

# IMPACTS OF DIGITAL ACTIVITIES



**Right to privacy**



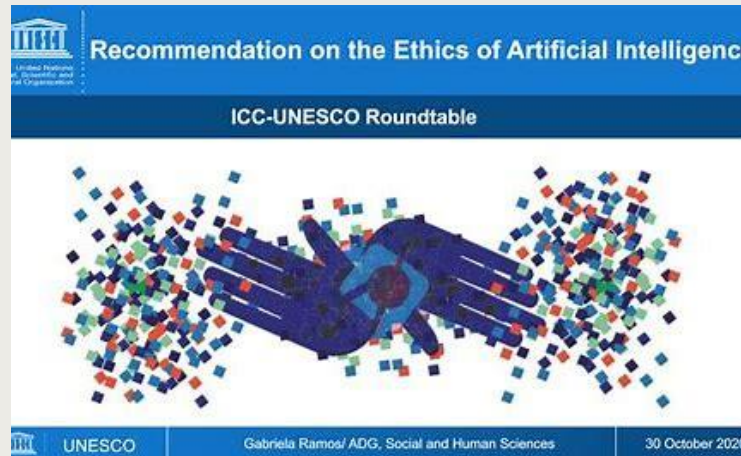
**Freedom of expression**



**Equality and non-discrimination**

...but also many, many other impacts

# POLICY DEVELOPMENTS



**International frameworks and guidance**



**Regional initiatives and policy developments (EU, US, AU other)**



**National level – data protection authorities, AI authorities, consumer protection**

# **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, IA AND JUST TRANSITION**

## **Digital Technologies in Just transition**

- solar and wind forecasting
- power system frequency analysis and control
- more...

## **Digital technologies and IA**

- Data processing
- Surveys
- more ...

# CHALLENGES RELATED TO HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES



**Lack of geographical boundaries**



**Stakeholder engagement**



**Assessment triggers/timing**



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INTRODUCTION



## HRIA of ‘digital activities’

- Guidance published in 2020
- Need for guidance – expectations and demands on impact assessments regarding tech
- Developed based on previous experience
- Engagement with actors in the digital space – business, consultants, academics, civil society
- Considering the realities of the digital ecosystem – need for adaptation(!)
- Emphasis on **stakeholder engagement** and **local context**



# Key criteria of HRIA

## Process criteria

- Participation
- Non-discrimination
- Empowerment
- Transparency
- Accountability

## Content criteria

- Benchmark = human rights
- Scope of impacts
- Assessing impact severity
- Impact mitigation measures
- Access to remedy