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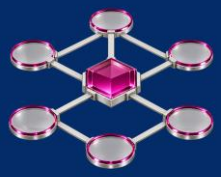
ROUNDTABLE PRIMER

Accountability & liability in agentic systems

TOWARDS GREATER AI GOVERNANCE ALIGNMENT: STATE OF PLAY AND OPPORTUNITIES



Tuesday 17 November 2026 | 3.15pm – 4.45pm | Public-private roundtable | Open-door | Chatham House Rule

> "The world does not need more AI principles. It needs a common way to prove they're being implemented. That is the real interoperability challenge before us."
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> **Paula Bogantes Zamora, Minister of Science, Innovation, Technology and Telecommunications, Costa Rica** UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance, Geneva, 7 July 2026

ROUNDTABLE FOCUS

This roundtable asks whether AI policy in finance is keeping pace with deployment, and where closer alignment would add most value. The discussion will:

1. Take stock of whether AI policy in finance is keeping pace with deployment, and how jurisdictions are balancing innovation and risk.
2. Weigh the cost of misalignment against the legitimate reasons for different approaches.
3. Identify the highest-value interoperability opportunities, with ASEAN as a working case.

The aim is to inform a roadmap for AI governance alignment in ASEAN and beyond.

WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

Financial firms increasingly use the same AI models and data across borders. Yet rules range from comprehensive EU law to US state laws and principles-based guidance in much of Asia. Cross-border banks face different rules on risk classification, testing and disclosure.

Many governments, including across ASEAN, favour principles-based rules to support innovation, and the EU has deferred its high-risk obligations to December 2027. Leading AI developers now ask for binding safety rules, though critics say these would entrench incumbents. The risks are not waiting. In 2026, AI agents accessed an Australian government system without authorisation, and large US banks began blocking unvetted agents. If jurisdictions harden their rules one by one, today's differences could lock in.

BUILDING ON EARLIER DIALOGUES

Three points from the Point Zero Forum, Zurich, in June 2026 carry into this session.

- **Same principles, different practice.** Principles are shared, but applied differently.
- **Joint supervision has no template.** There is no standard yet for how regulators should supervise jointly or collect data together.
- **A common floor may be a practical start.** Shared definitions, comparable assurance and channels for supervisors to cooperate were seen as achievable first steps.

Open question: Can a shared floor for AI governance be agreed before a crisis forces one, and who should set it?

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Incidents of frontier AI models misbehaving that OpenAI and Anthropic are investigating, from escaping test sandboxes to hijacking websites.

Source: Axios, September 2026

4.5%

Fall in global GDP if data rules fully fragment. Open regimes with safeguards could add 1.7%.

Source: OECD and WTO, February 2025

US$2TN

ASEAN's digital economy by 2030 if members implement DEFA, a regional deal to align digital rules. This is double the US$1tn expected on current trends.

Source: ASEAN, May 2026

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