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America's Largest AI Conference

Knowledge Networks on the Ground

Launch of the AI Policy 100, with CAIO Connect & RegulatingAI Podcasts, Live from Booth 342

The Venetian, Las Vegas | Booth 342, Hall BC | August 4 to 6, 2026

RegulatingAI Podcast · CAIO Connect Podcast · Knowledge Networks

ABOUT Ai4 2026

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Ai4 is America's largest artificial intelligence conference and the epicenter of the global AI community, where business executives and technology leaders gather to shape how AI is deployed across every industry. Established in 2018, Ai4 has grown quickly, and its 2026 edition set new records after moving to The Venetian.

The 2026 conference featured keynotes from figures including Geoffrey Hinton, Fei-Fei Li, and Andrew Ng, and programming spanning agentic AI, financial services, healthcare, cybersecurity, robotics, AI governance, and responsible deployment. Its dedicated AI Policy Summit made it a natural stage for the launch of the AI Policy 100.

12,000+	100	1,000+	470+
Attendees	Countries	Speakers	Senior Executives

Knowledge Networks brought its full ecosystem to **Ai4** from Booth 342, uniting its fellowship programs, the Universal AI Awards, its podcast network, and its speaker roster in one place, headlined by the debut of the AI Policy 100.

Knowledge Networks at Ai4

Knowledge Networks, the ecosystem connecting the people who build, regulate, and lead AI, closed a landmark presence at Ai4 Las Vegas. Across three days at The Venetian, the team recorded dozens of podcast episodes live at Booth 342 across its RegulatingAI and CAIO Connect shows, featuring enterprise and public-sector AI leaders from organizations including Bloomberg, Waymo, Daimler Truck North America, Uber, Digital.ai, Mars, Truist, U.S. Bank, and the New York City Council.

The conversations spanned enterprise AI strategy, governance, data, and the practical realities of deploying AI at scale. The centerpiece of the week was the debut of the AI Policy 100, an annual recognition honoring 100 of the most influential leaders shaping AI governance, policy, and responsible innovation worldwide.

"The people who will decide whether AI earns the world's trust are not confined to any one field, and the AI Policy 100 reflects that. Launching it at Ai4, in a room full of the builders and leaders defining this technology, was the right place to recognize the people getting AI governance right and to challenge all of us to raise the bar"

Sanjay Puri · Founder & Chairman Knowledge Networks



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FEATURE:
THE AI POLICY 100

An inaugural list, unveiled live at Ai4

The AI Policy 100 is an annual recognition from Knowledge Networks and RegulatingAI honoring 100 of the most influential leaders shaping AI governance, policy, and responsible innovation. Unveiled live at Ai4, the inaugural list spans policymakers, enterprise AI leaders, academics, and civil-society voices across multiple countries, recognizing the people turning the global conversation on AI into workable governance.

The list spotlights individuals across government, enterprise, academia, and civil society whose work is defining how the world governs AI. It marks the start of an ongoing program that Knowledge Networks will continue to roll out through the year.

100	01	04	2026
Honorees	Inaugural Edition	Sectors Represented	First Class

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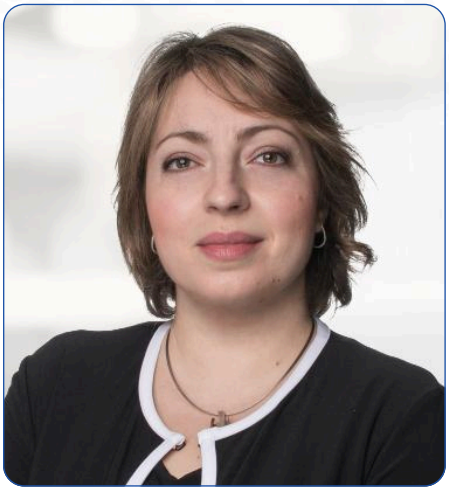




Podcasts: RegulatingAI Series

Policy, government, and responsible AI leaders, live from Booth 342

The RegulatingAI series captured conversations with the people translating AI policy into practice, across banking, city government, and global platform regulation. Three episodes were recorded live at the booth.



Alina Rivillis

Director of Data Science & AI, Fairstone Bank of Canada

Rivillis brought the perspective of data science and AI leadership inside a consumer bank, discussing how financial institutions can deploy AI responsibly while managing risk, fairness, and customer trust. She connected practical model governance to real customer outcomes. Her point: responsible AI in finance is built through disciplined data practice, not slogans.

YouTube Press Release



Alaa Moussawi

Chief Data Scientist, New York City Council

Moussawi described how his team uses data science, open-source AI, and retrieval-augmented generation to make city government more evidence-driven, helping attorneys and policy analysts search thousands of legal memos and documents. He framed AI as a way to inform policy, not make it. His point: government becomes more efficient and accountable when it puts AI to work on the right problems, with humans in charge.

YouTube Press Release



Sean Perryman

Global Head of AI & Fairness Policy, Uber

Perryman took on one of the hardest questions of the AI era: who is liable when AI systems, from agents to autonomous vehicles, act on their own. He described how Uber navigates AI policy across the U.S., EU, and other markets while preparing for agentic AI and AI-powered commerce. His point: getting liability, fairness, and accountability right is what will let autonomous systems earn public trust.

YouTube Press Release

Podcasts: CAIO Connect Series

Chief AI Officers and enterprise leaders, live from Booth 342

The CAIO Connect series convened senior enterprise and institutional leaders operationalizing AI at scale, from restaurants and trucking to banking, sports, media, and higher education. Twelve episodes were recorded live at the booth across the three days.



Derek Holt

Chief Executive Officer, Digital.ai

Holt argued that as AI removes the speed limit on building software, governance becomes the deciding factor, not speed. He walked through why AI agents need security, oversight, and change management built in from the start, describing a shift from coding-centric AI to agentic AI across the full delivery lifecycle. His point: real advantage comes from AI that is governed and secure, not simply AI that is used.

YouTube Press Release



Kartik Pillai

Director, Data Strategy, Master Data Management, AI & Data Governance, Yum! Brands

Pillai described how AI is reshaping operations across more than 65,000 restaurants in over 120 countries, from AI-powered drive-throughs to self-healing systems. His throughline: agentic AI cannot scale on fragmented data, so trusted data, clear ownership, and disciplined governance are the real foundation. His point: AI readiness starts with data readiness, and governance is the enabler, not the brake.

YouTube Press Release



Krista Arndt

Associate Chief Information Security Officer, St. Luke's University Health Network

Arndt made the case that securing AI does not start with new tools, it starts with the fundamentals: identity, asset management, and data protection. In a healthcare setting where patient data is, as she put it, evergreen, she argued for adopting AI gradually and keeping humans in the loop on high-impact decisions. Her point: strong cyberhygiene is what lets an organization enable AI innovation safely.

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Lutz Beck

Chief Information Officer, Daimler Truck North America

Beck brought the view from one of the largest commercial-vehicle manufacturers, walking through what it takes to deploy AI agents responsibly inside a complex enterprise. He connected governance, data, and workforce readiness to the practical realities of running AI at scale. His point: the future of enterprise AI depends on pairing ambition with the discipline to govern it.

YouTube Press Release



Manoj Mathew

Chief Technology Officer, LendingUSA

Mathew explored what it takes to deploy AI agents in a highly regulated financial environment, from lending and fraud detection to customer service and financial inclusion. He weighed the promise of automation against the compliance and trust demands of fintech. His point: in regulated industries, AI has to be built for accountability first and capability second.

YouTube Press Release



Dr Lin Zhou

Vice President, CIO & Executive Director of AI and Quantum Computing, Texas Tech University

Zhou laid out his vision of CIO 3.0, where the technology leader does not just support the institution but generates ideas and builds the platforms that drive its strategy. He connected AI and quantum computing to the future of higher education, arguing that education must evolve beyond knowledge transfer. His point: universities can adopt AI at scale only by balancing privacy, security, cost, and human skills

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Alejandro Merino-Madrid

Head of AI, International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Merino-Madrid described how the International Olympic Committee is putting AI to work across the world's largest sporting event, from operations to the athlete and fan experience. He framed AI as a tool to enhance the Games while protecting their integrity and values. His point: even the most tradition-bound institutions can adopt AI when it is guided by a clear sense of purpose.

YouTube Press Release



Emanuel Bettelheim

Head of Data & Analytics Platforms, Office of the CTO, Bloomberg

Bettelheim shared how Bloomberg is using AI agents and generative AI to transform financial research and reshape how professionals work with the Terminal. He explained the value of grounding AI in decades of proprietary data and domain expertise. His point: in finance, the winning AI is the one that combines trusted institutional data with the speed of modern models.

YouTube Press Release



Shashank Kadetotad

Global Senior Director, Enterprise Data Science and AI, Mars

Kadetotad explained how a lean data-science team drives AI across a global business spanning hundreds of brands, by building reusable accelerator modules and defining failure criteria before pilots begin. He argued that culture, not technology, decides whether AI sticks. His point: the real work of enterprise AI is moving from interesting pilots to measurable business impact.

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Vijay Krishnan

Founder & Chief Technology Officer, Turing

Krishnan argued that production AI needs efficiency and rigor, not just raw intelligence. He pressed CIOs to prioritize strong evaluation systems, route each workload to the right model for the job, and focus on high-value use cases rather than chasing the largest model. His point: enterprises scale AI responsibly through architecture, evals, and disciplined use-case selection.

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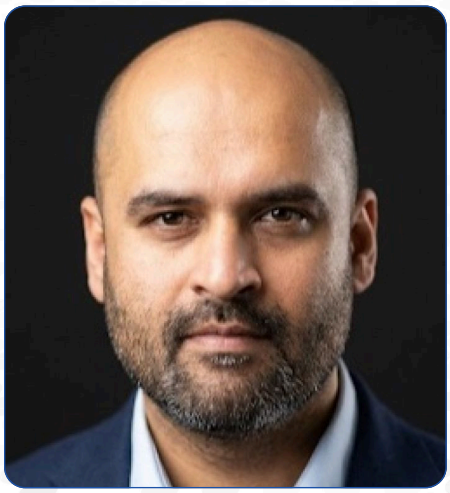


Ron Whitworth

Chief Privacy Officer, Truist Financial

Whitworth made the case that in one of America's largest banks, the Chief Privacy Officer is becoming an AI governance leader. He argued that privacy by design has to evolve into AI by design, and that organizations should move beyond compliance toward business enablement, building governance that speeds AI up rather than slowing it down. His point: as autonomous AI agents arrive, the institutions that win will be the ones that treat privacy, third-party risk, and accountability as design principles, not afterthoughts

YouTube Press Release



Ajay Chakravarthy

Chief AI Officer, Thales UK

Chakravarthy explained why the future of defense AI is Frugal AI and Trusted AI: systems that run reliably in mission-critical environments where data, connectivity, power, and compute are all limited. He argued that bigger models are not always better, and that AI at the edge has to be explainable, observable, and fit for the highest-stakes settings. His point: the Chief AI Officer's job is to bridge a fast-moving AI landscape with real business KPIs, keeping humans in or on the loop and building AI that is not just powerful but trusted.

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The Knowledge Networks Ecosystem at Ai4

Beyond the podcasts, the wider Knowledge Networks ecosystem was represented throughout the event.

Activity	Details
RegulatingAI	Met with attendees on practical AI governance and policy, and recorded podcast episodes live at the booth.
CAIO Connect	Convened Chief AI Officers and senior AI leaders and recorded enterprise-focused podcast episodes on the floor.
NOMAI Fellowship	Shared the work of its founding Charter Cohort of parliamentarians.
ERAI Fellowship	Connected with journalists and media leaders covering AI
Universal AI Awards	Opened conversations on its 2026 editions in New Delhi and Miami.
RALC	Introduced its CPD-accredited Responsible AI Leadership Certification ahead of launch.
AI Speakers Bureau	Showcased its roster of more than 200 verified experts across 40+ countries.

YouTube Impact: Ai4

Reported performance so far, RegulatingAI + CAIO Connect

Analytics for the Ai4 episodes are still being processed, so the figures below cover the episodes reported to date. This section will be updated as the remaining episodes finalize.

153,195
Views (reported)

10,293
Watch Hours

26,709
Total Impressions

15
Episodes Reported

Views by Episode

Guest	Series	Views	Watch Hrs	Impressions	CTR
Alaa Moussawi	RegulatingAI	33,765	3,373	2,389	1.8%
Alina Rivillis	RegulatingAI	25,563	1,216	3,000	2.6%
Sean Perryman	RegulatingAI	24,690	1,726	2,777	1.3%
Alejandro Merino-Madrid	CAIO Connect	24,340	1,232	1,530	1.6%
Kartik Pillai	CAIO Connect	14,100	1,176	3,274	2.1%
Derek Holt	CAIO Connect	12,240	716	4,000	1.9%
Manoj Mathew	CAIO Connect	7,187	366	3,125	2.8%
Lutz Beck	CAIO Connect	6,541	264	2,830	1.8%
Dr Lin Zhou	CAIO Connect	4,769	224	3,784	3.3%

Social Media & Paid Marketing

Ai4 campaign · July 29 to August 17, 2026

Knowledge Networks ran a paid social campaign around Ai4 across LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, and X. The campaign combined a pre-event countdown and AI Policy Summit partnership series with individually boosted posts promoting podcast guests during the event.

Platform	Reach	Impressions	Clicks	Spend
LinkedIn	145,379	175,044	593	$562
Meta (FB + Instagram)	76,620	87,115	1,973	₹4,538
X (Twitter)	-	16,000	71	$12

Campaign Highlights

- LinkedIn led the campaign with roughly 175,000 impressions and 145,000 in reach across the pre-event series and guest-promotion posts, on approximately 562 US dollars of spend.
- Guest-promotion posts were boosted individually on LinkedIn and Instagram for speakers including Shashank Kadetotad, Lin Zhou, Kartik Pillai, Manoj Mathew, and Emanuel Bettelheim.
- Meta (Facebook and Instagram) added roughly 87,000 impressions and 76,600 in reach, with 1,973 clicks.
- A YouTube ad campaign for the Alina Rivillis episode delivered about 134,900 impressions and 25,500 views.
- X carried the campaign with roughly 16,000 impressions across the pre-event countdown series.

Summary of Contributions

Activity	Details
AI Policy 100	Inaugural list of 100 influential AI governance leaders, launched live at Ai4
CAIO Connect Podcast	12 episodes recorded live at Booth 342 (10 published with guest details; 2 pending)
RegulatingAI Podcast	3 episodes: Alina Rivillis, Alaa Moussawi, Sean Perryman
Featured Guests	15 enterprise, public-sector, and policy leaders across both series
Recording Location	Ai4 2026, Booth 342, Hall BC, The Venetian, Las Vegas
Ecosystem On-Site	RegulatingAI, CAIO Connect, NOMAI, ERAI, Universal AI Awards, RALC, AI Speakers Bureau
YouTube Analytics	153,195 views · 10,293 watch hours · 26,709 impressions across 9 reported episodes (more processing)
Paid Social	LinkedIn, Meta, and X campaign, roughly 278,000 combined impressions across the event

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Thank You

To every guest who joined us at Booth 342, to the honorees of the inaugural AI Policy 100, to the Ai4 team for convening the AI community, and to everyone who stopped by to talk governance and policy, thank you for being part of this landmark week.

With Ai4 concluded, Knowledge Networks now turns to the next milestones across its ecosystem, including the Universal AI Awards India Chapter in New Delhi and the continued roll out of the AI Policy 100.

Sanjay Puri · Founder & Chairman, Knowledge Networks

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