



International Conference on:
***„Artificial Intelligence and Human
Security in the Black Sea Region”***



September 29th and 30th, 2023

Sunny Day Complex, Bulgaria



Background

For millions of people, life is more insecure than ever. Today's security threats are no longer isolated events, confined to certain countries or regions. Tragedies taking place a continent away and across borders quickly appear on our doorstep. A peaceful and secure world cannot be about secure borders only. It must be about people, about ensuring human security. It is time to unite around a shared vision of human security for all. Without human security, there is no national or global security.

The Human Security Approach set forth by the United Nations and supported by UN General Assembly resolution covers seven dimensions – Food and Health Security; Economic and Political Security; Ecological, Community and Individual Security. Human Security is a preventive, participative approach to address threats to human lives, protect human freedoms and enhance human fulfilment.

Human security starts with people and what it means for us to be safe and secure. It means security from harmful disruptions and calamities – in our homes, our jobs, our communities, and our environment. It integrates three freedoms: freedom from fear, freedom from want and freedom from indignity.

- Freedom from fear refers to protecting individuals from threats directed at their security and physical integrity and includes various forms of violence that may arise from external States, the acts of a State against its citizens, the acts of one group against others and the acts of individuals against other individuals.
- Freedom from want refers to the protection of individuals so that they might satisfy their basic needs and the economic, social and environmental aspects of life and livelihoods.
- Freedom from indignity refers to the promotion of an improved quality of life and enhancement of human welfare that permits people to make choices and seek opportunities that empower them.

Artificial intelligence (AI) has the potential to revolutionize the field of security, but it also poses significant risks. Misuse of artificial intelligence can lead to major security issues, including human rights violations and malicious activities. Having regulations and ethical guidelines in place can help prevent the misuse of artificial intelligence and mitigate security issues¹.

In addition, AI can support an individual's enjoyment of life, liberty and security by supporting the diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions

Purpose

The event aims to offer a framework for free debates facilitating the exchange of ideas, best practices and knowledge in order to identify new directions to be followed for



conceiving the policies addressing the implementation of Human Security principles in the Black Sea area. The Conference is intended to offer a platform for dialogue and exchange of ideas between governmental agencies, Universities, NGOs and other various contributors from different disciplines.

Participants

At the event, there were invited governmental coordinators of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development in the BSEC member states, members of parliaments, Government officials, academics, students, experts in the field, Observers and Sectoral Dialogue Partners of BSEC member states, BSEC related bodies and other international organizations, journalists.



Tentative Program

Date: September 29th, 2023

Place: Conference Hall, Marina Hotel

09:00 Registration of participants

09:30 Welcome Speeches:

10:00 Plenary Session I: *„European Context and Regional threats concerning the implementation of UN Human Security Framework”*

Keynote speech:

Government coordinators on the implementation of the Human Security in the BSEC member states

11:00 Coffee-Break

11:30 Plenary Session II: *„Implementation of Human Security in BSEC member states - National Contexts”*

Government coordinators on the implementation of the Human Security dimensions in the BSEC member states

Other participants

13:00 Lunch Break

14:30 Exchange of best practices: *„Education, key factor in the implementation of the Human Security Dimensions”*

Representatives from academia

Other participants

15:30 Parallel Sessions

Session A: *„Current State and Challenges on the development of large scale Artificial Intelligence Projects in the Black Sea Region”*

Session B: *“AI & Science for Human Security in the Black Sea Region”*

Session C: *“AI & Education for Human Security in the Black Sea Region”*

Session D: *“AI & Arts for Human Security in the Black Sea Region”*

17:00 Coffee break

17:30 Debates and Conclusions



19:30 Celebration Ball of the BSUN 25th Anniversary

Invited Keynote Speech:

Artistic Play:

Dinner & Party

Date: September 30th, 2023

Place: Conference Hall, Marina Hotel

09:00 Opening of the final session

09:30 Reports from the Parallel Sessions:

10:00 Plenary Section on: *„Proposals for a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda for AI and HS in the Black Sea Region”*

11:30 Coffee-Break

12:00 Closing session

13:00 Departure of the participants in the trip to Balchik and Albena

19:30 Dinner