

SANDBOX SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

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DAY 1	13 July 2026
8:00	Breakfast (Coffee + Snacks)
9:00	Welcome to the Sandbox Summer School Lorraine Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative
9:30	Participants Soapbox Mariana Rozo-Paz, Policy, Research and Project Management Lead, Datasphere Initiative
10:30	Crash course on Sandboxes: What is a sandbox? Sandboxes for what? Lorraine Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative
11:30	When to sandbox? Thiago Moraes, Researcher, Vrije Universiteit Brussel Morine Amutorine, Africa Sandboxes Forum Lead, Datasphere Initiative
12:30	Lunch break Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
14:30	Sandbox Initiation & Planning Mariana Rozo-Paz, Policy, Research and Project Management Lead, Datasphere Initiative Maria Marinho, Director of Research, Datasphere Initiative Jonathan Middleton, Director, NayaOne
15:30	Prototype activity 1: Your sandbox “why” Maria Marinho, Director of Research, Datasphere Initiative
17:00	Wrap up of day 1 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>
19:30	Welcome dinner

¹ Note: Speakers listed are invited speakers.

DAY 2	14 July 2026
8:00	Breakfast (Coffee + Snacks)
9:00	Sandbox Communication & Engagement Maíra Carvalho, Communications Lead, Datasphere Initiative
10:15	Prototype activity 2: Your sandbox “who” Thiago Moraes, Senior Fellow, Datasphere Initiative Mariana Rozo-Paz, Policy, Research and Project Management Lead, Datasphere Initiative
12:30	Lunch break Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
14:30	Operational sandboxes Lorraine Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative Jonathan Middleton, Director, NayaOne Patricio Urriola, Subsecretaría de Prevención del Delito / U. Alberto Hurtado (Chile)
15:30	Sandboxes in the financial sector Carole Donaghy, Innovation Programmes Manager, Central Bank of Ireland Simran Singh, Technical Specialist - AI Lab/Sandbox, UK Financial Conduct Authority Dr. Jungwook Kim, Executive Director, Korea Development Institute (KDI) Sophie Tomlinson, Director of Programs, Datasphere Initiative
17:00	Wrap up of day 2 Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks
19:00	Optional walking tour of Lisbon

DAY 3	15 July 2026
8:00	Breakfast (Coffee + Snacks)
9:00	Sandbox Implementation Lorraine Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative Chein Inn Lee, Deputy Director, IMDA Singapore Dr. Jungwook Kim, Executive Director, Korea Development Institute (KDI)
10:00	Sandbox Exit & Evaluation Sophie Tomlinson, Director of Programs, Datasphere Initiative Natasha Motsi, Technical Programme Manager, UK AI Airlock
11:00	Prototype activity 3: Your sandbox pitch

	Nicholas Field, Datasphere Initiative Maíra Carvalho, Datasphere Initiative
12:30	Lunch break Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
14:30	Sandboxes for AI 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 Mariana Rozo-Paz, Policy, Research and Project Management Lead, Datasphere Initiative
15:30	Sandboxes and the European Union Alany Reyes Pichardo, Senior AI Supervisor, Dutch Data Protection Authority Thiago Moraes, Researcher, Vrije Universiteit Brussel Sam Jungyun Choi, Associate, Covington & Burling LLP Sophie Tomlinson, Director of Programs, Datasphere Initiative
16:30	Sandboxes for Cross-Border Collaboration Morine Amutorine, Africa Sandboxes Forum lead, Datasphere Initiative Soren Vester Haldrup, Lead - Financial Integrity, UNDP Jochen Vermeulen, Aggregation Systems Manager, Europeana Fola Adeleke, Executive Director, Global Center on AI Governance
17:30	Wrap up of day 3 Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks

DAY 4 16 July 2026 - SANDBOXES IN ACTION (PART 2)	
8:00	<i>Breakfast (Coffee + Snacks)</i>
9:00	Sandboxes for health 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 Sophie Tomlinson, Deputy Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative
10:00	Sandboxes for Infrastructures Lorraine Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative Anthony Carmoy, Technical Director at the France Identité program for the European Digital Identity (EUDI) Wallet Juan Diego Loaiza, Senior Advisor, Colombian Communications Regulatory Commission Representative, Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency

11:30	Sandboxes and the private sector Sophie Tomlinson, Deputy Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative Norberto de Andrade, Professor and Academic Director, IE Law School Sam Jungyun Choi, Associate, Covington & Burling LLP
12:30	Lunch break Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
14:30	Prototype activity 4: The AI Lab Lorraine Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative
15:30	Break
15:45	Group Activity: Sandbox Circles Maria Marinho, Director of Research, Datasphere Initiative Morine Amutorine, Africa Sandboxes Forum lead, Datasphere Initiative
17:00	Wrap up of day 4 Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks
19:30	Datasphere's surprise (fun) night!

DAY 5 17 July 2026 - Module 4: Sandbox Lab	
9:00	Group activity: "In the Sandbox Together" Morine Amutorine, Africa Sandboxes Forum lead, Datasphere Initiative Mariana Rozo-Paz, Policy, Research and Project Management Lead, Datasphere Initiative
11:30	<i>Group Picture and Break (Coffee + Snacks)</i>
12:00	Prototype activity 5: Sandbox Stage Maria Marinho, Director of Research, Datasphere Initiative Mariana Rozo-Paz, Policy, Research and Project Management Lead, Datasphere Initiative <i>Delivery of certificates to participants that have concluded the course.</i>
13:40	Sandbox Summer School Closing Lorraine Porciuncula, Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative Miguel Poiares Maduro, Dean, Universidade Católica de Portugal
14:00	Closing Lunch