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## ***Biographie***

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### ***Mehdi Snene***



Dr. Mehdi Snene is a science and tech specialist with a background in computing and neuroscience. He is focused on the intersections of data, Artificial Intelligence (AI), governance, ethics and social outcomes, particularly in public health. Dr. Snene has led the establishment and growth of multidisciplinary research and development teams, securing significant funding, and fostering collaborations with global entities like the World Health Organization, the United Nations, and the International Development Research Centre.

He is a senior advisor for AI and digital transformation to the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology in New York. He previously served as CEO and Chief AI Officer at I-DAIR, defining the strategic direction of AI initiatives, and in collaboration with the WHO and G20 Healthcare Expert Working Group, ensuring alignment of global healthcare goals via the global initiative on digital health (GIDH) and an AI-driven evidence mapping project. In collaboration with IDRC (Canada) he led the development of a Responsible AI toolkit for the development of an AI for health governance framework.

This work was preceded by tenure as Senior Advisor for Data and AI at the African Development Bank, where he played a pivotal role in shaping Africa's data strategy in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals. He has served as Technical

Director at the EPFL, on the development of the European brain simulation platform and other EU-supported machine learning and brain simulation technology.

He holds Dual PhD between the University of Geneva and the EPFL and a master's degree from Grenoble Polytechnic School.