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Introduction from the CEOs

Dear Reader,

As the pace of AI development continues to accelerate, the need for effective governance is only becoming more urgent. Current trends indicate we may see superhuman AI R&D agents as early as 2027 – systems capable of conducting research and development more effectively than human scientists. This technological leap represents both unprecedented opportunity and profound responsibility.

Meanwhile, progress on international governance faces increasing headwinds. With technological power increasingly concentrated in a few countries and companies, and global divisions growing alongside rising isolationism, we're finding ourselves uncomfortably close to midnight on the Doomsday Clock of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. Despite AI's immense potential to raise living standards and to create a future of abundance for all, there's a significant chance the transition to such a world might happen too suddenly for humanity to find its feet again.

Throughout 2024, the Simon Institute for Longterm Governance worked to do its part in the puzzle – to anticipate key developments, build coalitions, and leverage its strategic positioning within the world's multilateral hubs – New York and Geneva – to advance practical AI governance solutions. We successfully informed international frameworks and texts on AI governance, built alliances with key stakeholders across the multilateral system, provided expert guidance to institutional design processes, and facilitated critical dialogue between the tech community and the multilateral system.

Looking ahead, the Simon Institute plans to scale up our efforts to forge multilateral institutions for AI that are fit for purpose. We recognize that meaningful governance requires direct dialogue between key AI developer states, alongside broader multilateral engagement. Our focus will be on initiatives that can ensure stability during this critical transition period and help shape a world order that leverages technology for universal benefit.

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The governance decisions made in the next few years will shape humanity's trajectory for decades, perhaps centuries to come. We invite you to join us in this vital work. Whether through partnership, funding, or expertise, your support can help ensure that transformative AI technologies serve humanity's highest aspirations rather than our deepest fears.

If you're interested in learning more about our work, or supporting our mission, please get in touch at info@simoninstitute.ch.

Sincerely,

Konrad Seifert & Maxime Stauffer
Co-CEOs, Simon Institute for Longterm Governance

About The Simon Institute for Longterm Governance

The Simon Institute for Longterm Governance (SI) is a Geneva-based think tank fostering the international governance of transformative technologies for shared benefit.

The Simon Institute was named after Herbert Simon, an American economist and computer scientist renowned for his work on decision-making and organizational behavior, as well as his pioneering contributions to AI.

Since its founding in 2021, SI has contributed to key intergovernmental processes aimed at reducing global risks, advocated for the representation of future generations in key multilateral agendas, developed a future-proofing framework to inform the High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism, and delivered the first UN reports on existential risk and rapid technological change and hazards with escalation potential.



In 2023, SI shifted from a broader focus on risk and technology governance to AI governance, recognizing AI as one of the most pivotal technologies of our time. Since then, SI has conducted over 12 briefings on AI governance for hundreds of diplomats across Geneva and New York, published extensively on policy solutions for governing AI at the multilateral level, and provided hundreds of one-on-one advising sessions to diplomats and multilateral governance actors negotiating key international AI agreements.

While this report focuses on our public engagements in 2024, much of our work is increasingly confidential in nature and has therefore been redacted. If you're a donor or collaborator interested in learning more about the confidential aspects of our work, please don't hesitate to get in touch at konrad@simoninstitute.ch.

To learn more about our work and history, you can also visit www.simoninstitute.ch/our-work.



Executive Summary

This report provides an overview of our work in 2024, covering key figures, progress on our 2023-2025 strategy, notable achievements, and financial updates. For a high-level overview, in 2024, the SI team:

- Supported the **UN's Global Digital Compact (GDC) process** – an international framework establishing some of the first truly global commitments for governing digital and emerging technologies, which included, among others, an agreement to establish the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and Global Dialogue on AI Governance.
    - We delivered five training programs for over 125 UN diplomats to support their participation in the AI-related negotiations, met with more than 50 Missions across three trips to New York to discuss AI governance tradeoffs, and published and submitted numerous policy recommendations informed by input from over 20 AI safety experts.
- Supported the **implementation of GDC commitments** following the Summit of the Future in September – with a specific focus on the establishment of the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and the Global Dialogue on AI Governance. We published one of the first reports ("Blueprints") outlining design options for both institutions in early December, and travelled to New York to discuss these options with over 25 stakeholders driving the process.
- Organized **workshops and briefings** for diplomats and international civil servants on Frontier AI R&D, Compute Governance, and AI benefit-sharing, involving experts from industry, academia, and civil society. Maintained an extensive collaboration network through 800+ calls and dozens of speaking engagements, and coordinated a successful 2-day workshop in Paris that generated concrete action commitments from 25 participants ahead of the 2025 AI Action Summit.
- Began exploring direct pathways for **national engagement** with key developer states and Global South countries, through research projects, relationship building with government representatives, and strategic meetings with national AI governance initiatives, while simultaneously strengthening connections in the Bay Area's AI ecosystem.
- Reinforced our organizational structure by securing **~CHF1,456,000 in funding**, expanding our team with **key hires** including a Senior Tech Policy Specialist and Tech Policy Fellow, enhancing our **operational infrastructure** through new policies and systems, and refining our **brand and public communications** to better position SI for continued impact in 2025 and beyond.

2024 in Numbers

SI achieved the following milestones in 2024:



68
CAREER ADVICE CALLS



876
COLLABORATOR CALLS



10
EVENTS HOSTED with



35
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS



13
PUBLICATIONS



190+
PARTICIPANTS across IOs, UN member states, civil society, academia, and industry



~CHF 1,456,000
in FUNDING secured

The SI Team

SI started 2024 with a core team of **6 members**, including:



Konrad Seifert
Co-CEO



Maxime Stauffer
Co-CEO



Belinda Cleeland
Director of Policy
(transitioned out of SI in October)



Cecilia Saura Drago
Director of Operations



Malou Estier
Law & Policy Associate
(transitioned out of SI in November)



Sofia Mikton
Operations and
Communications Specialist

Throughout the year, we welcomed several new team members, fellows and volunteers, including:



Alix Pham
Tech Policy Fellow
(joined September 2024)



Ram Erik Glomseth
Volunteer
(October - December 2024)



Kevin Kohler
Senior Tech
Policy Specialist
(joined November 2024)

Board of Directors

The SI team is governed by a board of directors consisting of three members:



Naomi Nederlof
President

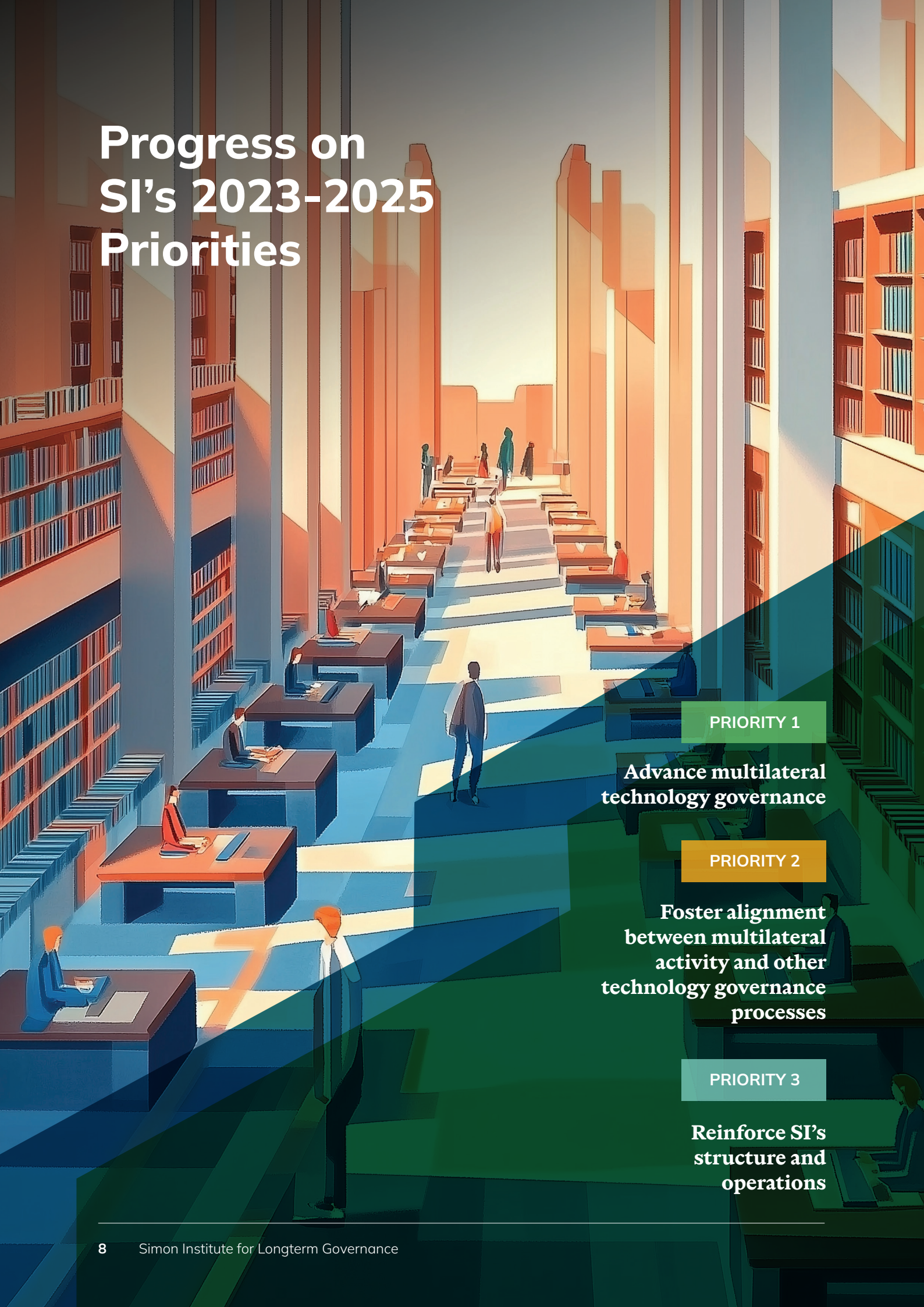


Adyasha Dash
Vice President



William Esposito
Treasurer

Progress on SI's 2023-2025 Priorities



PRIORITY 1

Advance multilateral technology governance

PRIORITY 2

Foster alignment between multilateral activity and other technology governance processes

PRIORITY 3

Reinforce SI's structure and operations

PRIORITY 1

Advance multilateral technology governance

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Boost the multilateral system's ability to prioritize, discuss and deploy solutions to reduce risks and maximize benefits from transformative technological advances, in particular artificial intelligence (AI). To leverage synergies between processes, we engaged stakeholders across different fora, regional organizations, the UN, and specialized international agencies.

GOALS

Goal 1.1: Increase demand for the effective international governance of rapid technological change by supporting permanent missions in developing their expertise on frontier technologies. We put a particular focus on supporting Permanent Representatives who facilitate relevant intergovernmental processes.

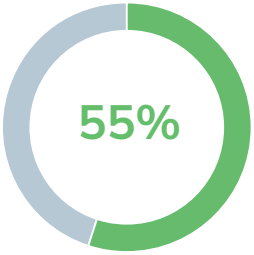
Goal 1.2: Support international tech governance processes in relevant IO secretariats and advisory bodies by providing topical expertise, additional brain power and process support.

Goal 1.3: Foster improved information exchange and action within the multilateral system by developing a support ecosystem of actors directly involved in international tech governance processes. This includes key representatives from IOs and member states, as well as philanthropic organizations, research labs and NGOs.

TARGET AUDIENCE

International organizations (IOs) and their member states' permanent missions who drive international progress on technology governance.

EXPECTED RESOURCE ALLOCATION



SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER PRIORITY 1

- Delivered **5 AI governance training programs** for **125+ UN diplomats** across Geneva and New York, including two full-day training courses in preparation for the GDC negotiations, two specialized briefings on frontier AI featuring capability demonstrations, and a French-language workshop for Francophone diplomats.
- Closely monitored the **Global Digital Compact's (GDC) AI section**, collected policy input from 20+ AI safety experts to inform recommendations, and published and submitted policy proposals at multiple stages, including responses to the HLAB interim report, Zero Draft, and subsequent GDC revisions.
- Conducted over **50 bilateral meetings** with National Representatives to the UN, agencies, and stakeholders across three New York visits, providing technical expertise and helping Permanent Representatives navigate AI governance trade offs during the GDC negotiations.
- Closely monitored the **GDC implementation process** following the Summit of the Future, and published a "Blueprints" report on design options for the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and Global Dialogue – two key commitments stemming from the GDC.



Supporting the Global Digital Compact

Throughout 2024, SI devoted significant resources to supporting the UN's Global Digital Compact (GDC) – "a comprehensive framework for global governance of digital technology and artificial intelligence." The initiative, stemming from the 2021 Our Common Agenda, had its final text adopted at the Summit of the Future on September 22, 2024. Notable commitments in the final text included plans to establish "a multidisciplinary, geographically balanced **AI panel** within the UN" and to launch "a **global dialogue on AI governance** involving governments and stakeholders." Additional commitments addressed interoperable AI standards, locally-tailored AI solutions, capacity building for developing countries, and innovative financing for AI initiatives.

Our support for the GDC process included **capacity-building** initiatives with Member States, formal **policy analyses and recommendations, diplomatic engagements** and bilateral meetings across Geneva and New York, and **tailored AI governance advice** to Permanent Representatives and their digital experts negotiating the text.

Capacity Building

Building on our inaugural three-part AI governance briefing series in late 2023, we expanded our AI briefings in 2024 to support diplomats in preparing for the GDC negotiations. This included:

- **2x** full-day training Course on AI Governance for UN Missions (February 2024, New York), in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), focused on the technical foundations of AI, AI's opportunities and risks, and the role of the multilateral system in governing AI. The training courses welcomed 60 diplomats in total, 55% of which were from the Global South.

- **2x** briefings on Frontier AI Research & Development for UN Missions (April 2024, New York), co-hosted with the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica, attracting 40+ representatives from 30+ countries. The briefings featured AI experts Kristian Rönn (Normative) and Oliver Edholm (Depict.ai) who explained scaling laws, demonstrated current AI capabilities, and discussed recent frontier AI progress.

- **1x** French-language AI Governance Workshop (April 2024, New York) – organized for 25 Francophone diplomats from 18 different countries, in partnership with the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations and the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie. The workshop equipped diplomats with in-depth AI governance knowledge in preparation for upcoming GDC negotiations.

Policy Recommendation

Throughout the GDC process, we analyzed various text drafts, published commentaries and op-eds with policy proposals, and solicited input from over 20+ AI safety experts (see here) to develop and submit formal recommendations.

- In January, we published 'A Response to the Interim Report of the UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Body (HLAB) on Artificial Intelligence'. The HLAB's December 2023 interim report outlined five principles and seven functions for global AI governance. Our

response praised their 'form follows function' approach while recommending clearer distinctions between AI types, better defined roles for States and institutions, and stronger Global South capacity-building recommendations.

- In March, we published 'The Relevance of WSIS & IGF for International AI Governance' – arguing that despite their value for multi-stakeholder dialogue, both forums lack the decision-making power needed for concrete UN AI governance initiatives.

- In April, we published 'A Response to the Zero Draft of the Global Digital Compact: What it Means for AI Governance,' analyzing the initial draft and recommending: clearer capacity-building proposals, distinction between narrow and advanced AI, international risk thresholds, and better-defined decision processes for proposed AI institutions.

- In May, we published our second response: 'An Analysis of the First Revision of the Global Digital Compact: Implications for AI Governance' – analyzing the 5 biggest changes made to the text since the Zero Draft.

Diplomatic Engagements & Outreach

Much of our support for the GDC involved diplomatic engagements across Geneva and New York. Through events, speaking engagements and bilateral meetings with Permanent Missions, we gained insights into national AI governance positions, and assisted Permanent Representatives and their digital experts with negotiations by providing technical expertise and helping navigate governance tradeoffs.

We traveled to New York **three times** in 2024:

- During our **January & February trip**, we had 29 bilateral meetings, including 13 with UN and UN-adjacent entities and 16 with National Representations to the UN. We hosted 2 AI governance trainings, provided remarks on AI governance at a SIDS Science & Technology Innovation event, and spoke at a UNDRR event on hazards with escalation potential.



- During our **April visit**, we delivered two more briefings on AI for National Representatives to the UN in partnership with the Mission of Costa Rica, the Mission of Canada, and L'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie. We also had a series of bilateral meetings with National Representatives to the UN and stakeholders to discuss the GDC negotiations.

- In **December**, we traveled to New York to meet with stakeholders preparing for the GDC implementation process and to help socialize our recently published blueprints report on design options for the International Scientific Panel and Global Dialogue on AI (more on this below). During the trip, Max spoke at an event by Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie on the AI panel & dialogue, and conducted 25 bilateral meetings in just 4 days.

Throughout the GDC process, our team participated in numerous additional engagements related to multilateral AI governance, the GDC and the High-Level Advisory Body on AI (HLAB) (a body that provided key recommendations that shaped the AI components of the GDC):

- Belinda Cleeland's presentation to the Knowledge Hub Digital EU-AU Africa seminar on 'AI Governance: Challenges & Opportunities for Africa' on January 25
- Belinda Cleeland's introduction to Artificial Intelligence for Statistical Offices – a presentation for CEPEI/Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data on January 29
- Max presented at a UNF-organized talk on "AI for Sustainable Development" on March 4, once again talking about how to tackle AI via the GDC.
- Max attended an HLAB on AI event at the Swiss Residence on March 11.
- Our entire team attended a talk with the UNSG's High-Level Advisory Body on AI called "How to Govern AI?" at the Graduate Institute on March 13, and had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with several advisory body members.
- Belinda Cleeland participated in a HLAB on AI deepdive on standards on May 14.
- In September, Max participated in a DiploFoundation event on the GDC, where Amandeep Singh, the UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, spoke about the adoption of the GDC
- Sofia participated in a GDC Town Hall on October 24, where updates were shared about the GDC implementation process.
- Kevin and Ram attended a Diplo book launch on the GDC in November.
- In December, Kevin and Max participated in an event hosted by l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, a workshop-debate focused on the implementation of the GDC and the recommendations of the High-Level Advisory Body on AI. During the event, Max delivered a presentation.

The Global Digital Compact Implementation Process

Following the formal adoption of the GDC at the Summit of the Future, the UN system began preparations for implementing its commitments, most notably the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and Global Dialogue on AI Governance. We continued to closely monitor the early stages of the implementation process throughout 2024, and in December published, 'Blueprints: Design Options for the Independent International Scientific Panel on AI and the Global Dialogue on AI Governance' – **one of the first and only reports** examining potential structures for these two new institutions.

Engagement with UN Agencies, Secretariats and other International Organizations

While in previous years, much of SI's work had been focused on risk governance, existential and global catastrophic risk reduction, 2024 represented a continuation of 2023's more zoomed-in focus on AI governance. Nonetheless, we continued engaging on various technology and risk-related topics throughout the year, participating in numerous events with UN bodies and international organizations on topics across technology, AI governance, and risk governance:

- Max delivered remarks at two UNDRR risk events focused on our 2023 report on Hazards with Escalation Potential on January 31.
- Belinda participated in the UNDRR Think Resilient Dialogues on February 20, speaking on AI risk and how to harness AI for good.
- Max presented at a CSTD side event on Shaping the Future of AI on April 16, speaking about the need for international AI governance.
- Max contributed to an EU-OHCHR AI workshop on May 30, emphasizing the need for international AI governance approaches that extend beyond the EU.
- Max, Belinda, and Konrad attended the OECD workshop on Emerging Critical Risks on June 17-18.
- Max delivered a statement on AI at the Human Rights Council on September 3, speaking about AI timelines and the need for AI R&D governance.
- Konrad participated in a United Nations Technical Workshop on Measuring AI Risks Globally organized by OSET and UNU-CPR in September.
- Konrad attended the OECD Expert workshop on international regulatory co-operation on existential risks on September 24.
- Kevin contributed to the peer review meeting of UNCTAD's Technology and Innovation Report on November 5.
- Kevin participated in a UNDRR workshop on "Hazards with escalation potential: What does a systemic risk response look like for a catastrophic event" in November.
- Max spoke directly to UNDRR leadership about risk and technology governance on November 20.
- In June, we submitted an application for official ECOSOC status, which we are going to hear back from in 2025.

PRIORITY 2

Foster alignment between multilateral activity and other technology governance processes

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Advise national and non-governmental actors working on technology governance, in particular on frontier AI, to act and communicate in ways that enhance multilateral progress, instead of risking further fragmentation. Drawing from our work on priority 1, this work entails advising national governments, private sector, and civil society to reinforce multilateral activity.

GOALS

Goal 2.1: Foster civil society engagement in multilateral processes by offering insight and contribution opportunities to advocates, researchers, educators, journalists, mediators and philanthropists.

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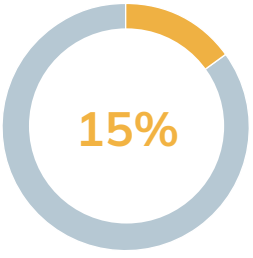
Goal 2.2: Contribute to the development of effective multi-stakeholder bodies by studying how leading private labs can best be included in international tech governance processes and engaging with their private governance initiatives.

Goal 2.3: Boost national awareness of multilateral affairs and policy coherence by providing tailored insights into multilateral processes to national technology governance initiatives.

TARGET AUDIENCE

National governments, private sector governance teams, advocacy organizations, academic institutes, and philanthropic organizations.

EXPECTED RESOURCE ALLOCATION



SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER PRIORITY 2

- We hosted a series of **workshops and convenings** to foster civil society engagement in multilateral processes: In April, our briefings on Frontier AI R&D for National Representatives to the UN in New York featured CEOs from Normative and Depict.ai, in May, we held a briefing on Compute Governance with experts from the Oxford Martin AI Governance Initiative and RAND, and in July, we co-hosted a workshop on the Windfall Trust and AI benefit sharing with the Future of Life Institute.

- We maintained an extensive **collaboration network across civil society**, staying up to date with other tech governance processes and offering insights on multilateral governance to other actors through over 800 calls, 10 speaking engagements with/at EPFL, EA Global London, and the Kofi Annan Foundation, and participating in 9 events as attendees, including with the Safer AI Forum, GESDA, OECD, and ICFG.

- We strengthened strategic relationships in the **Bay Area** by attending four major conferences and events (Summit on Existential Security, EA Global Bay Area, the Foresight Institute hackathon, and The Curve), gaining insights into Silicon Valley's perspectives on AI governance, securing new funding leads, and connecting with potential hire candidates and professionals interested in international work.

- We coordinated civil society efforts ahead of the **2025 Paris AI Action Summit** through a 2-day workshop in Paris, France, generating concrete action commitments from 25 participants across the AI governance ecosystem.



Workshops & Convenings

Throughout 2024, we sought to promote civil society engagement in multilateral processes to ensure effective exchange between multilateral actors and academics, think tanks, and industry members with expertise in technology governance. One way we sought to do this was through workshops and convenings:

- To foster exchange between the private sector and UN Member States, our April briefings on Frontier AI Research & Development for UN Missions in New York featured two industry actors, Kristian Rönn, Oliver Edholm, respective CEOs and co-founders of Normative and Depict.ai. They discussed AI scaling laws and computing power, recent advances in AI capabilities, and conducted live demonstrations to show the capabilities of current AI systems.

- In May, we held a briefing on AI Governance and The Role of Compute Providers, featuring Robert Trager, Co-Director of the Oxford Martin AI Governance Initiative, and Lennart Heim, Associate Information Scientist at RAND. The briefing welcomed 20 participants from across the International Geneva ecosystem, and explored how physical computational resources, including data centers and semiconductors, could serve as crucial policy levers for governing AI.



- In May, around the AI for Good Summit in Geneva, we hosted a series of lunches and dinners with key civil society actors from organizations such as the Oxford Martin AI Governance Initiative, RAND, the Centre for Governance of AI, the Safe AI Forum, The Future Society, the UK Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, and UNDRR, to capitalize on the number of civil society actors present for the Summit and facilitate exchange of insights on the current state of multilateral AI governance.

- In July, we co-hosted an afternoon-long workshop with the Future of Life Institute, titled: The Windfall Trust Workshop: Exploring Potential Pathways for Benefit Sharing & Redistributing AI Profits. The briefing welcomed 20+ guests from across the multilateral system, and explored the Windfall Trust, an initiative aiming to establish an international institution that could capture and redistribute economic gains from AI, potentially as universal basic assets. The session also featured guest speakers Claire Dennis and Sumaya Nur Adan, who spoke on AI benefit sharing more broadly.



Science & Technology Civil Society Engagement

Throughout the year, beyond our targeted workshops and convenings, we engaged with civil society actors by attending external events and delivering speaking engagements with think tanks, NGOs and academics to exchange insights on multilateral AI governance. We also maintained a close-knit network of collaborators through regular in-person and virtual meetings, conducting over 800 collaborator calls across our team during the year.

- In Q1, Belinda participated in a design thinking seminar on AI and LAWS, organized by UNODA.
- On March 11, Konrad joined a panel discussion at EPFL called "*AI Horizons: Safety and Innovation in the Era of the Swiss AI Initiative*" – where he discussed SI's work, the importance of multilateralism, and Switzerland's potential role in international AI governance.
- On March 19, Konrad attended a Safer AI Forum workshop on Emerging Technology Standards-Setting.
- In May, Konrad, Cecilia, and Sofia attended Effective Altruism Global London, where they presented at the organizational fair and hosted an International AI governance meetup with over 50 participants. They shared insights on multilateral AI governance, provided updates on developments regarding the GDC at the UN, and facilitated discussions on multilateral priorities.
- On July 2, Konrad spoke at the Forethought Foundation's Governing Explosive Growth seminar.
- In July, Konrad was featured on the European Leadership Network's "Ok, Doomer!" podcast.
- In July, Konrad participated in the QUNO Summer School on "Anticipating challenges in international affairs and how to tackle them.", speaking on challenges in international AI governance.
- Later in July, Konrad spoke at a summer school at EPFL Lausanne: L2M3: Large Language Models for Materials, Molecules, and Beyond.

- In August, Konrad spoke at the Quine Salon at Futurarium Lausanne on "AI Governance, the US, and China" – discussing growing geopolitical tensions between great powers regarding AI.
- In October, Alix participated in *iGEM*, an annual synthetic biology conference – where she presented on SI's work and shared her journey from biomedical engineering to policy.
- On October 9, Cecilia, Max, and Konrad attended the *GESDA Summit* – to exchange with other members of the International Geneva community on science diplomacy.
- On October 11, Cecilia, Konrad, and Alix attended Yann LeCun's talk at UNIGE, *"Comment les machines pourraient-elles atteindre l'intelligence humaine?"* (How can machines match human intelligence?)
- On November 5, Max participated in Oxford AI Governance Initiative's workshop on "The Future of the AI Summit Series."
- On November 15, Kevin gave a virtual talk on SI's work at EAGx Virtual.
- In November, Max attended the final virtual meeting of the *WEF Global Future Council on Complex Risks*.
- Later in November, Max spoke at the *Kofi Annan Roundtable on AI and Democracy*.
- In December, Konrad traveled to *Brussels, Paris, and Berlin* for a series of civil society and fundraising meetings, including the OECD Athens Roundtable and the ICFG Dinner & Flagship Event.

Engagements in the Bay Area

With a large portion of AI development concentrated in the San Francisco Bay Area, the region is home to numerous technical researchers, policy experts, and thought leaders actively thinking about how AI is likely to impact humanity's future. Recognizing the strategic importance of the Bay Area, several team members conducted targeted outreach there in 2024—building relationships with technical staff, private AI companies, and funders, and gaining insights into Silicon Valley's perspectives on AI governance.

- In February, Konrad traveled to the Bay Area to attend a series of conferences:
  - The Summit on Existential Security
  - EA Global Bay Area
  - Foresight Institute Xhope TAI Institution Hackathon
- In November, Kevin participated in The Curve – a conference in San Francisco with 220 participants, all "working to shape the trajectory of transformative AI."

National Engagements

Under Priority 2, one of our key goals was to boost national awareness of, and engagement with, multilateral affairs. In practice, this often took the form of information exchange on national AI governance priorities and considerations, as well as meetings to discuss ongoing negotiations (GDC, AI Panel & Dialogue).

While we're unable to share the exact details of our engagements, key groups we engaged with included:

- Costa Rica
- China
- EU
- G77
- Norway
- Philippines
- United Kingdom
- United States

The 2025 Paris AI Action Summit

In early December, we hosted a workshop in Paris titled 'Advancing Multilateral AI Governance' focused on coordinating civil society efforts ahead of the 2025 Paris AI Action Summit. Viewing AI Action Summits as a valuable **forcing function** – providing deadlines for governments, companies, and civil society to deliver outcomes on accelerating AI governance – the workshop sought to build shared understanding of challenges in the multilateral AI governance landscape, identify potential pathways for collective action through the Paris AI Action Summit, and coordinate concrete implementation activities that participants themselves could undertake.



The workshop welcomed **25 participants** from across civil society (SaferAI, Future of Life Institute, Institute for Law & AI, CIGI, CeSIA, GovAI); government and international organizations (UK AI Safety Institute, OECD, EU AI Office, French Coordination on AI, Global Digital Compact); model evaluators (PRISM Evals, Apollo Research); coordination bodies (IDAIS, Frontier Model Forum); academic institutions (Mila, CSER); and funders (Longview Philanthropy).

Participants collectively gave the event a **4.65/5** recommendation score and, by the end of the workshop, had committed to numerous concrete actions to help prioritize international AI safety and harmonize international governance efforts.

PRIORITY 3

Reinforce SI's structure and operations

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Secure SI's sustainability in terms of funding, human resources and organizational processes to become maximally effective at achieving its mission, while also strengthening communications and strategic planning.

GOALS

Goal 3.1: Raise between 3.4MM-5.5MM CHF from a diverse set of funders.

Goal 3.2: Strengthen and grow the SI workforce to ~10 full-time employees.

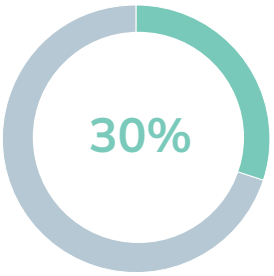
Goal 3.3: Enhance internal systems, e.g. constituency management, assignment flows, accounting, standardized reporting and a well-balanced governance structure, to boost agility, transparency, and accountability.

Goal 3.4: Develop and implement comprehensive communications and strategic planning frameworks to accelerate progress toward core objectives.

TARGET AUDIENCE

SI operational network (staff members, internal stakeholders, donors and funders, strategic partners).

EXPECTED RESOURCE ALLOCATION



SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER PRIORITY 3

- We secured $2.1 million in funding, including two major grants from Open Philanthropy and the Survival and Flourishing Fund. We engaged a fundraising advisor to help boost our fundraising efforts and spent time boosting our fundraising infrastructure, including setting up a donation page on every.org, to allow for U.S tax-exempt donations.

- We **expanded our team with key hires**, including Kevin Kohler as our Senior Tech Policy Specialist, who played a key role in kick starting our institutional design workstream, and Alix Pham, our Tech Policy Fellow, who played a key role in organizing our December AI governance workshop in Paris.

- On the **operational** side, we updated our HR policy, established a comprehensive travel policy, restructured our internal pay grades, enhanced management workflows and performance review processes, opened new bank accounts, contracted with an external fiduciary for accounting, partnered with an external hiring service, and implemented a new contact management system.

- **Strategy-wise**, we held numerous strategy discussions throughout the year, including at our September team retreat. While still operating under our main 2023-2025 strategy, we published an update in October outlining our post-Summit of the Future plans and several pivots we intended to make.

- On the **communications** front, we published 12 blog posts and 10 newsletters, updated our branding, boosted our social media presence on LinkedIn & Twitter, kickstarted a website redesign project with a web agency, and revisited our public messaging in preparation for our 2025 website update.



Finances



Balance Sheet

at 31 December	2024	2023
	CHF	CHF
Bank deposits	643,650.32	241,604.04
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	43,320.74	34,545.78
Current assets	**686,971.06**	**276,149.82**
IT installations	2,550.00	4,490.00
Office furniture	4,760.00	6,225.00
Fixed assets	**7,310.00**	**10,715.00**
Total Assets	**694,281.06**	**286,864.82**
Liabilities and equity		
Payables for goods and service accounts payable	0.00	12,011.35
Payables for social security contributions	23,076.24	75,318.85
Payables for goods and service	**23,076.24**	**87,330.20**
Loans to related companies	2,671.15	2,671.15
Other short-term	**2,671.15**	**2,671.15**
Deferred income and accrued expenses	10,749.64	5,000
Deferred income and accrued expenses	**10,749.64**	**5,000**
Liabilities	**36,497.03**	**95,001.35**
Free capital	657,784.03	191,863.47
Capital of the organisation	**657,784.03**	**191,863.47**
Total liabilities and equity	**694,281.06**	**286,864.82**

Income Statement

Operating	2024	2023
	CHF	CHF
Proceeds from free donations and fundraising campaigns	1,448,951.26	400,045.56
Income from services	6,786.93	18,704.05
Donations, grants and income	**1,455,738.19**	**418,749.61**
VAT on acquisitions	-3,750.00	0.00
Consultants and contributors	-33,715.50	-37,424.94
Workshop	-41,070.21	-43,156.46
Travel expenses	-34,694.77	-6,382.25
Direct expenses	**-113,230.48**	**-86,963.65**
Salaries	-625,376.95	-504,540.00
Social charges	-77,097.20	-62,042.13
Other personnel expenses	-33,910.78	-32,905.64
Salaries and personnel expenses	**-736,384.93**	**-599,487.77**
Rent	-78,801.38	-75,856.02
Property insurance and various taxes	-664.55	-315.00
Office expenses	-8,021.57	-6,508.22
Maintenance and IT software	-7,147.32	-7,449.95
Legal and accounting fees	-16,606.93	-14,760.80
Operating expenses	**-111,241.75**	**-104,889.99**
Depreciations on IT installations	-1,190.00	-578.10
Depreciations on office furniture	-1,465.00	-1,082.98
Depreciations	**-2,655.00**	**-1,661.08**
Operating result	**492,226.03**	**-374,252.88**
Bank interest and charges	-5,431.42	-415.61
Exchange difference	1,906.97	-49,780.87
Financial income	7,965.22	0.00
Financial income and expenses	**4,440.77**	**-50,196.48**
Non-recurring expenses	-34,821.35	0.00
Extraordinary income	4,075.11	0.00
Extraordinary result	**-30,746.24**	**0.00**
Annual result before allocation to organisation's capital	**465,920.56**	**-424,449.36**
Allocation/Deduction to free capital	-465,920.56	424,449.36
Annual result after allocation to organisation's capital	**0.00**	**0.00**

Notes to the Financial Statements

at 31 December	2024	2023
Information on the principles used in the annual accounts		
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the principles of Swiss law, in particular the articles on commercial accounting and the presentation of accounts (art. 957 to 962 of the Swiss Code of Obligations), as well as the principles of Swiss Gaap RPC 21.		
Number of employees		
The average annual number of full-time jobs is no more than	10	10
	CHF	CHF
Liabilities to pension funds	**6,575.80**	**8,012.70**
Payables to related organisations		
Effective Altruism Switzerland	2,671.15	2,671.15
Committee and executive remuneration		
Committee		
Net remuneration on Committee activities	0.00	0.00
Executive		
Net remuneration (200 percentage of posts)	195,873.25	178,186.90
Explanation of extraordinary, non-recurring and out of period income statement items		
VAT on acquisitions 2022	-4,987.80	0.00
VAT on acquisitions 2023	-3,079.55	0.00
Reimbursements of a fund received in 2022	-26,754.00	0.00
Exceptional expenses	**-34,821.35**	**0.00**
Return of payment 2022	4,075.11	0.00
Extraordinary incomes	**4,075.11**	**0.00**

Cash Flow Statement

Assets	2024	2023
	CHF	CHF
Breakdown of cash inflows/(outflows)		
Change in the captial of the funds	465,920.56	(424,449.36)
Depreciation	3,405.00	1,661.08
self-financing capacity	*469,325.56*	*(422,788.28)*
Change in trade receivables	(4,289.05)	(21,397.30)
Change in prepayments and accrued income	(4,485.91)	(8,735.48)
Change in payables resulting from the purchase of goods and services	(64,253.96)	67,057.26
Change in loans to related parties	0.00	2,671.15
Change in accruals and deferred income	5,749.64	5,000
Change in working capital	*(67,279.28)*	*(44,595.63)*
Cash flow from operating activities	**402,046.28**	**(378,192.65)**
Acquisition of office furniture	0.00	(7,307.98)
Acquisition of IT equipment	0.00	(5,068.10)
Cash flow from investing activities	**0.00**	**(12,376.08)**
Change in net cash and cash equivalents	**402,046.28**	**(390,568.73)**
Cash available at 1 January	241,604.04	632,172.77
Change in net cash position for the year	402,046.28	(390,568.73)
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	**643,650.32**	**241,604.04**
Banks c/c	643,650.32	241,604.04
Cash available at 1 January	**643,650.32**	**241,604.04**

Statement of Changes in Capital

2024

Capital of the organization	Opening 01.01	Allocations	Intern transfers	Utilisation	Financial result allocation	Total variation	Balance 31.12
Free Capital	191,863.47	0.00	1,455,738.19*	-994,258.40	4,440.77	465,920.56	657,784.03
Good Ventures Foundation	0.00	1,297,821.85	-1,297,821.85*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Survival & Flourishing Fund	0.00	18,061.80	-18,061.80*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EA Switzerland	0.00	1,582.54	-1,582.54*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NP Transatlantic Limited	0.00	121,485.07	-121,485.07*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Private donations	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Products of the association	0.00	6,786.93	-6,786.93*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital of the organization	**191,863.47**	**1,455,738.19**	**0.00**	**(994,258.40)**	**4,440.77**	**465,920.56**	**657,784.03**

* All funds received are free capital and are transferred directly to free capital

2023

Capital of the organization	Opening 01.01	Allocations	Intern transfers	Utilisation	Financial result allocation	Total variation	Balance 31.12
Free Capital	29,983.44	18,704.05	191,863.47*	-48,687.49	0.00	161,880.03	191,863.47
FTX Future Fund	586,329.39	0.00	0.00	-586,329.39	0.00	-586,329.39	0.00
Effective Ventures Foundation	0.00	393,499.41	-191,863.47*	-151,439.46	-50,196.48	0.00	0.00
Private donations	0.00	6,546.15	0.00	-6,546.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital of the organization	**616,312.83**	**418,749.61**	**0.00**	**(793,002.49)**	**(50,196.48)**	**(424,449.36)**	**191,863.47**

* All funds received are free capital and are transferred directly to free capital

2025 Budget

For 2025, the following budget was approved by the board of directors:

Expense Category	Annual Total (USD)
Payments to suppliers	6,000.00
Event organization	38,400.00
Consultants	213,000.00
Net salaries	525,150.00
Social charges	135,537.50
Training costs	18,000.00
Staff expenses	14,400.00
Software expenses	6,480.00
Travel expenses	32,400.00
VAT on acquisitions	5,400.00
Contingency and unplanned expenses	15,600.00
Website redesign	18,000.00
Annual account printing	4,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	**1,032,367.50**
Office expenses	3,600.00
Fiduciary and legal fees	15,250.00
Rent	85,200.00
Bank fees and interest	1,200.00
Exceptional charges/income	0.00
Total Fixed Costs	**105,250.00**
Total Expenses	**1,137,617.50**

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