

Use of data, technology, and AI tools for enhanced accountability

Round table session organised on the 1st of May 2025 by the accountability mechanisms of the EIB Group, ADB, and IDB, with the collaboration of Samer Araabi (Accountability Counsel), Wee Meng Chuan (SIMC) and Ildiko Almasi Simsic (E&S Solutions)

70+ participants from MDBs, IAMs, academic, corporate and public sector



Vasco Amaral Cunha, Head of the EIB Group Complaints Mechanism, introduced the session, highlighting that it was an opportunity to learn from experts, share experiences amongst IAMs, and, most importantly, collaborate on solutions that align technological capabilities with human-centred values.

Samer Araabi (Accountability Counsel) presented different technologies to improve project/complaints management, including large language models, satellite mapping and AI tools.

Wee Meng Chuan (<u>SIMC Singapore</u>) presented an AI-powered tool for mediation that can be applied to dispute resolutions, ensuring accurate and secure information management.



Both presenters highlighted that AI should be considered as a **complementary tool, and not as a solution**.

Ildiko Almasi Simsic (<u>E&S Solutions</u>) provided a brief presentation of her AI tools for environmental and social performance.

Participants to the discussions organised around three round tables explored strategies to **extend Al's benefits to developing regions**, ensuring inclusivity rather than reinforcing biases. Cases of **unequal power dynamics between stakeholders**, including communities that are based on oral cultures or with limited digital access, were discussed.



Participants agreed that **AI can enhance accountability** by streamlining complex processes, improving data review and organization and enabling more efficient monitoring. Discussions however underscored **ethical concerns about training data used for AI applications**, and the need to keep human oversight in preventing misinformation and misuse.

Institutional challenges also emerged as a hurdle, requiring internal buy-in and alignment within our respective institutions for effective use and implementation. Investments and trainings are needed and should percolate down to each user of AI tools.

Andrea Repetto Vargas, Director of the Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism (MICI) of the IDB Group **closed the session** by summarizing the main highlights of the discussions and presentations.