

Workshop

"The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Human Rights"

November 14, 2024

On November 14, 2024, the Legislative Research and Development Unit and the Anti-Discrimination Unit, in collaboration with the Legislative Committee in the National Council for Human Rights, organized a workshop titled ***"The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Human Rights"***. The workshop was chaired by Dr. Ayman Zohary, Member of the Council and Secretary of the Civil and Political Rights Committee, and attended by experts specializing in artificial intelligence technologies. Representatives from various institutions participated, including the Public Prosecution, Ministry of Justice, Senate, National Council for Women, National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, and several civil society organizations. The workshop was also attended by members of the council and a selection of experts concerned with the applications of artificial intelligence.

This workshop was held in line with the National Council for Human Rights' focus on the impact of artificial intelligence and its direct effects on the values and principles of human rights enshrined in the Egyptian Constitution and upheld by international human rights conventions. While the Council acknowledges the numerous benefits that artificial intelligence can offer, it also recognizes the many challenges it presents, which can directly affect human rights, such as the right to human dignity, the right to equality and non-discrimination, the right to freedom of opinion and expression, and the right to privacy. These issues particularly impact the most vulnerable groups, such as women and children.

Key Recommendations from the Workshop:

1. **Artificial Intelligence as an Urgent Reality:** It is essential to balance the positive and negative impacts of artificial intelligence, while also enhancing the enjoyment of digital rights for all people.
2. **Awareness Campaigns:** The National Council for Human Rights, alongside other state institutions, should carry out awareness campaigns and educational activities to mitigate the risks of artificial intelligence and its negative effects on vulnerable groups such as children and women.
3. **Updating National AI Strategy:** The national artificial intelligence strategy should be regularly updated to keep pace with developments in society. It is not suitable for the strategy to remain static for three, four, or five years, given the rapid advancements in this field.
4. **Legal Regulations:** It is crucial to establish legal frameworks that prevent the misuse of artificial intelligence applications and address the potential new crimes that may arise from these technologies.
5. **Increased Penalties for Misuse:** Penalties for the misuse of artificial intelligence, especially in deepfake technologies, should be significantly increased due to the severe risks they pose. Strong measures need to be taken to combat this issue from all aspects.