



AI is defining our future.
Let's get it right.



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With human intelligence staying roughly the same, and AI getting better by the day, **it is only a matter of time before AI outperforms us in all domains.**

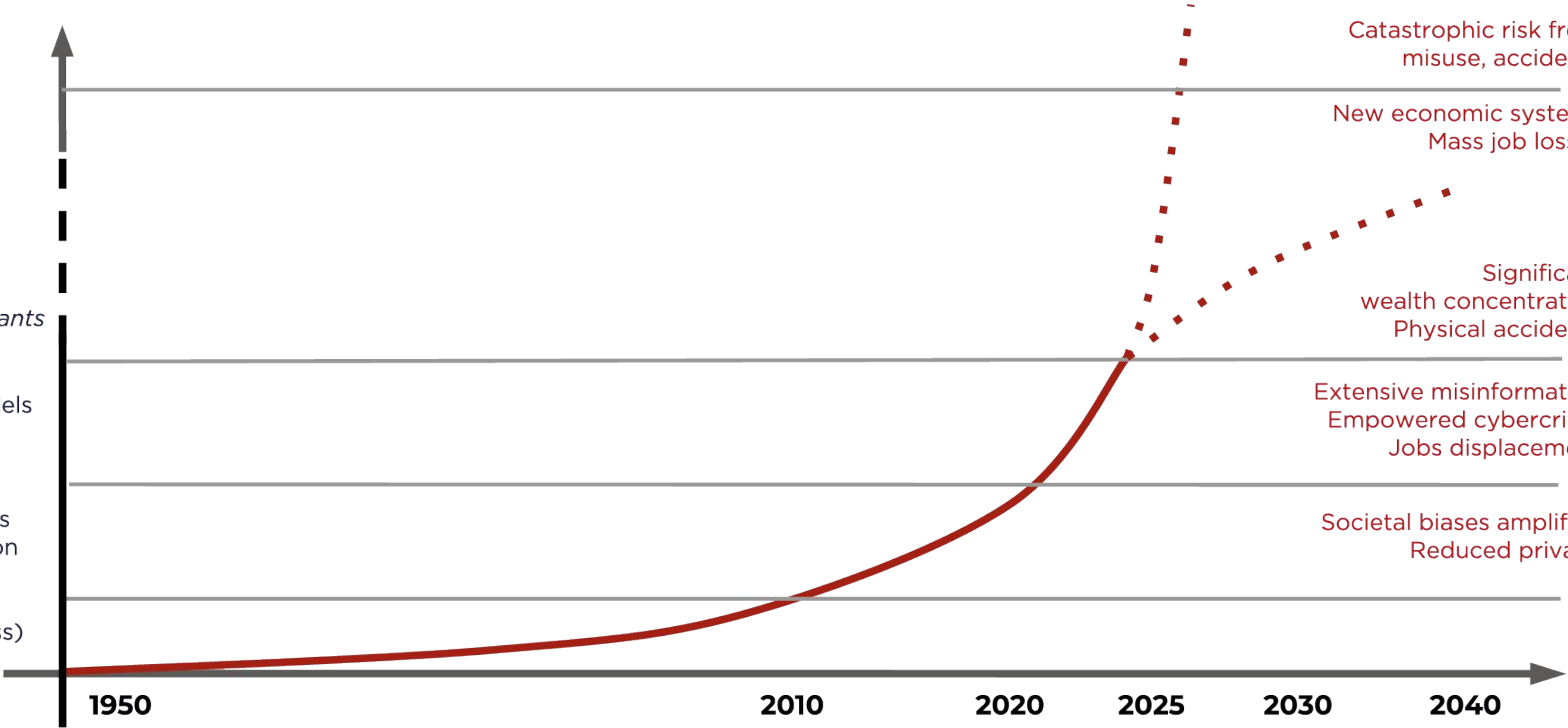
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Opening statement to the Industry and
Technology committee on Bill C-27*



AI governance: A race to act in time

AI Capabilities

- AGI**
Human level at all tasks
- Agentic AI**
Autonomous AI
e.g. robotaxis, assistants
- Generative AI**
Large versatile models
e.g. ChatGPT, Dall-E
- Narrow AI**
Single-purpose tools
e.g. facial recognition
- Logic systems**
e.g. Deep Blue (chess)



Full details and discussion at aigs.ca/white-paper.pdf



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Lack of awareness

Most decision-makers in Canada are not aware of upcoming AI capabilities and impacts

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Lack of urgency

There are currently no serious policies or preparations for the tsunami of change from upcoming smarter-than-human AI

3

Lack of public engagement

Canadians have not been consulted about a technology that will fundamentally reshape their lives



Canada's leading
civil society
organization on
advanced AI

A bilingual,
nonpartisan
not-for-profit and
community of people
across the country

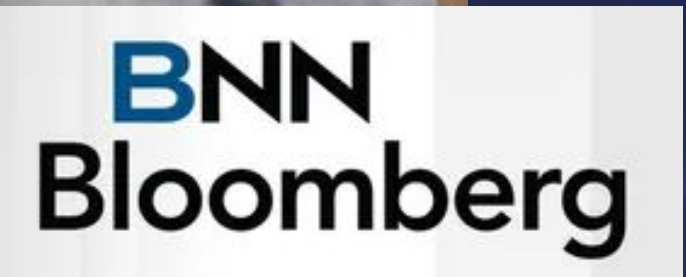
Vision:

The development of
advanced AI
technology is safe
and beneficial for all.



AIGS in action

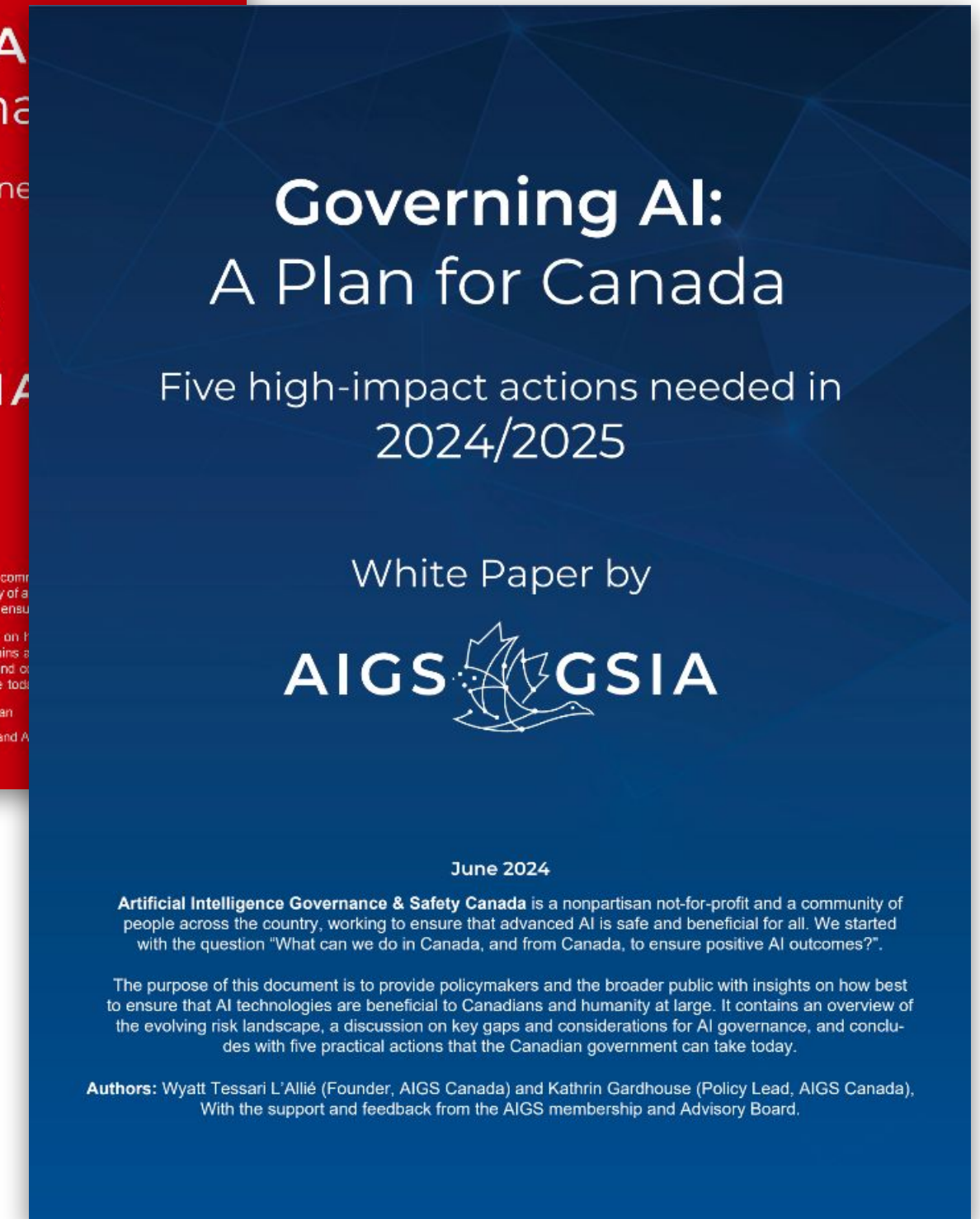
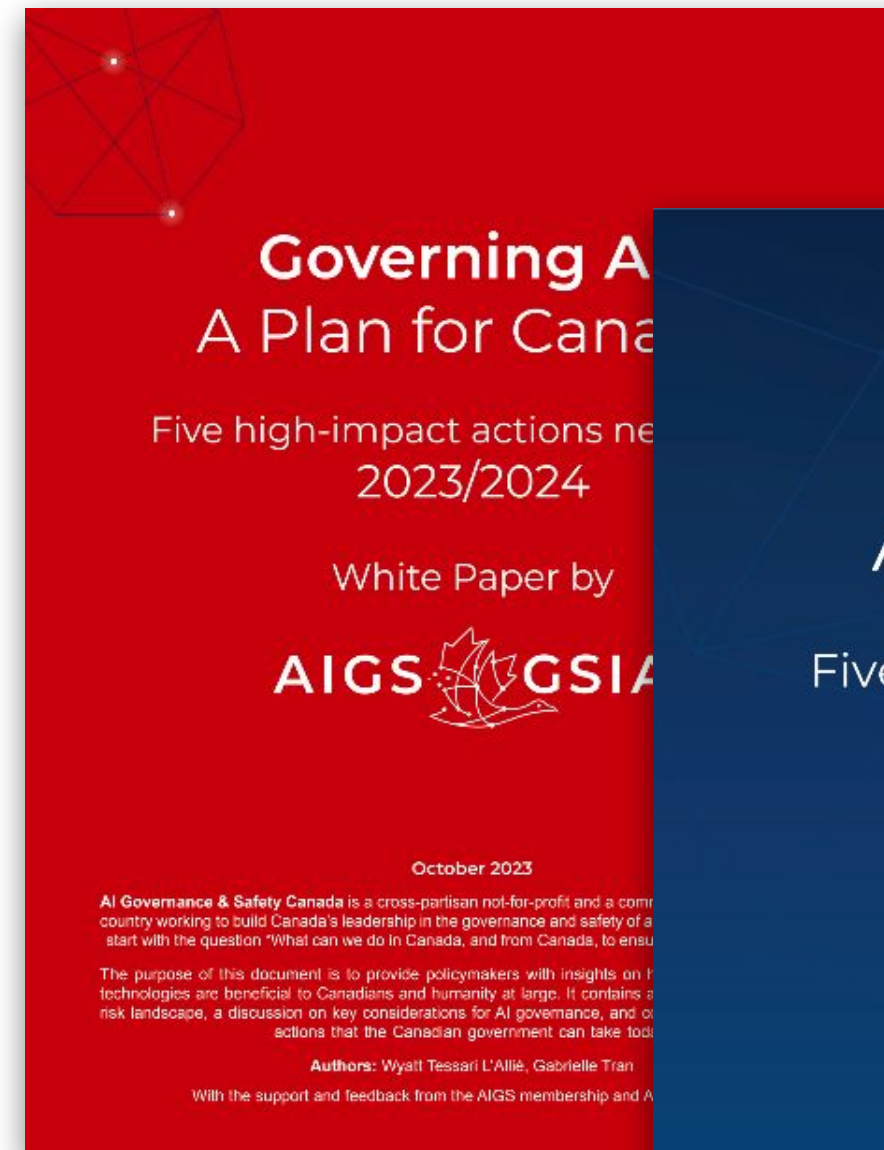
DRIVING AWARENESS





DELIVERING A PLAN

We've provided concise yearly recommendations for policymakers to ensure Canada is ready and that AI benefits all.





SHAPING CANADA'S AI & DATA ACT

Gave MPs comprehensive written
recommendations and a moving
call to action at committee hearings



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AI Governance & Safety Canada
Gouvernance et sécurité de l'IA Canada

November 3rd, 2023

Mr. Joël Lightbound, M.P.
Chair
Standing Committee on Industry and Technology
House of Commons
Parliament of Canada

Dear Mr. Lightbound,

Canada finds itself in the midst of a global AI revolution, and the scale and complexity of the risks are nothing less than astounding. The task your committee faces in amending the AI & Data Act to meet the needs of Canadians is therefore both essential and a very tall order.

[AI Governance & Safety Canada](#) is a cross-partisan not-for-profit and a community of people across the country working to build Canada's leadership in the governance and safety of artificial intelligence. We provided input to ISED's roundtables on the Voluntary Code of Practice for Generative AI and recently released our white paper [Governing AI: A Plan for Canada](#).

The recommendations for the AIDA that we present in this brief are the result of months of work and extensive consultations with national and international stakeholders.

You will find that we recommend a significant rewrite of the Act. Our strategy here is to present what it would actually take to protect Canadians from the current and upcoming risks, and then to work with the committee on any compromises that must be made. If time were not an issue, we would recommend separating the AIDA from the Bill and reintroducing it after lengthy consultations and deliberations. However, with accelerating developments in AI, and existing harms already being felt, Canadians do not have that luxury. We need working legislation now.

We therefore urge committee members to not give up on the AI & Data Act, but to take the time to understand the full range of AI risks to be addressed, and prepare legislation that can serve Canadians well today and in the coming years.

We remain available for any assistance that you require.

Sincerely,

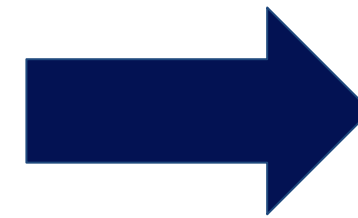
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Our 2024 Flagship Project:

A NATIONAL CONVERSATION ON AI

- **Canadians face an AI revolution** that will reshape jobs, culture, democracy and daily life.
- **The public is unaware** of AGI and its potential impacts
- **Policymakers and technologists lack insights** into public preferences



- **AI/SG Canada is launching a series of events across the country** with leading AI ecosystem partners
- **Two-way conversations** explaining where AI is headed and consulting on people's preferences on key issues such as safety, jobs, fairness.
- **Goal:** create momentum on AGI and inform Canada's actions on AI



Your opportunity for impact:



SUSTAIN **\$100,000**

- Deliver on the National Conversation on AI
- Provide government and media up to date policy recommendations



IGNITE **\$500,000**

- Transform AIGS from a volunteer team to a full-time paid staff to:
 - Boost media presence
 - Reach FR audiences
 - Seize opportunities
- Build a foundation for impactful projects in 2025



INSPIRE **\$5,000,000**

- Enable AIGS to own the stage and drive action on AI in Canada
- Have Canada host the world's first AGI summit
- Make Canada's response an inspiration for other countries



REACH + IMPACT	INSPIRE \$5,000,000	IGNITE \$500,000	SUSTAIN \$100,000
Deliver on the National Conversation on AI	✓	✓	✓
Provide government and media up to date policy recommendations	✓	✓	✓
Scale up AIGS by hiring key staff	✓	✓	
Boost media presence	✓	✓	
Reach French-speaking audiences	✓	✓	
Commission public opinion polls to galvanise and inform government action	✓		
Hire a professional public affairs team	✓		
Launch a Canada AGI summit	✓		
Eliminate funding gaps as a key constraint for action	✓		



**Will you join us in shaping
the future of AI?**

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