

# SANDBOX SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

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## PROGRAM

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DAY 1	13 July 2026 - INTRODUCTION TO SANDBOX
8:00	<b>Breakfast</b> (Coffee + Snacks)
9:00	<b>Welcome to the Sandbox Summer School</b> Lorrayne Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative
9:30	<b>Participants Soapbox</b> Mariana Rozo-Paz, Policy, Research and Project Management Lead, Datasphere Initiative
10:30	<b>Crash course on Sandboxes: What is a sandbox? Sandboxes for what?</b> Lorrayne Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative
12:30	<b>Lunch break</b> Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
14:00	<b>When to sandbox?</b> Thiago Moraes, Researcher, Vrije Universiteit Brussel Morine Amutorine, Africa Sandboxes Forum Lead, Datasphere Initiative
15:00	<b>Prototype activity 1: The sandbox dilemma(s)</b> Maria Marinho, Director of Research, Datasphere Initiative
16:30	<b>Wrap up of day 1</b> Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks <i>Pro-tip: Visit the Tower of Belém and try the Pastéis de Belém</i>
19:00	<b>Welcome dinner</b>

DAY 2	14 July 2026 - SANDBOXES IN ACTION (PART 1)
8:00	<b>Breakfast</b> (Coffee + Snacks)
9:00	<b>Sandboxes in the financial sector</b> Simran Singh, Technical Specialist - AI Lab/Sandbox, UK Financial Conduct Authority David Tighe, Innovation Strategy Manager, Innovation Sandbox Program, Central Bank of

<sup>1</sup> Note: Speakers listed are invited speakers.

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<b>10:15</b>	<b>Sandboxes for AI</b> Natalie Cohen, Head of the Regulatory Policy for Global Challenges Unit, OECD Chein Inn Lee, Deputy Director, IMDA Singapore Daniel Ospina, Advisor, Superintendency of Industry and Commerce - AI Sandbox, Colombia
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Sandboxes for health</b> Hannah Bowden, Programme Delivery Lead, UK AI Airlock Natasha Motsi, Technical Programme Manager, UK AI Airlock Setiaji Setiaji, Chief of Digital Transformation Office, Ministry of Health Indonesia
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b> Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Operational sandboxes</b> Jonathan Middleton, Director, NayaOne JB Norcott, Senior Lead, Sandbox AQ
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Prototype activity 2: "Solving Your Sandbox Problem"</b> Sophie Tomlinson, Director of Programs, Datasphere Initiative Mariana Rozo-Paz, Policy, Research and Project Management Lead, Datasphere Initiative
<b>16:30</b>	<b>Wrap up of day 2</b> Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks
<b>18:30</b>	<b>Walking tour of Lisbon</b>

<b>DAY 3      15 July 2026 - STEP-BY-STEP OF A SANDBOX</b>	
8:00	<i>Breakfast (Coffee + Snacks)</i>
9:00	<b>Sandboxes for Digital Public Infrastructure</b> Lorrayne Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative
10:00	<b>Sandbox Initiation &amp; Planning</b> Mariana Rozo-Paz, Policy, Research and Project Management Lead, Datasphere Initiative Maria Marinho, Director of Research, Datasphere Initiative Ameera Abdullah Said Al Busaidi, Director General of Oman Logistic Center, MTCIT Oman Jonathan Middleton, Director, NayaOne
11:00	<b>Sandbox Communication &amp; Engagement</b> Thiago Moraes, PhD Candidate, Vrije Universiteit Brussel Maíra Carvalho, Communications Lead, Datasphere Initiative

12:30	<b>Lunch break</b> Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
13:30	<b>Sandbox Implementation</b> Lorraine Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative Chein Inn Lee, Deputy Director, IMDA Singapore
14:30	<b>Sandbox Exit &amp; Evaluation</b> Sophie Tomlinson, Director of Programs, Datasphere Initiative Natasha Motsi, Technical Programme Manager, UK AI Airlock
15:30	<b>Prototype activity 3: The sandbox design lab</b> Maria Marinho, Director of Research, Datasphere Initiative) Mariana Roza-Paz, Policy, Research and Project Management Lead, Datasphere Initiative
16:30	<b>Wrap up of day 4</b> Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks
19:00	<b>Datasphere's surprise (fun) night!</b>

<b>DAY 4      16 July 2026 - SANDBOXES IN ACTION (PART 2)</b>	
8:00	<i>Breakfast (Coffee + Snacks)</i>
9:00	<b>Sandboxes and the private sector</b> Norberto de Andrade, Professor and Academic Director, IE Law School Sam Jungyun Choi, Associate, Covington & Burling LLP Dr. Jochen Papenbrock, EMEA Head of Financial Tech, NVIDIA
10:30	<b>Sandboxes and the European Union</b> Antonino Rotolo, Coordinator, EUSAiR Marjorie Menapace, Deputy Head, French National Commission for Information Technology and Civil Liberties - CNIL Alany Reyes Pichardo, Senior AI Supervisor, Dutch Data Protection Authority
12:00	<b>Sandboxes for Cross-Border Collaboration</b> Soren Vester Haldrup, Lead - Financial Integrity, UNDP Jochen Vermeulen, Aggregation Systems Manager, Europeana Fola Adeleke, Executive Director, Global Center on AI Governance
12:30	<b>Lunch break</b> Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
14:00	<b>Prototype activity 4: "In the Sandbox Together Co-creation"</b>

	Sophie Tomlinson, Director of Programs, Datasphere Initiative Mariana Rozo-Paz, Policy, Research and Project Management Lead, Datasphere Initiative
16:30	<b>Wrap up of day 3</b> Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks

<b>DAY 5      17 July 2026 - Module 4: Sandbox Lab</b>	
8:00	<i>Breakfast (Coffee + Snacks)</i>
9:00	<b>Prototype activity 5: “The Sandbox Experience” Simulation</b> Maria Marinho, Director of Research, Datasphere Initiative Mariana Rozo-Paz, Policy, Research and Project Management Lead, Datasphere Initiative
12:30	<b>Lunch break</b> Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
14:00	<b>The Sandbox Circle</b> Sophie Tomlinson, Director of Programs, Datasphere Initiative Morine Amutorine, Africa Sandboxes Forum lead, Datasphere Initiative
16:30	<b>Sandbox Summer School Closing</b> Lorraine Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative Miguel Piores Maduro, Dean, Universidade Católica de Portugal Delivery of certificates to participants that have concluded the course.
17:30	<b>Wrap up of day 5</b> <i>Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks</i>
19:00	<b>Closing dinner</b>