

2026 IAI²O GLOBAL FINAL

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026		
DATE/TIME	PROGRAM	LOCATION
8:00–10:00 PM	2026 IAI ² O Global Final Participant Registration	Royal Sonesta Boston
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026		
DATE/TIME	PROGRAM	LOCATION
9:00–10:30 AM	2026 IAI ² O Global Final Participant Registration	Royal Sonesta Boston
10:45–12:00 PM	Special MIT Admissions Information Session for IAI ² O Global Finalists	Venue: Welcome Center Auditorium Address: 292 Main Street, Building E38, Cambridge
12:00–12:30 PM	Official Group Photo - MIT	MIT Great Dome & Killian Court
12:30–1:45 PM	Lunch & Transition to Harvard Campus	
1:45–4:00 PM	Global Youth AI Leadership Forum	Venue: Gutman Conference Center, Room E1, at Harvard Graduate School of Education Address: 6 Appian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138
	Keynote Address - Prof. Zhurun (Judy) Ji	
	Featured Scientific Address - Prof. Wim M. van Rees	
	Featured Address - Diana “Nyamekye” Wilson	
	Featured Address - Bakare Mubarak	
	Youth Representative Speeches - Voices of the Next Generation	
	Inaugural IAI ² O Global Youth Council - Founding Members Announcement	
	2027 AI for Good Innovation Call - Selection Opportunity	
4:30–7:30 PM	AI for Business - Global Final Competition	Venue: Gutman Conference Center, Room E1, at Harvard Graduate School of Education Address: 6 Appian Way, Cambridge, MA 02138
4:30–7:30 PM	Team media Interviews & Official Event Recording	
6:00–10:00 PM	Evening Registration	Royal Sonesta Boston
Evening	AI for Science - Exhibition Setup	Royal Sonesta Boston Riverfront / Parkview, East Tower, Level 2
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026		
DATE/TIME	PROGRAM	LOCATION
8:45–10:00 AM	Judge Registration	Royal Sonesta Boston
8:45–10:15 AM	2026 IAI ² O Global Final Opening Ceremony	Royal Sonesta Boston Charlis Suites, East Tower, Level 2
	Featured Scientist Address - Prof. Mingda Li	
	Competition Chair Address - Prof. Guanzhou Ji	
	Global Final Competition Briefing & Instructions	
	Official Group Photo - 2026 IAI ² O Global Final	
10:15 AM–5:30 PM	2026 IAI ² O Global Final Competitions	Royal Sonesta Boston
	AI for Business - Global Final Competition	Judge Room 1 - Somerset, East Tower, Level 2 Judge Room 2 - Charlis A, East Tower, Level 2
	AI for Science - Global Final Competition	Riverfront / Parkview, East Tower, Level 2
	AI Innovation Challenge - Global Final Competition	University B&C, East Tower, Lobby Level
During Competition Hours	Team media Interviews & Official Event Recording	Royal Sonesta Boston Charlis B, East Tower, Level 2
5:30–6:30 PM	AI for Science - Public Exhibition & Viewing	Royal Sonesta Boston Riverfront / Parkview, East Tower, Level 2
After 6:30 PM	AI for Science - Exhibit Breakdown	Riverfront / Parkview, East Tower, Level 2
7:00–9:30 PM	2026 IAI ² O Global Final Dinner	Royal Sonesta Boston Charlis Suites, East Tower, Level 2
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026		
DATE/TIME	PROGRAM	LOCATION
8:45–9:05 AM		
9:05–9:15 AM	Closing Keynote Address - Prof. Vipin Kumar	Venue: Kresge Auditorium (MIT Building W16) Address: 48 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139
9:15–9:25 AM	Featured Scientific Address - Prof. Haribabu Arthanari	
9:25–9:32 AM	MIT AI Alignment Address - Anna Krolik	
9:32–9:40 AM	Global Youth & Sustainable Development Address - Brighton Kaoma	
9:40–9:45 AM	Girls in AI Celebration Address - Diana “Nyamekye” Wilson	
9:45 AM–12:50 PM	Global Girls in AI Challenge 2027 - Official Launch	
	2026 IAI ² O Global Final Awards Ceremony	
1:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Official Conclusion	
	Program Concludes	

Note: The two newly added closing addresses are currently placed before the 9:45 AM Awards Ceremony; exact speaking durations can be adjusted without changing the speaker list.

