



THE BOSTON COMMITMENT

for Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Building the Foundations for Humanity

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Others are building governance for Artificial Intelligence.

**We are building the foundations for Humanity
in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.**

This Commitment is issued in an hour of urgency, not of comfort. In these very weeks, the world has watched ambitions declared to organize the intelligence of the age around centralized power — and to offer humanity, in the name of governance, the operating system of surveillance and control. Diplomatic courtesy must not become silence before danger. What is at stake is not market share, technological prestige, or geopolitical advantage. What is at stake is whether the human person will remain the moral subject of civilization — or become an object continuously measured, predicted, manipulated, and governed by systems beyond meaningful human accountability.

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly transforming civilization. Within this decade, humanity may witness self-improving AI, autonomous AI agents, Physical AI, AI-native governments, and new economic systems powered by intelligent machines.

The systems being designed today will not remain mere instruments. They may become the operating architecture of governments, economies, education, information, security, and everyday human life. Once embedded across societies, systems built upon surveillance, centralized command, behavioral manipulation, and technological dependency will be extraordinarily difficult to reverse. The window for humanity to establish a different foundation is therefore not indefinite. It is closing now.

And the danger moves faster than the response. International institutions deliberate; many governments hesitate; good people wait for someone else to begin. But the foundations of the AI Age are being poured now — by someone. They will be poured either by those who serve humanity, or by those who would command it.

The defining question of our time is no longer whether AI will transform the world. The defining question is whether humanity will build the moral, constitutional, institutional, technological,

cultural, and human foundations necessary to ensure that AI serves humanity rather than dominates it.

The time has come not merely to discuss the future of Artificial Intelligence, but to build the enduring foundations upon which humanity can flourish in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

When night falls and the world is slow to answer, someone must light the fire. From Boston — the harbor where America’s first beacon has shone since 1716 — the Boston Global Forum and AIWS choose to light it now: to initiate, to assemble the strength and resources of free societies, responsible institutions, and all people committed to human dignity, and to act, without waiting for permission from history.

The Boston Global Forum therefore makes this Commitment to Humanity.

We commit ourselves to dedicating our knowledge, partnerships, institutions, and resources to building these foundations, and we invite governments, universities, AI pioneers, companies, philanthropic organizations, cultural institutions, and citizens around the world to join us.

OUR COMMITMENT

We commit ourselves to helping build a future in which Artificial Intelligence:

- Protects the dignity of every human person.
- Strengthens freedom, responsibility, and democracy.
- Expands creativity, knowledge, and opportunity.
- Builds trust instead of fear.
- Serves peace, prosperity, and human flourishing.
- Remains under meaningful human responsibility and constitutional principles.

We act not only for ourselves, but also for future generations who will inherit the civilization we build today.

WHY WE MUST ACT NOW

Artificial Intelligence is entering the institutions that structure human life: governments, schools, hospitals, financial systems, workplaces, media, security systems, and the home. The principles embedded in these systems today may govern human beings for generations.

Authoritarian models are not waiting. They are organizing nations, technologies, capital, standards, and institutions around a vision in which AI strengthens centralized authority, surveillance, information control, and behavioral command.

Meanwhile, democratic societies remain fragmented. Their principles are strong, but their institutions, standards, technologies, and resources are not yet sufficiently united.

Humanity therefore faces a narrowing window of decision. If free and responsible societies fail to build a credible, practical, and internationally accessible alternative now, the architecture of control may become the architecture of the AI Age.

Delay is not neutrality. Delay allows others to write the rules, construct the systems, and define the future.

THE TEN FOUNDATIONAL PILLARS

Ten Urgent Missions for Humanity

1. The Boston Declaration

The Moral Foundation

Defend and advance the Boston Declaration — the enduring principles that place the Human Person first in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

2. The Constitution for Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

The Constitutional Foundation

Complete, present, and bring into force the Constitution for Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence — initiated in Boston on July 8, 2026 — protecting human dignity, freedom, responsibility, democracy, trust, and wisdom for present and future generations.

3. AIWS Trust Order

The Institutional Foundation

Establish and operationalize an international framework for cooperation, coordination, and responsible governance among governments, AI pioneers, institutions, and citizens.

4. AIWS Trust Infrastructure

The Operational Foundation

Deploy practical trust mechanisms, standards, protocols, Trust Rating, Trust Index, Human-in-Command safeguards, and emergency cooperation for trustworthy AI systems.

5. AIWS Partnership for Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

The Global Partnership Foundation

Mobilize a global partnership bringing together AI Pioneers, universities, governments, companies, philanthropic foundations, cultural institutions, and citizens to transform ideas into lasting institutions serving humanity. The AIWS Partnership for Humanity serves as the principal platform for mobilizing global intellectual, technological, institutional, cultural, and financial resources to implement this Commitment.

6. AIWS Government 24/7

The Public Governance Foundation

Demonstrate, with governments, AI that serves citizens better, understands citizens more deeply, and remains accountable to citizens always.

7. AIWS Lumina

The Human Flourishing Foundation

Build the AIWS Lumina Labs and the Lumina Community, making Love, Creativity, Nobility, and Wisdom living forces that AI strengthens rather than replaces.

8. The Beacon Papers

The Intellectual Foundation

Publish and advance The Beacon Papers — new thinking on humanity, governance, trust, democracy, economics, culture, education, leadership, and civilization in the Age of Artificial Intelligence — to inspire continuous innovation of ideas.

9. AI Leadership Academy

The Leadership Foundation

Prepare 1,000 leaders — a new generation capable of guiding governments, institutions, businesses, and society responsibly through the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

10. The Annual Beacon Summit and AIWS Lumina Festival

The Global Action and Cultural Platform

Convene the world's leading AI pioneers, governments, universities, businesses, cultural leaders, and citizens each year — as a global platform of the Boston Global Forum and AIWS — to review progress, launch new initiatives, celebrate human achievement, and strengthen international collaboration. At each Annual Beacon Summit, BGF and AIWS will publish a public report on progress, commitments, implementation, and the next year's priorities.

THE BOSTON GLOBAL FORUM'S ROLE

The Boston Global Forum will serve as a global convener, constitutional steward, coordinator, and catalyst, working with partners across the world to advance these initiatives — and to safeguard and develop the Constitution for Humanity entrusted to its stewardship.

BGF does not seek to build these foundations alone. Rather, BGF seeks to convene and coordinate a global community of partners committed to ensuring that Artificial Intelligence serves humanity.

CALL TO ACTION

We invite governments, AI Pioneers, universities, research institutions, companies, philanthropic foundations, cultural institutions, international organizations, cities, young leaders, and citizens to contribute ideas, expertise, technology, partnerships, financial resources, and leadership to help build these foundations.

Partners may join through the AIWS Partnership for Humanity, with a public register of partners and commitments maintained by the Boston Global Forum and AIWS.

We ask those who share this conviction not merely to endorse these principles, but to act upon them now: to commit expertise, institutions, technology, public leadership, cultural influence, and financial resources; to undertake pilot programs; to join the drafting and ratification of the Constitution; and to help establish the AIWS Trust Order before alternative systems of control become entrenched as the default architecture of the AI Age.

Building the foundations for humanity requires intellectual leadership, technological innovation, institutional capacity, cultural creativity, and sustainable financial support.

No government can do this alone.

No company can do this alone.

No university can do this alone.

No organization can do this alone.

THE 2027 FOUNDING ACTIONS

These milestones are not the destination. They are the first foundations upon which humanity will continue to build throughout the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

In 2027 — the tenth anniversary of AIWS — we will:

- Present the Constitution for Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence to the world on April 27, 2027.
- Secure the nine ratifying states that bring the Constitution into force under Article 36 — honored in perpetuity as Founding Constitutional States.
- Operationalize the AIWS Trust Order as a working global collaboration platform.
- Deploy the first AIWS Trust Infrastructure and the AIWS Trust Index.
- Convene the first Annual Beacon Summit and launch the AIWS Lumina Festival.
- Establish the first national and city pilots, beginning with the founding Lumina Labs.
- Create the public register of AIWS Partnership for Humanity commitments.

THE BOSTON 2030 MILESTONES

By 2030, together with our global partners, we aim to:

- Engage at least 20 countries implementing AIWS initiatives and Trust Standards — among them the nine ratifying states that bring the Constitution into force.
- Establish 10 AIWS Lumina Labs in partnership with governments, universities, and innovation centers.
- Publish 100 Beacon Papers advancing new thinking for humanity in the AI Age.
- Train 1,000 leaders through AI leadership programs.
- Build the AIWS Lumina Community with hundreds of thousands of members dedicated to Love, Creativity, Nobility, and Wisdom.

CLOSING COMMITMENT

History will not judge our generation merely by how powerful Artificial Intelligence became. It will judge whether we possessed the wisdom, courage, and determination to build the foundations that enabled AI to serve humanity rather than dominate it.

We cannot wait for consensus to gather or for institutions to find their pace. The systems that may govern the AI Age are being constructed now.

To free and democratic societies — and to all peoples, institutions, and leaders who uphold human dignity — we issue this call. Governments, AI pioneers, universities, companies, philanthropic foundations, faith and cultural communities, cities, and citizens: commit your knowledge, institutions, technology, influence, and resources. Join the AIWS Partnership for Humanity. Help complete and bring into force the Constitution. Help operationalize the AIWS Trust Order. Help build a human-centered order worthy of the human person.

The hour is late — but it is still early enough to choose.

Today, we make this Commitment — not only to our generation, but to every generation that will inherit the civilization we build.

The Boston Declaration inspires our principles.

The Boston Commitment mobilizes our actions.

Together, they build the foundations for Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

In the dark night, someone must light the fire.

From Boston, it is lit.

Now the world must carry the flame — and build.

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The Boston Commitment is open to endorsement by Founding AI Pioneers, Founding Universities, Founding Organizations, and Founding Governments. Founding Endorsers shall be recorded in the public register of the AIWS Partnership for Humanity, joining the community that builds these foundations together.

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