaction surveys
- Knowledge assessments
- Number of policy recommendations developed
- Follow-up engagement in Internet Governance initiatives
- Participation in regional and international Internet Governance events
- Growth of the HaitiSIG Alumni Network

17. Alignment with the Internet Society Foundation

The Haiti School on Internet Governance fully aligns with the Internet Society Foundation's objectives by promoting inclusive, open, and non-commercial multi-stakeholder dialogue while developing future Internet Governance leaders. The initiative's collaboration with academic institutions, hybrid nationwide delivery model, and integration with Haiti's

National Internet Governance Forum are consistent with the Foundation's priorities for National Schools on Internet Governance.

18. Long-Term Vision

The Haiti School on Internet Governance aspires to become Haiti's flagship annual capacity-building initiative on Internet Governance and Responsible Artificial Intelligence.

By developing a nationwide network of digital leaders, policymakers, researchers, entrepreneurs, engineers, and youth advocates, HaitiSIG will strengthen Haiti's ability to shape its digital future while contributing actively to regional and global Internet Governance processes.

The annual Haiti Internet Governance Forum will serve as the natural continuation of the School, transforming knowledge into action through inclusive policy dialogue, national collaboration, and concrete recommendations that advance ethical, secure, and inclusive digital transformation for Haiti.