

AI Summit Conclusion: Walbrook AI Accord

Representatives of the global Quality Infrastructure (QI), gathered at Mansion House in the City of London, collectively recognised the transformative power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its potential to contribute positively to society, industry, and government. At the same time, it was acknowledged that as AI becomes more advanced, there are legitimate and widespread concerns about bias, transparency, accountability, and safety.

QI represents a global system of assurance, establishing safeguards to confirm that products and services are safe, secure, and sustainable. This scalable system combines risk-based assurance with continuous improvement feedback loops and integrates open consensus-based standards with accredited conformity assessment (testing, inspection, and certification), metrology, and market surveillance.

In response to calls from regulators, policymakers, AI developers, business and society, QI can deliver a rigorous assurance system for ethical AI deployment, helping enterprises demonstrate that their AI is safe, compliant, and aligned with societal values.

Acknowledging the critical role of QI, summit participants recognised the benefits of developing a “Walbrook AI Accord,” to support global efforts of QI partners toward ensuring AI technologies are developed, deployed, and utilised in a manner that is safe, secure, ethical, and sustainable.

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Next Steps:

- Work with QI Partners to build consensus on Accord and focus areas
- TIC Council Summit 2024 - 14th May in Brussels
- Accord will be signed by UKAS and TIC Council on the 14th May
- Accord in open, inclusive and transparent. It is informal and voluntary and will focus on building concrete outcomes within the TIC Sector using QI Partners



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