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### **The Ministry of ICTs Leads in Implementing UNESCO's Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

**ST. JOHN'S, Antigua and Barbuda – July 30, 2024...** The Ministry of Information Communication Technologies (ICTs), Utilities and Energy (Antigua and Barbuda) is leading the implementation of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI) through the roll out of The [Readiness Assessment Methodology](#) (RAM). The RAM aims to set an example for other nations in the region to be more responsible with the ethical development and deployment of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The Ministry of ICTs, Utilities and Energy in collaboration with a national Steering Committee is relying on representation from a wide cross section of ministries, the private sector and civil society.

Through its Caribbean office, UNESCO will assist all involved in converting the [UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence](#) into actionable strategies and policies.

UNESCO's assistance will also assess the national infrastructure readiness using the Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM) which includes quantitative and qualitative analysis that will evaluate the country's infrastructure and governance resilience for the

safe and equitable deployment of AI solutions.

This RAM will support countries like Antigua and Barbuda achieve sustainable development using AI while mitigating risks.

Through a series of consultations various multi-stakeholders will be engaged to create an inclusive and comprehensive assessment process.

The overall objective of this initiative is to obtain key recommendations from all multi-stakeholders that will guide the development of Antigua and Barbuda's National AI Strategy.

As the Ministry of ICTs, Utilities and Energy in Antigua and Barbuda embarks on this process, all involved are expected to collaborate, and shape robust recommendations for the ethical, inclusive and responsible development and deployment of AI.