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Dear Dr Luthra,

I would like to thank you for your invitation regarding the virtual side event entitled "Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Clinical Medical and Surgical Practice", to be held on 6 May 2026 in the framework of the Science Technology and Innovation Forum 2026.

UNESCO welcomes this initiative, which resonates strongly with its programmatic areas of work in promoting the responsible, ethical, inclusive and human-centered development and application of AI, as reflected in the Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence, as well as in advancing Open Science to ensure that scientific knowledge, data and innovation are accessible, transparent and beneficial to all.

While pleased by your invitation, we regret that prior engagements prevent us from attending the side event as speaker on this occasion.

Wishing you every success for this endeavour, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



For Lidia Brito