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**The 31st Annual Conference and
General Meeting of
The International Association of Prosecutors**

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
15 - 18 November 2026



Call for Speakers

The theme of the 31st Annual Conference is

The Criminal Justice System in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities, Challenges, and Global Application.

Artificial intelligence is no longer on the horizon - it is already reshaping the foundations of criminal justice.

Across jurisdictions, AI is transforming how crimes are detected, investigated and prosecuted. At the same time, criminal networks are evolving just as rapidly - using AI to scale fraud, fabricate evidence, and evade traditional safeguards.

We are entering a defining moment: Can innovation strengthen justice - or will it outpace accountability?

This evolution presents unprecedented challenges to transparency and the protection of fundamental rights. To address this tension, prosecutors must look beyond domestic boundaries, ensuring that innovation is pursued in tandem with legal accountability and sustained international cooperation.

The 31st Annual Conference of the International Association of Prosecutors will bring together leading prosecutors and partners to address this issue.

We invite speakers who are not only observing these changes - but actively shaping them.

Why Speak at IAP 2026?

We are seeking contributions from those at the forefront of practice and policy. Selected speakers will:

- Shape international thinking on AI and criminal justice
- Share operational experience, real cases, and lessons learned
- Engage with a global network of senior decision-makers
- Contribute to the development of emerging norms and frameworks

It is a platform for practice, insight, and influence.

The programme is organised around three core themes, each explored through a plenary session and focused workshops.

Be Part of the Global Conversation

If you have any questions, please contact gc@iap-association.org

Submission Guidelines:

- Proposals must be submitted in English
- Maximum 400 words
- Must include:
 - Speaker name and title
 - Presentation title
 - Description of the proposed contribution
- Deadline: 14 August 2026
- Submit to: gc@iap-association.org

Important Information

- Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes
- The working language is English
- Interpretation will be available in Arabic, French, Spanish, Russian, and Chinese (plenary and main hall sessions)
- All speakers are required to **register and pay the conference fee**
- Priority will be given to proposals with a strong practical, operational focus. Presentations that show real-world outcomes - at international, national, organisational, or individual levels - are especially encouraged. Avoid focusing on academic research or simply summarising a specific jurisdiction's legal framework, as this may not be widely applicable.

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IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SYSTEM

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TO LEVERAGE AI IN CRIMINAL
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Workshop 3B

MISUSE OF AI BY CRIMINALS
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
COUNTERMEASURES



PLENARY 1

Unlocking AI Opportunities in the Criminal Justice System

This session explores how artificial intelligence can strengthen criminal justice systems by improving efficiency, speeding up processes, supporting consistent decision-making, and enabling better use of resources.

It highlights AI's role as a catalyst for modernising justice institutions, particularly in response to increasingly complex cases, diverse evidence, and demands for faster outcomes.

The session also underscores the importance of institutional readiness - both technical and human - to ensure AI is adopted safely and effectively, supported by two complementary workshops.



Amongst other topics, speakers may wish to explore:

- Harnessing AI to boost productivity and streamline operations across the criminal justice system
- Preparing institutions for AI adoption, with a focus on both human capability and technical infrastructure
- Using AI to manage increasingly complex and diverse forms of evidence
- Rethinking equitable justice in the 21st century - can AI help redefine fairness and access?

Workshop 1A

Harnessing AI in Criminal Justice Systems

This workshop dives into how AI is reshaping frontline practice across criminal justice institutions - from policing and prosecution to courts and corrections. It spotlights real-world applications such as legal classification, case prioritisation, crime pattern analysis, and decision support.

The focus is on tangible impact: faster case progression, smarter decisionmaking, and more consistent, high-quality outcomes. Ultimately, the session explores how AI can help build a more agile, effective, and fair justice system.

Amongst other topics, speakers may wish to explore:

- Mapping and anticipating crime through advanced analytics
- Strengthening prosecutorial decisions with AI-driven insights
- AI tools to improve decision consistency in similar cases
- Using AI responsibly for investigative support, including question generation and translation
- Expanding access to justice by supporting under-resourced defendants

Workshop 1B

Empowering Institutions to Leverage AI in Criminal Justice

This workshop focuses on what it takes to make AI work in practice - strengthening the capacity of criminal justice institutions to adopt and use AI effectively, responsibly, and at scale. It brings together the building blocks of readiness: robust technical infrastructure, accessible and reliable data, and a workforce equipped with the skills and judgment to use AI confidently.

Beyond systems, the session emphasises culture - how to embed innovation while upholding ethics, safeguarding the rule of law, and managing risk. It also explores how institutions can work together to ensure consistent, coordinated AI adoption across the justice system.

Amongst other topics, speakers may wish to explore:

- Building AI literacy and governance frameworks for judges and prosecutors
- Designing oversight and audit mechanisms to ensure accountability and rule-of-law alignment
- Strengthening cross-agency collaboration across police, prosecution, courts, and corrections
- Ensuring meaningful human oversight of AI-supported decisions
- Ensuring institutions balance innovation with integrity and trust

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Plenary 2

Artificial Intelligence and the Challenges for Criminal Justice Systems

This session tackles the complex challenges AI presents for criminal justice systems - from the rise of AI-enabled crime to the ethical and legal limits on its use. It explores how laws, policies, and institutions must evolve to keep pace with rapid technological change while safeguarding fundamental rights, including privacy, fair trial guarantees, and transparency in decision-making.

The session focuses on striking the right balance: equipping law enforcement with the tools to respond to increasingly sophisticated, technology-driven crime, while ensuring that the use of AI remains accountable, fair, and firmly grounded in the rule of law. It sets the stage for deeper discussion through two complementary workshops.



Amongst other topics, speakers may wish to explore:

- Adapting legal and institutional frameworks to keep pace with AI-driven change
- Protecting fundamental rights - including privacy, due process, and transparency - in AI-supported systems
- Addressing AI-enabled crime through modern investigative and enforcement approaches
- Ensuring responsible and accountable use of AI across law enforcement and justice institutions
- Balancing efficiency with fairness, ensuring speed and innovation do not undermine human dignity and justice

Workshop 2A

Tackling AI-Enabled Crime

This workshop explores how artificial intelligence is reshaping the criminal landscape - and what it takes to respond effectively. From automated fraud and cyberattacks to deepfakes and AI-assisted transnational crime, it examines how AI is amplifying both the scale and sophistication of offences.

The session goes beyond emerging threats to focus on impact: how AI is transforming traditional crime, disrupting investigative practices, challenging evidentiary standards, and complicating legal classification and liability. It will highlight practical strategies for detecting, investigating, and prosecuting these evolving forms of crime.

Amongst other topics, speakers may wish to explore:

- AI-driven crime trends - from deepfakes to automated fraud and cyberenabled offences
- Evolving investigative techniques for detecting manipulation, identity theft, and falsified evidence
- Legal challenges in classification and attribution, particularly involving autonomous or intelligent systems
- The transformation of traditional crime through AI and its impact on prosecution
- Disrupting AI-enabled financial crime, including money laundering and complex cross-border schemes
- Use of digital assets, crypto currencies and other cyber tools to hide criminal property

Workshop 2B

Navigating Ethical Challenges in AI

This workshop explores the critical ethical and legal questions arising from the use of AI in criminal justice. As AI becomes more embedded in decisionmaking, the session examines how to guard against risks such as bias, opacity, privacy intrusion, and diminished accountability.

The focus is on practical solutions - how to design, deploy, and govern AI systems in ways that uphold fundamental rights, reinforce public trust, and align with the rule of law, while still delivering operational value.

Amongst other topics, speakers may wish to explore:

- Mitigating algorithmic bias in policing, case prioritisation, and judicial decision support
- Balancing privacy and performance in data-driven justice systems
- Auditing and validating AI tools against human rights standards and rule of law principles
- Ensuring accountability and redress where AI contributes to rights violations
- Strengthening ethical oversight of predictive analytics and surveillance Technologies

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Plenary 3

Artificial Intelligence in Practice: A Global Perspective

This plenary explores how AI is being used across criminal justice systems worldwide - and what can be learned from these experiences. It highlights leading initiatives, from digital courts and case classification tools to predictive analytics and smarter correctional systems, with a clear focus on real-world impact: improving investigations, speeding up case progression, and strengthening justice outcomes.

Alongside innovation, the session addresses a growing challenge: the misuse of AI by criminals. It considers how justice systems can respond through stronger technical capabilities, adaptive legal frameworks, and enhanced international cooperation. Bringing these perspectives together, the plenary examines how to scale AI responsibly across different national contexts - balancing innovation, access, and integrity - through two complementary workshops.

This is a practically focused session:

- Grounded in real operational experience
- Focused on measurable impact and outcomes
- Open about challenges, limitations, and lessons learned
- Relevant across jurisdictions and justice systems



Amongst other topics, speakers may wish to explore:

- Scaling AI in criminal justice: lessons from leading international implementations
- Ensuring responsible and accountable AI use within law enforcement and justice institutions
- Maintaining transparency and trust in AI-supported decision-making
- Bridging the AI gap: expanding access in developing and resource-constrained systems
- Using AI to detect and disrupt transnational organised crime through advanced analytics
- Responding to AI-enabled threats, including cybercrime, deepfakes, and system manipulation

Workshop 3A

Artificial Intelligence Initiatives in Criminal Justice – Global Experiences

This workshop showcases how criminal justice institutions worldwide are putting AI into practice - across investigations, case management, judicial decision support, and correctional systems. From digital courts and caseload forecasting to AI-enabled rehabilitation and risk assessment tools, it highlights how innovation is delivering measurable impact on efficiency and outcomes.

The session goes beyond examples to examine what makes these initiatives work: how they are designed, implemented, and evaluated, and how they can be adapted to different legal and institutional contexts. It also creates space for exchange between policymakers, practitioners, and technologists to explore scalable, collaborative approaches grounded in legal values and operational realities.

Amongst other topics, speakers may wish to explore:

- Case studies on AI-driven correctional management and automated tools for prisoner rehabilitation and risk assessment
- Best practices in digital justice, from case classification and judicial analytics to caseload forecasting
- Measuring impact: frameworks for evaluating effectiveness and performance in AI-driven justice initiatives
- From pilot to scale: how AI legal technologies evolve from local innovation to international models
- Regulatory trends: lessons from emerging global AI frameworks and their relevance for criminal justice
- Designing adaptable solutions that can be tailored to diverse national systems and institutional needs

Workshop 3B

Misuse of AI by Criminals and Law Enforcement Countermeasures

This workshop explores how criminals are exploiting AI - both off-the-shelf and custom-built tools - to plan, execute, and conceal increasingly sophisticated offences. From deepfake-enabled fraud to AI-driven cyberattacks and large-scale identity deception, it examines how AI is reshaping criminal tactics and expanding the scope of transnational crime.

The session focuses on the response: how law enforcement can adapt through advanced investigative tools, updated legal frameworks, and stronger cross-border collaboration. It emphasises practical strategies for detecting, disrupting, and prosecuting AI-enabled crime in an evolving and high-risk landscape.

Amongst other topics, speakers may wish to explore:

- Tracking and dismantling AI-enabled criminal networks, including those developing bespoke, unrestricted models
- Countering AI-driven deception, such as deepfakes, synthetic identities, and large-scale fraud schemes
- Adapting investigative and legal frameworks to address crimes where AI is central to execution
- Strengthening international cooperation and real-time data sharing to respond to cross-border threats
- Monitoring and disrupting illicit activity on the dark web and encrypted platforms using AI tools
- Integrating global countermeasures into national legal and operational systems for effective enforcement

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