

# KPMG Risk Insights Executive talk

Al in Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC)

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# **Agenda**



# Evolving risk landscape in the Al era and Al governance

Embrace Al governance to stay ahead in a rapidly evolving risk landscape



# Exploring the potential of Al in GRC

Leverage AI to enhance Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC)



# Navigating Al assurance: building trust in your Al

Improve AI reliability and fairness with structured assurance



## **Q&A session**

An exclusive conversation with KPMG Business Advisors



# Evolving risk landscape in the Al era and Al governance

# Al development and associated risks over time

**1950s** 



Conceptual birth of AI (e.g. Turing Test, logic-based systems)

Revolution in deep learning fueled by breakthroughs in neural networks



Al that acts independently with human-like intelligence and flexibility



1990s



Renewed interest in neural networks and machine learning



**2020s** 

Increasing application of generative AI in diverse sectors

**2030s** (Emerging)



### Evolving risks

- Unrealistic expectations
- Ethical concerns about autonomy
- Early fears of automation

- Data bias and overfitting
- Lack of explainability
- · Misuse of Al due to insufficient regulation
- Discrimination and bias
- Black-box models
- Data privacy concerns
- Misinformation and deepfakes
- Hallucinations
- Intellectual Property Infringement

- Loss of human oversight
- Value misalignment
- Workforce displacement
- Non-compliance with rapidly evolving AI laws



# **Key findings on Al adoption survey**

"Al Front and center as the urgency around adoption accelerates"

**64%** of Global CEOs indicated that they would invest in AI regardless of economic conditions in 2024.

**76%** of CEOs anticipated AI will not fundamentally reduce the number of jobs within their organizations over the next three years.



Global CEOs recognize the need to seize the challenges that lie ahead, considering AI as potentials to transform business.



Global CEOs recognize that their workforce will need to adapt and upskills to fully leverage the benefits of AI.



Global CEOs say that they plan to invest in Al in some form.



Global CEOs are increasing aware of the risks tied to the rapid Al adoption concerning the ethical use and implementation of Al.

Source: KPMG 2024 CEO Outlook



# Al challenges and ethical dilemmas



Al recruiting tool favoring certain type of candidates due to historical data



Defrauding the public by generating realistic fake identities



Sensitive code leak from free version of generative Al



Chatbot giving a customer inaccurate information, resulting in the company being sued



Al firm sued for copyright infringement over its image generator



Al System used to identify targets for attacks during the war



# Al ethical considerations

To build and sustain a responsible enterprise, AI must be developed, governed and deployed with clear ethical principles and meaningful oversight — this is the foundation of ethical AI.



"The rise of Al has introduced transformative capabilities into both business operations and daily life. With this power, however, come important questions about the trustworthiness, accountability, and governance of Al systems."



Trust and acceptance of Al

Al benefits and risks

Al use and understanding

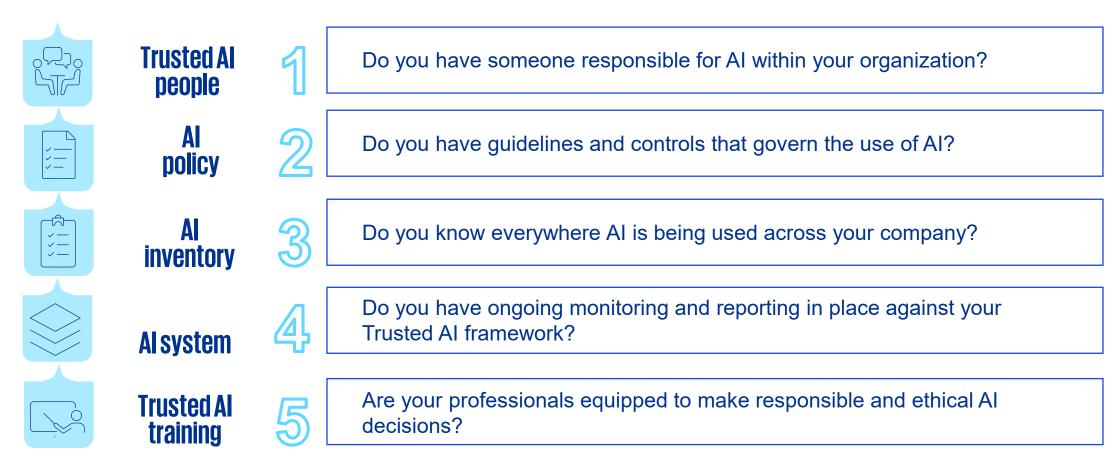
**Al literacy** 

**Responsible Al** 



# Al governance: building trust in Al

To proactively operationalize Trusted AI governance and establish accountability as the regulatory landscape and global standards continue to evolve, below are examples of questions the organizations can ask as they begin the process:





# **Exploring the potential of Alin GRC**

# Why do we need GRC?









It impacts how people work.



More pandemics and extreme weather



Increasing reputational risk



**Strategic** decision-making



**Disconnected** tools, systems and processes (data silos and inefficiency)

It impacts their bottom line.

IT

Security

Legal

**Finance** 

HR

Customer service

Lines of business



# **GRC** ecosystem



# **Key challenges**

# **GRC** ecosystem

## **Expected benefits**



Data silo/ fragmentation



**Duplication of** efforts



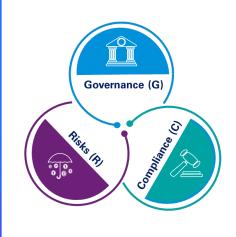
Inconsistent GRC languages and terminology



Unstandardized process of framework



Evolving risk and compliance landscape





### **Governance:**

Oversight role and the process by which companies manage and mitigate business risks

### Risk:

Enables an organization to evaluate all relevant business and regulatory risks and controls, and monitor mitigation actions in a structured manner

### **Compliance:**

Ensures that an organization has the processes and internal controls to meet the requirements imposed by governmental bodies, regulators, industry mandates or internal policies Single source of data

Streamlined/efficient operations

**Improved and data-enabled** decision-making

Strengthened governance/ assurance

**Collaboration and integrated** information

**Enhanced stakeholders' trust** 



# Benefits and challenges of using Al for GRC

### **BENEFITS**

### **Enhanced decision making**

- Real-time insights and trends analysis
- Forecast of potential challenges, risks and opportunities

### Cost savings

- Reducing likelihood of non-compliance
- Streamlined and efficient GRC processes

### **Automating monitoring process**

- Routine compliance monitoring can be automated
- Reduce manual processing

### Advanced risk assessment

- Ability to process vast amount of data
- Enhance service delivery, anticipating potential risks



### **CHALLENGES**

### Ethical consideration

Al could can unintentionally embed bias, discriminate or make opaque decisions.

### **Data privacy concerns**

As AI processes and involves large volume of data, it presents significant privacy risks.

### Over-reliance on automation

Excessive dependence on AI tools may lead to reduced human oversight and missed anomalies.

### **Evolving regulatory landscape**

The challenge of staying ahead of shifting legal and compliance requirements to ensure AI governance and compliance.



# **1** Corporate governance



# **W** Use cases

- Ai-enabled regulatory scanning and policy update automation
- Al board observer elevates corporate strategy with real-time insights
- Fraud prevention with AI transaction analysis



- **Regulation scanning and policy impact:** Use AI to scan new or updated regulations, identify affected policy areas and suggest edits
- Automated compliance workflow: Generate workflow tasks to ensure timely policy updates and adherence
- Real-time insights: Provide live data analysis and strategic recommendations during board meetings
- Meeting automation: Automate routine tasks and report generation for efficient board management
- Machine learning for patterns: Train AI on historical data to identify fraud patterns
- Behavioral analysis: Detect unusual behavior
- Real-time monitoring: Monitor transactions in real time and trigger immediate alerts for potential fraud



## **Outcomes**

- · Reduce manual effort through automated policy review and edit suggestions
- Reduce regulatory response time
- Improve workflow efficiency by generating timely tasks for policy updates
- Improve decision-making
- Save time by automating routine tasks
- Enhance strategic planning through comprehensive performance analysis
- Reduce potential financial losses
- Increase response time
- Enhance trust from stakeholders







- Al-driven emerging risk detection from multisource data
- Leveraging AI to identify threats through patterns and trends
- Real-time risk monitoring with Al-powered alerts



- Analyzing data sources: Leverage NLP, and ML to analyze emerging risks from diverse sources
- Identifying new data sources: Explore and experiment with new data sources
- Time-series analysis: Utilize time-series analysis to identify trends and detect anomalies over time
- · NLP analysis: Extract risk signals from textual data
- Predictive analytics: Predict potential risks by analyzing historical patterns and behavior
- **Data integration:** Integrate insights from financial documents, industry trends and online sentiment
- Real-time risk monitoring: Monitor, detect and alert when risk indicators reach defined thresholds



- Early identification of potential risks
- Enhance comprehensive risk view
- Improve decision-making with real-time insights
- Detect hidden risks early
- Reveal key patterns in complex data
- Enable timely, predictive decisions
- Enhance awareness through integrated data sources
- Respond quickly to emerging risks
- Offer continuous risk monitoring

Source: OCEG, KPMG



# **Compliance management**



# **W** Use cases

Al for dynamic monitoring of laws and regulations

Smart monitoring for compliance violations

Behavioral monitoring for policy compliance



- **Automated monitoring:** Monitor updates from government websites, legal databases and news sources
- **Predictive insights:** Predict regulatory developments from trends and historical data
- · Anomaly detection: Identify and detect patterns of anomalies that signal potential non-compliance
- Real-time monitoring: Continuous real-time compliance check with instant violation alert
- Behavioral analytics: Apply AI to analyze behavior and spot potential policy violations
- Social network analysis: Analyze networks to detect collusion or unethical ties



# **Outcomes**

- Effectively track legal changes to save time and reduce manual effort
- · Gain forward-looking insights to anticipate and prepare for future developments
- Spot potential violations early
- Respond rapidly to non-compliance
- Reduce regulatory risks proactively
- Strengthen trust through consistent compliance
- Detect unusual behaviors or interactions early
- Enable faster, data-driven investigations and interventions



# **Q** Internal audit



# **W** Use cases

- **Automated document** review for risk-based audit planning
- Data-enabled audit execution

Intelligent audit documentation support



- NLP: Extract key topics and potential risk signals from meeting minutes and reports
- Machine learning: Classify, prioritize and flag emerging risks based on historical risk patterns
- Machine learning: Learn normal transaction patterns from large datasets
- · Anomaly detection: Spot unusual or suspicious activities
- Risk prioritization: Highlight high-risk items for focused audit testing
- NLP: Automatically summarize key information from workpapers and audit documents
- Conversational AI: Let auditors ask questions and get context-aware answers
- Content Analysis: Identify documentation gaps or issues and suggest improvements



## **Outcomes**

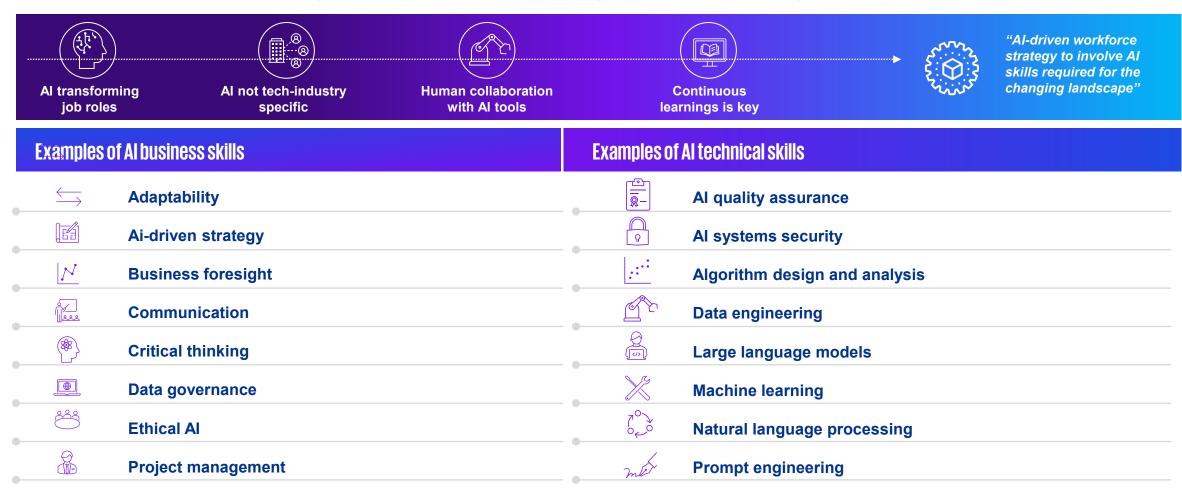
- Enhance audit plan quality by identifying key risks early from unstructured data
- Automate document review to save time
- Align audit scope with emerging issues
- Reduces manual effort data analysis by automating
- Improves accuracy by finding hidden anomalies
- Boosts efficiency by targeting high-risk areas
- Speeds up reviews with automated summaries
- Enhances quality with AI suggestions
- · Supports auditor decisions with contextual guidance

Source: KPMG



# **Reshaping Al-driven GRC professionals**

"Al is revolutionizing businesses, redefining roles and unlocking new opportunities for growth. To thrive in this evolving landscape, all staff should enhance their skills, especially Al-specific skills, while continuing to build on their existing competencies."





# Navigating Al assurance: building trust in your Al

# O1 What are the market drivers?



# Common challenges the C-suite are facing

How do organizations safely and responsibly unlock value from Al - and achieve the business ambitions?



# Key stats from KPMG Q12025 AI Pulse Survey

Risk management, trust, and workforce readiness emerge focus areas as investment, adoption and Al agent pilot programs grow.

Leaders plan to invest nearly \$114 million in GenAl over the next year, up sharply from \$89 million last quarter. 82% of leaders expect risk management to be the biggest challenge to their GenAl strategies for the remainder of 2025, followed by quality of organizational data (64%) and personal trust in GenAl (35%).

Organizations are rapidly accelerating from experimentation to piloting AI agents – the latter is up from 37% to 65% since last quarter. However, those deploying AI agents remains flat at 11%.

32% of leaders believe trust in the accuracy and fairness of AI outputs will now be the greatest society-wide challenge with AI between now and 2030.

Productivity tool usage on a daily basis is up to 58% from 22%. Knowledge assistant usage on a weekly basis is up to 61% from 48% as is GenAl embedded into existing workflows, jumping to 35% from 24%.

### **Value and Business Investment**



How important is investor pressure as it relates to demonstrating ROI on your organization's GenAl investment?

### For 90% of organizations

investor pressure is important or very important to demonstrating ROI on investment, up from 68% in Q4 2024.

Which of the following do you expect to be the biggest challenges to your GenAl strategy in 2025?

82%

64%

Improved profitability and productivity are the ROI metrics relative to GenAl integration:

97% profitability

Followed by

94% productivity.





Solutions

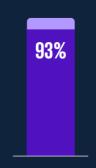
93%

organizational data

of leaders agree that investments todate in GenAl have allowed their company to enhance its competitive position and long-term strategic performance.

Personal trust in

GenAl technology

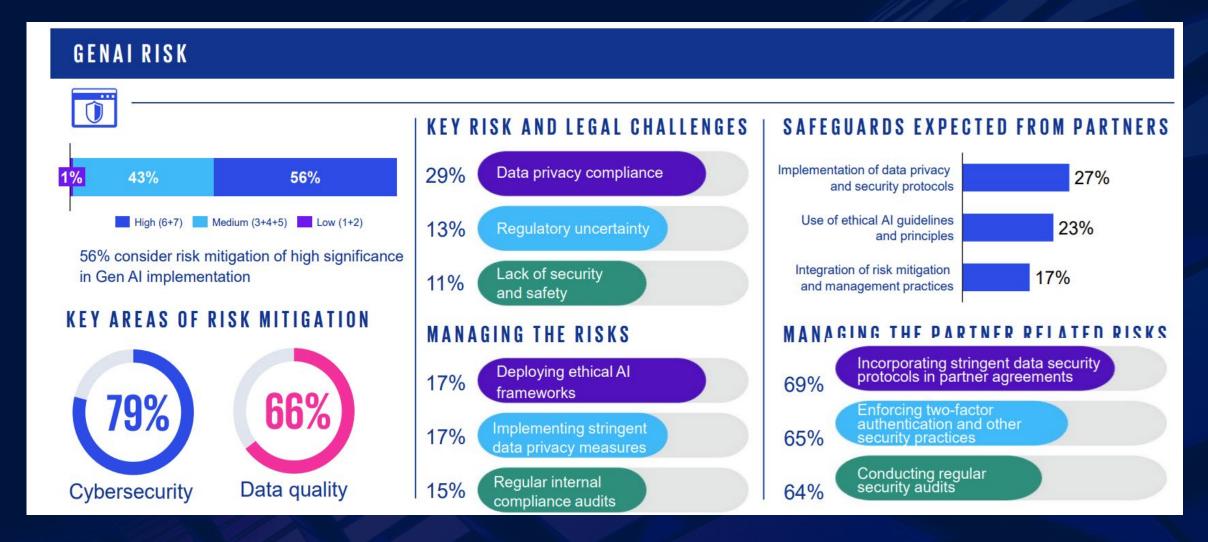


Insights collected from 130 U.S.-based C-suite and business leaders in public and private organizations, annual revenue USD 1 billion or more

Risk management

such as data privacy

# Gen Al risks



# Trust emerges as a critical priority

Leaders believe trust in the accuracy and fairness of Al outputs will now be the greatest society-wide challenge with Al between now and 2030 (32%), followed by the misuse of Al by bad actors, (30%). Personal trust in GenAl is also now considered a top three challenge in 2025, according to over a third of leaders.

Source: KPMG Q1 2025 Pulse Survey



# Scaling Al has also introduced a growing number of challenges



### Security and privacy

The use of generative AI poses security and privacy risks, which could result in data breaches. reputational damage or privacy regulation violations, increasing sophistication from threat actors and velocity of malware and cyber attacks.



### Regulatory and professional standards

Regulators have not provided clear guidance on the use of generative AI. Navigating regulatory requirements and adhering to our professional standards may pose challenges due to unclear guidance.



### Data quality, integrity and bias

Generative Al presents potential risks to data quality, integrity and bias. If not managed properly, it could result in inaccurate or biased outcomes. leading to legal liabilities, loss of client trust and reputational damage.



Organizations must amend existing IT policies by identifying scenarios for use, aligning with data governance and ethical standards, and provide adequate training to users. Failure to do so may result in policy violations, legal liabilities and ethical concerns.



### Intellectual property

Lack of legislation defining ownership of Al generated content may result in the inability to obtain copyright of content produced. Additionally, unclear terms of use may result in unintended violation of intellectual property rules.



### **Brand and marketing**

Generative AI may perpetuate or amplify existing biases in the marketing and branding, which can result in negative impact on brand image and market share. An overreliance on Al generated content may lead to a lack of creativity and originality in marketing campaigns.

# Key risks and considerations presented by gen Al

Generative AI falls under the larger umbrella of AI, and therefore also inherits the risks of AI platforms that are not new to the enterprise. However, generative AI is unique in that it generates new content in forms such as text, images, audio and video. This creation of content – which can also be difficult to distinguish from human-created content – also reveals new risks and challenges.

### Internal risks & considerations

### Intellectual property

#Exposing IP

#Misuse of proprietary info

**#Unintended leaks** 

### **Talent** implications

**#Talent masking** 

#Imposter syndrome

### Inaccuracies

#False responses

**#Shallow trained** models

#Lack of model cards

### **Data quality**

#Ground truth management

#Accuracy of output

#Data irrelevance

**#Data sparsity** 

#data drift

**#Data loss** 

**#Data toxicity** 

#transfer learning errors

#Data governance

#Measuring inception scores

### Sustainability

#Computational costs

#Energy intensiveness

#carbon reporting impacts

### **Data privacy**

**#Data breaches** 

#Manipulation

**#Unauthroized** access

**#Data repurposing** 

#Discrimination and bias

**#Unauthroized use** 

### Misinformation & discrimination

#Harmful outputs

#Loss of control

#Hallucinations

#Bias in output

#FID scores

### Infringement

#Copyright claims

#Privacy infringement

#Liability infringement

### Brand reputation

#Lack of creativity

#Job displacement

#Output transparency

### Cyber & adversarial threats

**#Phishing scams** 

#Loss of control

#Deliberate manipulations

#Prompt injection

External risks &

considerations

# A thoughtful roll-out of generative Al will allow you to simply address the associated risks

# Internal risks and considerations

- 1. Breaking confidentiality and intellectual property
- 2. Employee misuse and inaccuracies
- 3. Generative Al evolves
- 4. Talent implications

# External risks and considerations

- 1. Misinformation, bias and discrimination
- 2. Copyright
- 3. Financial, brand and reputational risk
- 4. Cybersecurity
- 5. Adversarial attack

# Breaking confidentiality and intellectual property

Many generative AI models are built to absorb user-inputted data to improve the model over time, and that could be used to expose private or proprietary info.



### **Talent implications**

High-quality, expert output can only be achieved with high-quality, expert queries. Professionals need to be made aware that they're not just using a solution; they're training and evolving it.



The models generate responses based on input received, meaning there's a risk they may provide false or malicious content.



### **Generative AI evolves**

As the world's understanding of Al evolve, we are already seeing a rising number of global regulations. It will continue to be integrated into many common applications.

### Misinformation, bias and discrimination

Generative AI can be used to create deepfake images and videos. These images and videos often look extremely realistic and lack forensic traces left behind in edited

digital media.



### Copyright

Questions abound around **who owns content** once it's run through generative AI are difficult to answer.

### Cybersecurity

Cybercriminals can use gen Al to create more realistic and sophisticated phishing scams or credentials to hack into systems.



### **Adversarial attack**

Even when trained to work within acceptable boundaries, gen Al models have proven to be vulnerable to deliberate manipulation by sophisticated users.



### Financial, brand and reputational risk

If Al produced information were to be used into any deliverable, it **may constitute copyright or intellectual property infringement**. This could potentially cause your organization legal and reputational harm.



# O2 KPMG's Trusted Alframework



# Trusted Al is critical

We understand trustworthy and ethical AI is a complex business, regulatory, and technical challenge, and we are committed to helping clients put it into practice. We help develop and deploy an end-to-end responsible AI program across the AI/GenAI lifecycle leveraging our Trusted AI framework.





### Fairness

Design models to reduce or eliminate bias against individuals, communities or groups



### Privac

Design AI solutions that comply with data privacy regulations and consumer data usage



### **Transparency**

Include responsible disclosure to provide stakeholders a clear understanding as to what is happening within the AI solution and across the AI lifecycle



### **Sustainability**

Design AI solutions to limit negative environmental impact where possible



### **Explainability**

Develop and deliver AI solutions in a way that answers the questions of how and why recommendations are made or conclusions drawn



### **Data integrity**

Data used in Al solutions is acquired in compliance with regulations and are assessed for accuracy, completeness and quality



### Accountability

Human oversight and responsibility embedded across the AI lifecycle to manage risk and comply with regulations and applicable laws



### Reliability

Al systems perform at the desired level of precision and consistency



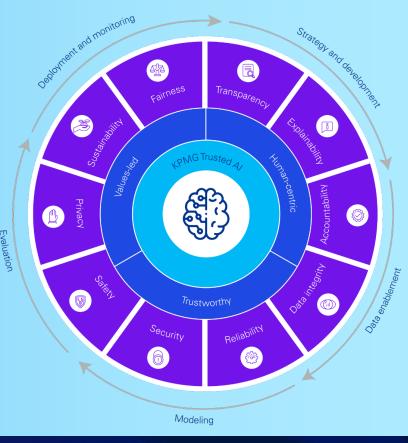
### **Security**

Safeguard against unauthorized access, bad actors, misinformation, corruption, or attacks



### **Safety**

Safeguard AI solutions against harm to humans and/or property

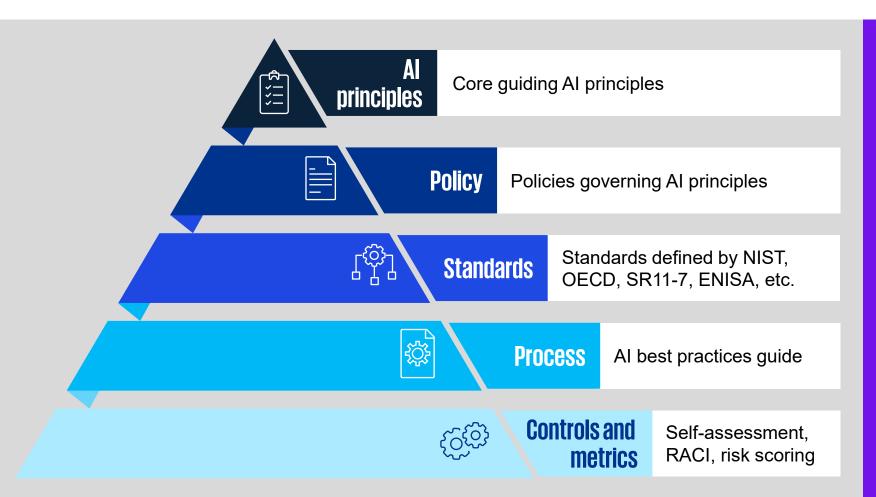


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# Establishing effective Al governance



# Al governance considerations



- Establish your principles for AI that will guide your process in building the governance model and consider an enterprise-wide Al mission statement.
- Reimagine your existing governance model including your risk assessment process to uncover the risks of AI.
- Support your AI office in gathering a diverse group of stakeholders from business, technology, HR, diversity, among others.
- Align your Al deployments against appropriate standards and regulatory guidelines.
- Monitor your existing third and fourth parties to determine compliance against your responsible AI principles including existing low-risk approved vendors.



# **Governance**

### **Training**

- Enterprise-wide training Deploy a comprehensive training program to baseline professionals across the organization on Al risks and responsible AI.
- · Key skills include technical skills, analytical skills, creativity and innovation, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, and lifelong learning.

### **Principles**

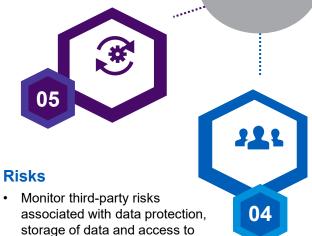
- Fairness fair and equitable outcomes
- Explainability ability to explain how Al outcomes were achieved
- Integrity of data leverage high-quality, appropriate data
- Security and resiliency design AI to operate as intended with security
- Accountability human responsibility for AI decisions outcomes
- Privacy respect and protect privacy rights of consumer data
- Risk approach targeted risk identification and assessment

### Strategy

· Align current vision, strategy and operating models for AI solutions

### **Controls**

· Self-assessment, RACI, risk scoring



Governance

Regulatory compliance

Policies/standards

- · Develop policies that govern the use of AI throughout the organization with clearly defined roles and responsibilities
- · Standards defined by NIST, ISO, OECD SR11-7



confidential data

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# Using the Al lifecycle to responsibly control Al

By understanding what risks are relative to phases in the Al lifecycle, we can successfully mitigate Al risk by identifying the right risks at the right time. Additional factors that will influence risks include the goal and use of the Al system, learning types used, and the data that is being used.



	1. Strategy and design	<ol><li>Data gathering and exploration</li></ol>	3. Modeling	4. Evaluation	5. Deployment	6. Optimization
Data integrity	X	X	X	X		
Statistical validity	Х	Х				
Resiliency and reliability					х	X
Fairness	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Model accuracy				Χ	Χ	X
Transparency	Х	Х	X	Х	Х	Х
Explainability	Х	Х	X	Χ	Χ	Χ
Regulatory compliance	X	х	×	х	х	x



# 04 Navigating Alassurance



# Technology risk universe





# How do we get started with Al auditing?



# **W** Overall strategy for Al

- Internal auditors should begin by researching and gathering relevant information regarding the potential use of Al under review from multiple internal and external sources.
- Collaborate with management in reviewing an inventory to capture which AI is being utilized (or planned for future use).
- Start the process of understanding what Al governance is in place.



## How is Al being used?

- Internal auditors should have a discussion with the Al/data science/IT/Risk team. That discussion should include asking them to explain which Al/algorithms have been deployed, including their function, sources of data used, use, limitations, risks and ethical implications.
- Internal auditors should also begin to understand what existing controls are in place to help manage the risks posed by Al.
- Gaining a preliminary understanding of the design of the controls used to manage Al-related risk is an important step that can be performed in concert with these initial discussions.

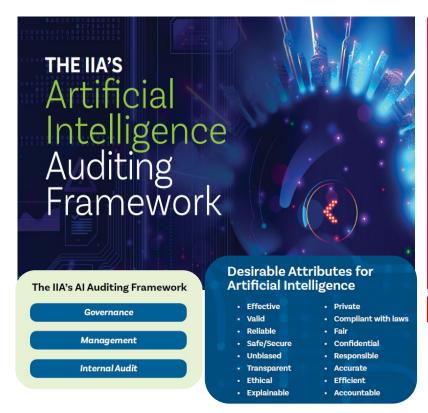


# Data and cybersecurity

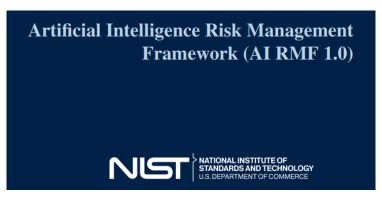
- Internal auditors should determine what organizational data is being used within any given Al application and how that data is managed.
- Understand user access and who can edit or make changes to data. Manipulating data sets from an input standpoint can impact the downstream output of Al.
- Internal auditors need to determine where Alreliant data is stored (internally, externally, or both) and consider what cybersecurity controls are in place.
- Internal auditors must always consider the risks related to third (and fourth) party transactions.



# **Al auditing**









# Al auditing to support Trusted Al





### Risk management

### Data

### Al management

### Cybersecurity

- evaluating how well the organization is managing Al operations (direct, manage, and monitor), and
- whether the organization's Al strategic goals and objectives are being achieved in a manner that is consistent with established values.

The importance of identifying Al risks related to security, integrity, privacy and confidentiality of data. and addressing these concerns should be a focus as the organization executes Al projects.

**Determining what** organizational data is being used within any given Al application and how that data is managed is critical.

Involves comprehensive and responsible management of Al systems throughout their entire **life cycle** — from development to deployment, operation and maintenance.

Cybersecurity must also be considered as it relates to restricting unauthorized users from accessing data and safeguarding privacy, confidentiality, and protection of data.

# Internal audit

- Governance and strategy
- Ethical Al governance and accountability

- Asset management
- Risk management

- Al data privacy and rights
- Data protection
- User privacy, engagement and protection

- Al life cycle management
- · Al model governance
- Al bias mitigation & fairness
- Al operations
- Legal, regulatory and Al-prohibited use cases
- External components and supply chain governance
- Human-Al interaction and experience
- Training and awareness

- Al ecosystem security
- Identity and access management
- Secure systems design and development
- Adversarial defense and robustness
- Incident management
- Business continuity



# **Our Trusted Al thought leadership**

Staying up-to-date on all things Trusted AI is no small feat, that is why we've collected some of our top global thought leadership pieces around AI for you.

























As Al continues to evolve rapidly, organizations have a responsibility to design, develop, and deploy it in a responsible and ethical manner, ensuring its use inspires trust and confidence.

As the GRC landscape continues to evolve, Al is emerging as a key driver in transforming how organizations manage risk, ensure compliance, and uphold governance standards with skilled professionals empowered to use Al responsibly and ethically.

Building trust in Al requires effective governance, which includes clear accountability and ongoing monitoring.

Al auditing ensures trusted Al by reviewing the overall Al strategy, understanding its usage, and assessing data integrity and cybersecurity risks using established best practices.



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