Capacity Building Programme on Responsible AI and Data Governance in the Public Sector
Training of Trainers

15 – 20 November 2026, Pampanga, Philippines

BACKGROUND

Digital transformation continues to reshape governance across the Asia-Pacific region and globally. Artificial intelligence (AI) is emerging as a powerful driver of this transformation, with governments increasingly applying AI to strengthen decision-making, automate administrative processes, and deliver more efficient and citizen-centric services. From chatbots and virtual assistants that improve service delivery, to predictive analytics that support planning and resource allocation, AI applications are becoming increasingly common across government agencies, reshaping how public services are designed and delivered.

As AI adoption accelerates, responsible AI has become a governance imperative rather than a purely technical concern. AI applications can carry significant risks, including algorithmic bias, lack of transparency, weak accountability, and the erosion of public trust when deployed without adequate safeguards. Ensuring that AI is used ethically, transparently, and accountably requires public officials to understand the principles of responsible AI, such as fairness, transparency, accountability, and human oversight, as well as the international and national frameworks and institutional measures that allow governments to harness AI responsibly while managing these risks.

At the same time, the value and safety of any AI application rest on a simple premise: trustworthy AI depends on trusted, high-quality data. Data governance, understood as the policies, structures, and practices that guide how data is managed, protected, and used, is a key component of trustworthy AI and is increasingly reflected in national data governance frameworks. Such frameworks help governments strengthen core elements of data governance,

from policy and institutional arrangements to data quality, sharing, and privacy and security, and allow them to assess their data governance strengths and gaps and identify practical actions to support the trustworthy use of AI.

The Philippines is among the countries in the region actively advancing its digital transformation agenda, and AI is increasingly central to this effort. Through its national digital transformation strategies and the leadership of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), the Philippines has been strengthening its policy and institutional foundations for the responsible and trustworthy adoption of AI across government, including through emerging frameworks for AI governance and data governance. Sustaining these efforts requires a public sector workforce equipped not only to understand responsible AI and data governance, but also to train and mentor their peers, so that this knowledge cascades effectively across government agencies. Building this training capacity is critical to ensuring that AI adoption in the Philippine public sector is implemented responsibly, securely, and at scale.

In this context, the Department of ICT of the Philippines and the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for ICT for Development (APCICT) are co-organizing the **Capacity Building Programme on Responsible AI and Data Governance in the Public Sector**. The programme is designed as a Training of Trainers (ToT) for DICT Philippines, equipping civil servants with the knowledge and skills to cascade training on responsible AI and data governance across their respective offices and teams. The programme comprises two modules: Responsible AI Module on 16-17 November; and Data Governance for Trustworthy AI Module on 18-19 November.

OBJECTIVES

The Responsible AI module (16-17 November) aims to:

- Deepen participants' understanding of the principles of responsible and ethical AI, including fairness, transparency, accountability, and human oversight.
- Build participants' knowledge of AI governance frameworks and the policy and institutional measures that enable governments to harness AI responsibly while addressing ethical, legal, and societal risks.
- Enable participants to apply responsible AI principles to government AI use cases, including identifying risks and appropriate safeguards.
- Strengthen participants' capacity to design and deliver training on responsible AI for public sector audiences, enabling them to cascade this knowledge within their respective agencies.

The Data Governance for Trustworthy AI module (18-19 November) aims to:

- Introduce participants to selected data governance frameworks and their core elements, and situate data governance as a key component of trustworthy AI.
- Build participants' capacity to apply data governance frameworks to government AI applications, including assessing data governance strengths, gaps and priorities, and identifying practical actions to strengthen data governance in support of AI.
- Strengthen participants' capacity to design and deliver training on data governance for public sector audiences, enabling them to cascade this knowledge within their respective agencies.

PARTICIPANTS

The Training of Trainers will be attended by civil servants and training officers of DICT Philippines who are responsible for or engaged in the delivery of capacity building programmes within their organization, and who will serve as trainers and resource persons for the wider cascade of training on responsible AI and data governance across their respective offices and teams.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Sunday, 15 November 2026	
Time	Description
08:00 – 12:00	Support Staff Arrival and Ingress
12:00 – 16:30	Participants Arrival and Registration
16:30 – 18:00	Preliminaries
18:00 – 21:00	Welcome Dinner and Networking

Monday, 16 November 2026	
Time	Description
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Session • **Message from DICT: Undersecretary Leandro Angelo Y. Aguirre** *DICT Undersecretary for Strategic Initiatives and Industry and Competency Development* • **Message from APCICT: Director Kiyoung Ko** *APCICT Director* Self-Introduction Group Photo
	Academy Module on Responsible AI: From Potential to Public Impact
09:30 – 10:45	**Resource Person: Mr. Ashish Srivastava** Session 1: AI and Government: Opportunity, Responsibility and Strategic Choices
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 1 continued
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session 2: Working with AI: From Task Definition to Analysis and Output Creation
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:00	Session 2 continued

Tuesday, 17 November 2026	
Time	Description
	Academy Module on Responsible AI: From Potential to Public Impact
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:15	Video Presentation: *Artificial Intelligence in the Philippines* - **Dr. Ace C. Lagman** *Senior Director for College of Computer Studies and Multimedia Arts* **FEU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

09:15 – 10:30	Session 3: Governing AI in Government: Safeguards, Oversight and Project Choices
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:15	Session 3 continued
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session 4: From AI Applications to Transformational Citizen Services
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:00	Session 4 continued Evaluation

Wednesday, 18 November 2026	
Time	Description
	Academy Module on Data Governance for Trustworthy AI
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:30	**Resource Person: Mr. Jonathan Palmer** Session 1: Artificial Intelligence, Digital Transformation and Data
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:15	Session 1 continued
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Session 2: Why Data Governance Matters for Trustworthy AI
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:00	Session 2 continued

Thursday, 19 November 2026	
Time	Description
	Academy Module on Data Governance for Trustworthy AI
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:30	Session 3: Exploring the Elements of Data Governance
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:15	Session 3 continued
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:15	Video Presentation: *Data Governance in the Philippines* - **Dr. Jayson M. Victoriano** *Associate Professor V* **BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY**
14:15 – 15:30	Session 4: Applying Data Governance to Government AI
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:00	Session 4 continued Evaluation

Friday, 20 November 2026	
Time	Description
	Closing
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:30	Programme Wrap-Up
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:00	Egress