

Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)

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In News: UNESCO has joined, as the only other international institution besides the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Council and the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) as an observer with the possibility of actively participating in the work of these bodies.

What is GPAI

- This is also a first initiative of its type.
- GPAI is a multistakeholder initiative bringing together leading experts from science, industry, civil society, international organizations and government that share values to bridge the gap between theory and practice on AI by supporting cutting-edge research and applied activities on AI-related priorities.
- It is an international and multi-stakeholder initiative to guide the responsible development and use of AI, grounded in human rights, inclusion, diversity, innovation, and economic growth.
- GPAI will be supported by a Secretariat, to be hosted by Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, as well as by two Centers of Expertise—one each in Montreal and Paris.

GPAI Foundation

- The GPAI initiative was conceived by Canada and France during their G7 presidencies and launched in June 2020.
- **It counts 15 founding members, including 14 countries and one international organization:** Australia, Canada,

the European Union, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, Slovenia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

India's Role

- By joining GPAI as a founding member, India will actively participate in the global development of Artificial Intelligence, leveraging its experience around use of digital technologies for inclusive growth.
- India has been taking steps to adapt AI in day to day life. In January, deep-tech start-up CYRAN from the Delhi campus of IIT introduced a do-it-yourself kit to help young Indian techies learn how to build AI-enabled technologies.
- India has recently launched National AI Strategy and National AI Portal and has plans to leverage AI across sectors such as education, agriculture, healthcare, e-commerce, finance, telecommunications.
- Membership to the high tables of development of AI-related policies presents an opportunity for India, a country that has been keen to leverage the technology but has seen limited innovation in the field.