



## III MIL & Global Understanding Conference: Peace for All/ 2026

Cairo, Egypt/ April 27–28- 29/ 2026

### Introduction

The Third MIL Global Understanding Conference builds on the momentum generated by the two previous MIL and Global Understanding Conferences—the Cairo 2024 (Declaration for Global Understanding and Peace), and the Barcelona 2025 (MIL Action Agenda)—which together reaffirm the **central role of Media and Information Literacy (MIL) in advancing intercultural dialogue, strengthening democratic resilience, fostering ethical technological development, and promoting peaceful coexistence.**

Since its inception, the MIL and Global Understanding process, organized by the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT), and the Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) —an developed in cooperation with the Arab League, the UNESCO MIL Alliance, the MILID UNITWIN Network, and the MIL Institute,—has sought to strengthen an international ecosystem of cooperation among policymakers, scholars, educators, youth, media professionals, and civil society.

The **2026 edition in Cairo** marks a new stage in this shared effort. It integrates two complementary spaces—a **MIL Global Policy Forum** and an **MIL International Scientific Congress**—to advance a common vision: **harnessing MIL and emerging technologies, especially Artificial Intelligence, as instruments for peace, dialogue, and global understanding.**

### Call for Participation

The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite submissions and registrations for the **Third Edition of the MIL & Global Understanding Conference**, to be held in **Cairo, Egypt**, from **27 to 29 April 2026**. The **2026 edition integrates two complementary spaces:**

- 1. MIL & Global Policy Forum/ AI for Peace and Global Understanding**
- 2. International Scientific congress. New challenges in mil research.** Official Congress of the Global MIL Scientific Association.

# 1. MIL GLOBAL POLICY FORUM

## AI for Peace and Global Understanding

The Forum will gather policymakers, experts, media and education professionals, civil society organizations, and youth representatives to explore how AI reshapes communication ecosystems, intercultural relations, democratic life, and human security.

### The Forum will include:

- High-level panels
- Policy dialogues
- Multistakeholder roundtables

### Forum Thematic Areas

- MIL and Peace Education in AI-Mediated Societies
- AI, Disinformation, Hate Speech, Polarization and Democratic Resilience
- Algorithmic Governance, Ethics, Transparency and Accountability
- Technological Innovation and Global Citizenship in the Digital Era

### Timeline and Key Dates

- **Registration Opens:** November 15, 2025
- **Notification of Acceptance:** February 28, 2026
- **Final Program Announcement:** April 10, 2026
- **Conference Dates:** April 27–29, 2026

## 2. INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS

### New Challenges in Media and Information Literacy Research

The Scientific Congress provides an academic environment for presenting and discussing cutting-edge research, theoretical developments, and methodological innovations in MIL.

#### Suggested Research Tracks

- MIL and Education
- MIL, Children and Youth
- Democracy, Civic Engagement and MIL
- Intercultural and Interfaith Dialogue through MIL
- Epistemologies and Methodologies in MIL Research
- MIL Regulation and Public Services

#### Submission Timeline and Key Dates (Scientific Congress)

- **Call for Papers Opens:** November 15, 2025
- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** January 30, 2026
- **Notification of Acceptance:** February 28, 2026
- **Full Paper Submission (optional):** March 30, 2026
- **Final Program Announcement:** April 10, 2026
- **Conference Dates:** April 27–29, 2026

All submissions will undergo **academic peer review**.

#### Formats of Contribution

- Academic papers
- Research posters
- Case studies
- Policy briefs
- Workshops and seminars
- Youth-led or community-based MIL projects
- Artistic or creative MIL initiatives
- Technological prototypes or AI–MIL applications

# Participation & Registration

Participants may join the conference **with or without** submitting a research contribution. To enhance clarity, the two registration modalities are outlined below:

## 1. Registration for the Forum + Congress (without paper presentation)

This option is intended for participants who wish to attend the conference **without** presenting a communication.

### Ideal for:

- Professionals, educators, journalists
- Students and youth
- Policymakers and institutional representatives
- Members of civil society
- Anyone wishing to benefit from the full program without academic submission

**Registration fee: € 70**

### Includes:

- Access to all Forum sessions
- Access to all Scientific Congress sessions
- Attendance at keynotes, plenaries, dialogue panels and exhibitions
- Conference materials
- Certificate of attendance

## 2. Registration with Paper Submission to the Scientific Congress

This option is required for participants who intend to:

- Submit an abstract
- Present a paper, poster, workshop or other academic contribution
- Be included in the official academic program
- Be considered for publication opportunities

### Registration fee:

- **General: 200 EUROS**
- **Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Students: 90 EUROS**

### Includes:

- All benefits of the general registration
- Inclusion in the academic program
- Eligibility for publication in indexed or peer-reviewed outputs
- Certificate of presentation

## Additional Information

**Venue:** Cairo, Egypt

**Languages:** English & Arabic

(Spanish and French submissions accepted for the Scientific Congress)

**Publications:**

The publications accepted through the peer-review process will be included in the proceedings book of the Global MIL Congress