Lambert Hogenhout

Speaker Bio

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SHORT BIO (50 words)

Lambert Hogenhout is Chief of Data and AI at the United Nations. He speaks on sovereign AI, the future of work, organizations and human flourishing.

PROGRAM BIO (100 words)

Lambert Hogenhout is Chief of Data and AI at the United Nations Secretariat. He co-chaired the committees behind the UN's Data Privacy Principles and its Ethical AI Principles. A speaker at leading international conferences, he examines what AI does to work, to skills, to the shape of organizations and to human agency. He speaks on the need for sovereign AI, at national and enterprise level. He is the author of Data Privacy Across Borders, an International Fellow at HEC Montréal, and holds an MSc in AI from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

FULL BIO (250 words)

Lambert Hogenhout is Chief of Data and AI at the United Nations, where he chaired the committees that wrote the UN's Data Privacy Principles and its Ethical AI Principles, built the Secretariat's AI governance framework and risk-assessment methodology, and founded both an AI lab and a Data and AI Academy that has brought AI literacy to UN staff worldwide. He speaks on sovereign AI: who owns the models, the data and the compute a society depends on, and what it costs to get that question wrong.

On stage, Lambert connects the geopolitics of AI to the things people feel personally — what work is left, which skills hold their value, how organizations change shape when humans and AI agents share the org chart, and whether any of it makes us better off. He is direct about where the technology is genuinely transformative and where the hype is doing the talking.

He is the author of Data Privacy Across Borders and of research on alignment in multi-agent systems, biometric privacy, and youth and AI. He is an International Fellow at HEC Montréal's Institute of Economic Diplomacy and a member of the SPARK AI consortium at UC San Diego. He holds an MSc in Computer Science, specializing in AI, from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, speaks six languages, and writes fiction and screenplays on the side.

STAGE INTRODUCTION (to be read aloud)

Our next speaker governs data and AI at the United Nations, and has spent 25 years where technology meets policy — writing the UN's privacy and ethical AI principles, and researching technology for human flourishing. He is here to talk about what all of this means for us. Please welcome Lambert Hogenhout.