MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

ITU-T Focus Group on AI for Autonomous and Assisted Driving (FG-AI4AD)
*(Fully virtual meeting, 1-2 December 2021)*

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please be informed that the 8th meeting of the ITU-T Focus Group on AI for autonomous and assisted driving (FG-AI4AD) will take place fully virtually on **1-2 December 2021** (1300-1600 hours CET).

**1 Background**

The FG-AI4AD supports standardization activities for services and applications enabled by AI systems in autonomous and assisted driving in accordance with the 1949 and 1968 Convention on Road Traffic. The work of this FG links closely with the UNECE Global Forum for Road Safety (e.g., WP1, WP29, GRVA) and progress will be shared with these committees. The FG aims to establish a universal minimal performance threshold for AI enabled driving functions (such as AI as a Driver), which is essential to building the global public trust required for widespread deployment of AI on our roads.

The seventh and latest meeting of FG-AI4AD was held on 7 October 2021. See the related meeting report posted as output [FGAI4AD-O-020](https://extranet.itu.int/sites/itu-t/focusgroups/ai4ad/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B66E238E7-64E2-4535-8560-4743AFE64F4B%7D&file=FGAI4AD-O-020.docx&action=default) (free [ITU account](https://www.itu.int/en/ties-services/Pages/login.aspx) required). On **6 October 2021**, the [AI for Good Webinar - AI for Road Safety](https://aiforgood.itu.int/event/ai-for-road-safety/) was organized as the launch event for the new initiative on the topic, to be coordinated by [International Telecommunication Union (ITU)](https://www.itu.int/en/Pages/default.aspx), together with the [UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Road Safety](https://unece.org/united-nations-special-envoy-road-safety) and the [UN Envoy on Technology](https://www.un.org/techenvoy/). The initiative on [AI for Road Safety](https://aiforgood.itu.int/about/ai-ml-pre-standardization/ai4roadsafety/) will focus on harnessing the potential of AI in enhancing the safe system approach to road safety. It will also support achieving the UN SDG target 3.6 to halve by 2030 the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents, and the SDG Goal 11.2 to provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all by 2030.

**2 Eighth meeting of Focus Group on AI for Autonomous and Assisted Driving (1-2 December 2021)**

The eighth FG-AI4AD meeting will be organized fully virtually on **1-2 December 2021**. The meeting is expected to begin on 1 December 2021 at 1300 hours CET till 1600 hours CET and reconvene on 2 December 2021 at 1300 hours CET and conclude at 1600 hours CET.

The meeting will be dedicated to advancing on the discussions relating to the three draft deliverables:

* TR01 “Draft Technical Report on automated driving safety data protocol – Specification” ([FGAI4AD-I-100](https://extranet.itu.int/sites/itu-t/focusgroups/ai4ad/input/FGAI4AD-I-100.zip))
* TR02 “Draft Technical Report on automated driving safety data protocol – Public safety benefits of continual monitoring” ([FGAI4AD-I-114](https://extranet.itu.int/sites/itu-t/focusgroups/ai4ad/input/FGAI4AD-I-114.zip))
* TR03 “Draft Technical Report on automated driving safety data protocol: – Practical demonstrators” ([FGAI4AD-I-064](https://extranet.itu.int/sites/itu-t/focusgroups/ai4ad/input/FGAI4AD-I-064.zip))

Written Contributions are also invited to progress the FG-AI4AD objectives within the remit of the three agreed work streams:

* Outreach through Participation, Collaborations & Public Engagement
* Technical Specification and Demonstration
* Research Based Guidance & Notices

Finally, the FG-AI4AD will also deliberate further on the possible revision of its future mandate, in view of the next ITU-T SG16 meeting in January 2022.

The draft agenda and registration information relating to the FG-AI4AD meeting will be made available from the related webpage: <http://itu.int/go/fgai4ad>.

**3 Registration and Participation Information**

Participants are required to **pre-register online** as soon as possible, and no later than **30 November 2021**. **Registration is mandatory to attend the virtual meeting**.

Participation in FG-AI4AD meeting is free of charge and open to all individuals coming from countries that are members of ITU and are interested in contributing to the work in this domain. This includes governments, automotive and telecom/ICT industries and associations, academia and research institutions, non‑ITU Members and individuals.

Anyone interested in receiving the updates and announcements related to this group is invited to [subscribe to the FG-AI4AD mailing list](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ai4ad/Pages/quicksteps.aspx). Details on how to subscribe to the mailing list can be found under “how to participate” on the FG-AI4AD homepage at <http://itu.int/go/fgai4ad>.

**4 Contributions**

Written contributions to the FG-AI4AD meeting (1-2 December 2021) should be submitted to the secretariat (tsbfgai4ad@itu.int) in electronic format using the [template](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ai4ad/Documents/FGAI4AD-I-template.docx?csf=1&e=efDn12) available from the FG-AI4AD SharePoint site. **The deadline to submit contribution is 24 November 2021**.

NOTE: In case your contribution proposes updates to one or more of the Technical Reports under study (see item 2 above), make sure to use the latest available baseline text for the Technical Report. The latest baseline texts are available on the [FG-AI4AD webpage](http://itu.int/go/fgai4ad).

**5 Timing, Duration and key deadlines**

The **FG-AI4AD meeting** is scheduled to take place on **1-2 December 2021, 1300-1600 hours** **CET**.

**The discussions will be held in English only**.

**Key deadlines:**

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| 24 November 2021 | Submit written contributions (by e-mail to tsbfgai4ad@itu.int ) |
| 30 November 2021 | Pre-registration online at:* FG-AI4AD Meeting (1-2 December 2021):

<https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Registration.aspx?Event=C-00010826> |

**6 Additional information**

All relevant information will be made available on the FG-AI4AD homepage: <http://itu.int/go/fgai4ad>

The meeting documents will be made available at:

<https://extranet.itu.int/sites/itu-t/focusgroups/ai4ad/SitePages/Home.aspx>

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