

Press Release
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The World AI Cannes Festival returns on February 12-13, 2026, with an enhanced program and new experiences.



The World AI Cannes Festival (WAICF) returns for its 5th edition on February 12–13, 2026, at the Palais des Festivals in Cannes.

With over 10,000 participants expected, 320 top-tier speakers, and 220 exhibitors, WAICF has established itself as the must-attend event for discovering the latest innovations in artificial intelligence, understanding the major challenges of the digital era, and meeting the decision-makers who are transforming organizations and territories.

Organized in partnership with EuroPIA, the City of Cannes, and the Alpes-Maritimes Department, WAICF is more deeply rooted than ever in its local region while bringing together the global AI ecosystem.

What's New in 2026

Among the key highlights of this edition, **the Summit of Elected Officials**, organized in partnership with the **Association of Mayors of France and the Assembly of French Departments**, will bring together 150 elected representatives from across the country.

This new gathering will address a central question : how can artificial intelligence modernize public services, enhance territorial performance, and optimize local investments ?

The Health AI Summit, held under the patronage of the European Society for AI in Health (ESAIH), will spotlight AI applications in healthcare — from predictive medicine to assisted diagnosis, the discovery of new treatments, and hospital optimization.

This focus comes at a time of profound transformation in the healthcare sector, where needs are vast and investments significant.

Finally, for the first time, WAICF will host **an exclusive evening event at the Majestic Hotel**, bringing together speakers, sponsors, and decision-makers in a refined setting conducive to strategic discussions and high-level networking.

Conference Themes 2026

The 2026 edition of WAICF will feature a conference program structured around four main themes.

The first, **AI for Business**, will explore practical levers that enable organizations to deploy and scale their artificial intelligence projects. It will highlight the latest use cases, proofs of concept, and the most effective approaches to maximize the business value of AI.

The second, **AI Governance**, will address issues of ethics, transparency, and compliance. It aims to provide a better understanding of governance and regulatory frameworks while demonstrating how these principles can become true drivers of trust and sustainable innovation.

With **The Next AI Tech**, participants will discover technological breakthroughs and major disruptions that are already redefining the future of artificial intelligence: large language models (LLMs), agentic AI, robotics, high-performance computing, and quantum technologies.

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The First Confirmed Speakers

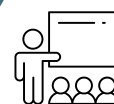
WAICF 2026 will welcome on stage :

- Yann LeCun, VP & Chief AI Scientist, **Meta**
- Wendi Whitmore, Chief Security Officer, **Palo Alto Networks**
- Brice Van de Walle, Executive Vice President, Core Payments Europe, **Mastercard**
- E.M. Lewis-Jong, Founder & VP, Mozilla Data Collective – **Mozilla Foundation**
- Rod Evans, Vice President for Supercomputing, HER Cloud & AI for EMEA, **NVIDIA**
- Eric Salobir, President of the Executive Committee, **Human Technology Foundation**
- Francesca Rossi, Fellow & AI Ethics Global Leader, **IBM**
- Ieshika Chandra, Manager Data Science, **Walmart**
- Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skills, **OECD**
- Boris Gamazaychikov, Head of AI Sustainability, **Salesforce**

Speakers and Conferences

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About WAICF :

Created in 2022, the World AI Cannes Festival is a major European event dedicated to artificial intelligence. Each year, it brings together the global AI ecosystem to explore innovations, discuss ethical and economic challenges, and create opportunities for large-scale collaboration.

Organized by [RX France](#), in partnership with EuroPIA, the City of Cannes, and the Alpes-Maritimes Department.

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