III MIL &
GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING CONFERENCE:
Peace for All / 2026

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Introduction

The Third MIL Global Understanding Conference builds on the momentum generated by the two previous MIL and Global Understanding Conferences—the Cairo 2024 (Declaration for Global Understanding and Peace), and the Barcelona 2025 (MIL Action Agenda)—which together reaffirm the **central role of Media and Information Literacy (MIL) in advancing intercultural dialogue, strengthening democratic resilience, fostering ethical technological development, and promoting peaceful coexistence**.

Since its inception, the MIL and Global Understanding process, organized by the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT), and the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (UAB) —an developed in cooperation with the Arab League, the UNESCO MIL Alliance, the MILID UNITWIN Network, and the MIL Institute,—has sought to strengthen an international ecosystem of cooperation among policymakers, scholars, educators, youth, media professionals, and civil society.

The **2026 edition in Cairo** marks a new stage in this shared effort. It integrates two complementary spaces—a **MIL Global Policy Forum and an MIL International Scientific Congress**—to advance a common vision: **harnessing MIL and emerging technologies, especially Artificial Intelligence, as instruments for peace, dialogue, and global understanding.**

The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite submissions and registrations for the **Third Edition of the MIL & Global Understanding Conference**, to be held in **Cairo**, **Egypt**, from **27 to 29 April 2026**. The **2026 edition integrates two complementary spaces**:
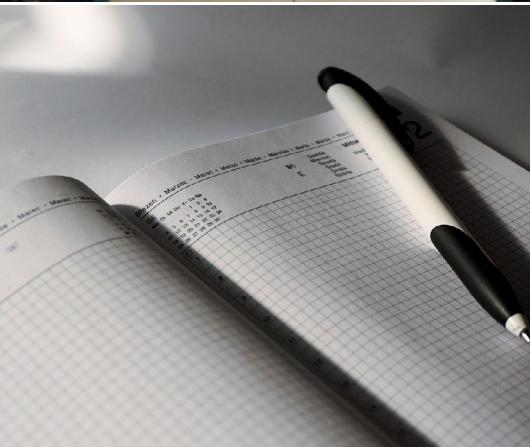

1.
MIL & Global Policy Forum:
AI for Peace and Global Understanding

2.
Official Congress of the
Global MIL Scientific Association:
New challenges in mil research.

MIL GLOBAL POLICY FORUM

AI for Peace and Global Understanding

The Forum will gather policymakers, experts, media and education professionals, civil society organizations, and youth representatives to explore a) how AI reshapes communication ecosystems, intercultural relations, democratic life, and human security; and b) how MIL can tackle the challenges posed by artificial intelligence.

The Forum will include:
- High-level panels
- Policy dialogues
- Multistakeholder roundtables

Forum Thematic Areas
- MIL and Peace Education in AI-Mediated Societies
- AI, Disinformation, Hate Speech, Polarization and Democratic Resilience
- Algorithmic Governance, Ethics, Transparency and Accountability
- Technological Innovation and Global Citizenship in the Digital Era

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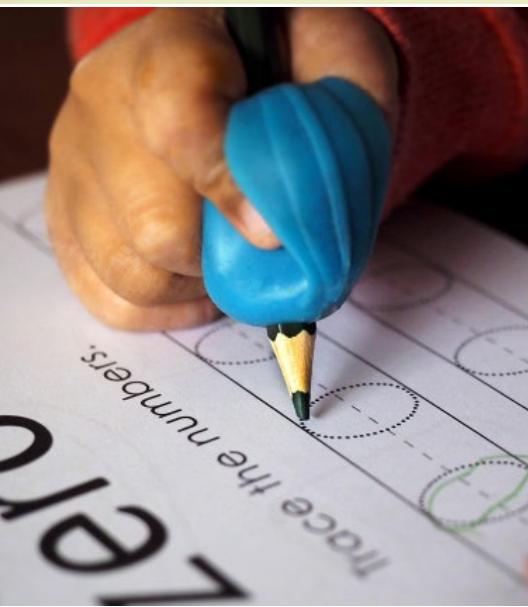
New Challenges in MIL Research

The Scientific Congress provides an academic environment for presenting and discussing cutting-edge research, theoretical developments, and methodological innovations in MIL.

Suggested Research Tracks

- MIL and Education
- MIL, Children and Youth
- Democracy, Civic Engagement and MIL
- Intercultural and Interfaith Dialogue through MIL
- Epistemologies and Methodologies in MIL Research
- MIL Regulation and Public Services

Formats of Contribution

- Academic papers
- Research posters
- Case studies
- Policy briefs
- Workshops and seminars
- Youth-led or community-based MIL projects
- Artistic or creative MIL initiatives
- Technological prototypes or AI–MIL applications

Participation & Registration

Participants may join the conference **with or without** submitting a research contribution.
To enhance clarity, the two registration modalities are outlined below:

1. Registration for the Forum + Congress (without paper)

This option is intended for participants who wish to attend the conference **without** presenting a communication.

Ideal for:	**Includes:**
• Professionals, educators, journalists	• Access to all Forum sessions
• Policymakers and institutional representatives	• Access to all Scientific Congress sessions
• Members of civil society	• Attendance at keynotes, plenaries, dialogue panels and exhibitions
• Anyone wishing to benefit from the full program without academic submission	• Conference materials
	• Certificate of attendance

2. Registration with Paper Submission to the Scientific Congress

This option is required for participants who intend to:

Ideal for:	**Includes:**
• Submit an abstract	• All benefits of the general registration and inclusion in the academic program
• Present a paper, poster, workshop or other academic contribution	• Eligibility for publication in indexed or peer-reviewed outputs and certificate of presentation
• Be included in the official academic program and be considered for publication opportunities	

Timeline and Key Dates	Additional Information
• **Registration Opens:** January 2025	**Venue:** Cairo, Egypt
• **Notification of Acceptance:** February/ March,2026	**Languages:** English & Arabic (Spanish and French submissions accepted for the Scientific Congress)
• **Final Program Announcement:** April 2026	**Publications:** The publications accepted through the peer-review process will be included in the proceedings book of the Global MIL Congress
• **Conference Dates:** April 27–29, 2026	