DIGITAL ETHICS & PRIVACY GOVERNANCE CONGRESS 2026

BUILDING TRUST
STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE.
RESPONSIBLE AI FOR A SECURE FUTURE.

THURSDAY,
12 NOVEMBER 2026

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AGENDA

TIME	TOPIC & SPEAKER
08:30–09:00	**Registration, Networking Breakfast & AI Governance Readiness Pulse** Join fellow delegates for breakfast and networking. Complete a short AI Governance Readiness Pulse to benchmark your organisation's current maturity.
09:00 - 09:10	**Opening Remarks** Welcome to the Congress and an overview of the day's events. **COURTNEY BLACKMAN** Principal, Legal Tech & AI Strategy | **FARBLACK Advisory**
09:10 - 09:40	**Global AI as a Trade Barrier: Navigating EU AI Act, ISO 42001 and Digital Readiness for APAC** Explore the global regulatory landscape and what financial institutions need to do to stay compliant, competitive and prepared for the next era of AI governance. **JONATHAN HATCH -** (Virtual) AI Standards Expert, Academic and Lead Drafter, Commonwealth Model Law on AI Member **Standards Australia IT-043 and ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 42** (speaking in a personal capacity)
09:40 - 10:05	**Risk by Design: Embedding Governance and Ethics Across the Innovation Lifecycle** Explore how organisations can identify and address AI risks before they arise by embedding governance, ethical considerations and appropriate controls throughout the AI development and innovation lifecycle - from initial use-case assessment through design, development and deployment. **JADE HAAR** Head of Privacy and Data Ethics Advice **| National Australia Bank**
10:05 - 10:30	**Continuous AI Auditing: Monitoring Bias, Model Drift and Compliance in Production Systems** Explore practical approaches to auditing AI systems, detecting bias and model drift, and ensuring ongoing compliance in production environments. **BEN JIANG** Director Data AI Systems Assurance and Digital Audit | **Victorian Auditor-General's Office**
10:30 - 10:50	**Morning Tea & Networking**
10:50 - 11:15	**Data Governance and Ethical AI: Building Accountable Data Foundations** Examine how organisations can establish the data foundations required for trustworthy AI with a focus on data quality, ownership, lineage, access, stewardship and responsible data use. Discover how strong data governance supports reliable AI outcomes and enables organisations to manage the quality and accountability of the data underpinning AI systems. **KEELY O'DOWD** Founder & Principal **O'Dowd Legal**
11:15 - 12:15	**EXECUTIVE LAB 1** **Building Trusted AI: Designing Enterprise AI Governance Frameworks That Scale** An interactive workshop where delegates work through a realistic AI use case to identify risks, define accountability, and design governance controls and human oversight. Participants will develop[an AI governance & Accountability Map. **PARUL OBEROI** Executive Leadership, Director of Data Science & AI **Toyota Finance Australia** **RACHEL KIMBER** Data Science and Analytics Lead **Flare**

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12:15 - 13:15	**LUNCH & NETWORKING**
13:15 - 13:40	 **Cyber-Resilience by Design: Integrating DevSecOps to Meet Australian Security & Data Sharing Mandates** Learn how organisations can integrate DevSecOps practices to strengthen cyber resilience, meet regulatory requirements and enable secure data sharing **SANAL SAMUEL** Regional Head of Product Development and Integrations **| Thomson Reuters**
13:40 - 14:05	 **When AI Starts Moving Money: Governance Challenges in Agentic Payments and Stablecoins** As AI agents increasingly interact with payment infrastructure and execute financial transactions, organisations face new governance challenges around transaction permissions, spending controls, human oversight and accountability. This session explores how financial institutions can establish appropriate safeguards and maintain control as autonomous financial transactions evolve. **CHRIS ZHONG** Managing Partner | **SunDAO Ventures**
14:05 - 14:35	 **How to Deploy Generative AI Without Creating Privacy Exposure** Practical guidance on managing privacy risks, data protection and compliance when implementing generative AI solutions. **MATTHEW MCMILLAN** Partner | **Lander & Rogers**
14:35 - 15:00	 **The Chief AI Ethics Officer (CAIEO): Redefining Ethics Leadership and Organisational Design** Examine the emerging role of the Chief AI Ethics Officer, including key responsibilities, operating models and how this role can drive ethical and responsible AI adoption. **EDNA RANDIKI** Head of Technology and Data Risk **| Auto & General Australia**
15:00 - 15:20	**Afternoon Tea & Networking**
15:20 - 16:20	 **EXECUTIVE LAB 2** **AI Risk, Production Readiness & Governance** A hands-on workshop where delegates assess an AI use case, identify and prioritise risks, determine accountability, evaluate controls, and make executive decisions around AI production readiness and ongoing governance. **VIKASH MISHRA** Senior Product Manager - Credit Card Acquisition
16:20 - 16:50	 **ROUNTABLE DISCUSSION** **Topic 1: Building Trust Through Privacy: A Framework for the AI Era** **BENJAMIN DI MARCO** Cyber and Technology Industry Leader, Pacific | **WTW**  **Topic 2: Securing the Future: Cyber Resilience, Privacy & Digital Trust** **ANITA SIASSIOS-HUNTSMAN** President | **Women in CyberSecurity**
16:50 - 17:00	 **Closing Remarks** **AFAF IBRAHIM** CEO **| Erudite Training Solutions**

SENIOR-LEVEL DELEGATES

13 INDUSTRY LEADING SPEAKERS

8 HOURS OF EXECUTIVE CONTENT

MULTIPLE NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES