



The Paris AI Action Summit, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025, was the third major international gathering dedicated to artificial intelligence (the first two being held in the UK's Bletchley Park and Seoul).

**Key Attendees:** Heads of state and government, policymakers, CEOs and many others were present: among them were US VP JD Vance, Canadian PM Justin Trudeau, China's Vice Premier Zhang Guoqing, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, and President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. From the private sector, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, Microsoft President Brad Smith, JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon, Meta President Nick Clegg, AMD CEO Lisa Su, and Google CEO Sundar Pichai were in attendance.

Notably, the word "safety" was dropped from the Summit's name, and replaced with the term Action. This was indicative of a larger shift in tone altogether – the Summit this year focused much less on risk mitigation, and more on opportunity.

The Summit featured **five critical themes:**

- **Public Interest AI**  
*on how AI can be applied in sectors like healthcare & education to benefit all;*
- **Future of Work**  
*on the impact of AI on automation and productivity;*
- **Innovation and Culture**  
*on how AI will transform creative industries;*
- **Trust in AI**  
*on how to build trustworthy, safe, and secure AI;*
- **Global Governance of AI**  
*on developing an international framework of international governance for AI, building on initiatives like GPAI (Global Partnership for AI).*

**PM's Address:** As co-chair of the Summit, President Macron invited Prime Minister Modi to deliver the [opening address](#). In his speech, the PM advocated for a democratized approach to AI, one that promoted sustainable development (especially for the Global South). He emphasized the importance of high- quality, bias-free data sets in developing trustworthy and transparent AI systems. He provided an example: if asked to generate an

image of someone writing with their left hand, AI platforms would be more likely to depict a right-handed writer instead, as the training data is dominated by the latter.

He also highlighted India's AI Mission, and its efforts to build its own Large Language Model. The Prime Minister also announced that India would be the host of the next AI Summit.

**The US & UK Stance:** The US and the UK, however, refused to sign the Paris Summit declaration on Inclusive & Sustainable AI, which highlighted aims of “ensuring AI is open, inclusive, transparent, ethical, safe, secure and trustworthy, taking into account international frameworks for all” and “making AI sustainable for people and the planet”. It had 60 other signatories, notably France, China, India, Japan, Australia and Canada. The UK cited national security and global governance concerns, and stated that the declaration did not go far enough in terms of providing clarity. Keir Starmer was notably absent, but UK Science minister Patrick Vallance stated that “if you over-regulate in fast-moving technologies you kill them.”

**US AI Policy:** This attitude was echoed by the US Vice-President JD Vance, who stated in [his speech](#) that AI is “an opportunity that the Trump administration will not squander.”

He said that U.S. A.I. policy would be built on four pillars: on the maintenance of U.S. AI technology as “the gold standard;” on the approach that excessive regulation could kill innovation and that “pro-growth” AI policies are required; that AI must “remain free from ideological bias, and that American AI will not be co-opted into a tool for authoritarian censorship;” and that workers will be consulted on AI policy and that the Trump Administration will “maintain a pro-worker growth path for AI” with the belief AI will create more jobs than it displaces. His speech was an example of the ways in which US policy looks markedly different from EU policy: encouraging private-sector-led innovation over government intervention.

### **Announcements:**

Macron revealed a 109 billion euro plan for AI investments in France and the European Union unveiled a 200 billion euro plan to speed AI adoption in European industry.

Ursula von der Leyen focused on the sustainability of AI and long term research projects, announcing the intention to create a “CERN for AI” in the European Union.

Australian, Korean, Irish, French and UK data protection authorities signed a joint declaration to reaffirm their commitment to establishing data governance that fosters innovative and privacy-protective AI.

The Summit saw the announcement of a [Coalition on Sustainable AI](#) that includes Nvidia, IBM, SAP, Salesforce, and AMD, among 37 other tech companies, 11 countries, and 5 international organizations. The Coalition aims to build momentum for more

environmentally sustainable AI. It was spearheaded by France and the UNEP (UN Environment Programme).