



Charter of the
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL
SELECT COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

A. Official Designation

The Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence (“Select Committee”) is hereby established by action of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). The NSTC, a Cabinet-level council, is the principal means for the President to coordinate science and technology (S&T) policies across the Executive Branch.

B. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the Select Committee is to advise and assist the NSTC to improve the overall effectiveness and productivity of Federal research and development (R&D) efforts related to artificial intelligence (AI). The Select Committee will address significant national and international policy matters that cut across agency boundaries and shall provide a formal mechanism for interagency policy coordination and the development of Federal artificial intelligence activities, including those related to autonomous systems, biometric identification, computer vision, human-computer interactions, machine learning, natural language processing, and robotics.

The Select Committee will act to improve the coordination of Federal efforts related to AI to ensure continued U.S. leadership in this field. This will include advising the Executive Office of the President on interagency AI R&D priorities; creating balanced and comprehensive AI R&D programs, including consideration of agency partnerships with academia and industry; establishing structures to improve the way the Federal government plans and coordinates AI R&D; leveraging Federal data and computational resources across department and agency missions; and supporting a technical, national AI workforce.

C. Functions

In accordance with the NSTC Executive Order 12881, as amended, and to the extent permitted by law, the principal functions of the Select Committee are to:

- (i) facilitate AI R&D planning, coordination, and communication among Federal departments and agencies;
- (ii) identify, define, and advise the NSTC on interagency priorities and plans related to AI, including priority areas of AI R&D critical to national security, and recommend options for Administration R&D priorities;

- (iii) encourage agency AI-related programs and initiatives, including partnerships with academia and industry, that enhance global, national, regional, State, and local competitiveness and foster long-term economic growth and job creation;
- (iv) identify opportunities to improve the quality of Federal datasets for AI applications, and increase access to Federal data and computational resources for the non-Federal AI R&D community, as appropriate and as permitted by law; and
- (v) coordinate with other NSTC committees and facilitate NSTC clearance of documents generated by interagency groups that are established under its sponsorship.

The Select Committee shall take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement such functions.

D. Membership

The Select Committee shall be chaired by the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the National Science Foundation, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

Committee membership shall include:

- (i) Undersecretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce;
- (ii) Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Department of Defense;
- (iii) Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, Department of Defense (Co-Chair);
- (iv) Undersecretary of Energy for Science, Department of Energy;
- (v) Director of the National Science Foundation (Co-Chair);
- (vi) Director of the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Agency, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and

Representatives from the following Executive Office of the President (EOP) components:

- (vii) National Security Council;
- (viii) Office of Management and Budget, Office of the Federal Chief Information Officer;
- (ix) Office of Management and Budget; and
- (x) Office of Science and Technology Policy (Co-Chair).

As necessary, the Select Committee co-chairs may designate other departments, agencies, and EOP components to be represented on the Select Committee.

E. Private-Sector Interface

The Select Committee may also interact with and receive *ad hoc* advice from various private-sector groups as consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., as amended.

F. Termination Date

This charter shall terminate on December 31, 2020.

G. Determination

I hereby determine that the formation of the Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Executive Branch by law and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

Approved:



Mr. Michael J.K. Kratsios
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5/9/18

Date



Dr. France Córdova
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Date



Dr. Steven Walker
Director
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

9 May 2018

Date