



Lebanon

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“In a world coded by the few, the voices of the many must not fade into silence. Let AI be a mirror of humanity — not a monument to its imbalance.”

With the above quote, the delegate of Lebanon would like raise awareness and influence other for the regulation of AI;

AI being a vast field and the future, giant, global north-based tech companies are dominating the global south for data making giant gaps between the global north and global south;

Lebanon being a country which is facing heavy backlash by its population, is an easy target for these tech giants, the cultural diversity of Lebanon can also be a threat of the same as it's mainly a French, English and Arabic speaking nation causing easy communication for the nation's population and foreign countries;

Lebanese youth supports the use of social media (especially during protest like the 2019 Oct. revolution) like WhatsApp, Facebook or X (twitter) helps these tech companies to mark and establishment in the state and on the other hand, the revolts are causing the government to not promote any other tech company;

The population of Lebanon (6.5 million) has a huge refugee ratio (1 in 4 people is a Syrian or a Palestinian refugee) letting other Arab notions to grasp a huge population for the same;

All these factors affect how the government works for the reduction of digital colonialism; The government has tried to implement few laws like the launch of digital transformation strategy (2020-2030) in which the government aims to build the essential digital public digital public infrastructure, adoption of law 81/2018 on electronic transactions and personal data aims to regulate e- transactions and personal data which in turn defines outline provisions for data collection, security, processing rights, and penalties. However, it's criticized as outdated etc. laws are trying to get established via the Lebanese government.

In the face of rising digital colonialism, Lebanon stands at a critical juncture — balancing the need for digital advancement with the imperative to safeguard its sovereignty, culture, and citizens' rights. While strides like the Digital Transformation Strategy (2020–2030) and Law 81/2018-mark foundational steps, their effectiveness is limited by outdated frameworks and limited enforcement. With a vulnerable socio-political landscape, a high refugee population,

and youth heavily reliant on foreign tech platforms, Lebanon becomes a focal point for exploitation by dominant Global North tech giants. The delegate of Lebanon thus calls for urgent global cooperation to regulate artificial intelligence — not to stifle innovation, but to ensure equity, digital justice, and the protection of diverse voices in an increasingly algorithmic world.