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The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Promoting Economic Sustainability and Resilience

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Abstract:

The latest developments in artificial intelligence (AI) can transform most economic sectors, thereby improving both resilience and sustainability. Through improved efficiency in resource allocation, energy efficiency, and facilitating the creation of sustainable business models, AI is important for having an environmentally sustainable economy. Through machine learning, big data analytics, and automation, AI can minimize waste, lower carbon emissions, and enables economic models. Moreover, AI-based smart grids are able to predict energy demand and plan capacity better, which results in a more efficient use of the resources that we have.

Aside from environmental benefits, AI also enables economic resilience in the form of better financial stability, robust supply chains, and better crisis response capabilities. Predictive analytics enable businesses and policymakers to foresee market fluctuations and implement proactive interventions to mitigate potential economic downturns. AI-driven blockchain and automation technologies also improve supply chain agility, allowing for increased transparency and reduced risks of disruption. In the financial sector, AI risk management systems offer real-time data insights to enable informed decision-making and promote long-term stability.

Despite these advantages, AI incorporation into economic and environmental models has pitfalls like data privacy and ethical concerns, and the initial high cost of implementation. Algorithmic bias needs to be tackled with transparent regulatory frameworks that ensure fairness and accountability in AI usage. Continuous research and adaptive policymaking are required in the best use of AI while minimizing the associated risks.

This research stresses the profound influence of artificial intelligence on economic resilience and sustainability, underlining its potential to create a more sustainable global economic paradigm. Through the tactical implementation of AI technologies, countries

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can accelerate the shift towards more adaptive and ecologically sustainable economic paradigms that are more resilient to future crises and environmental constraints.

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1. Introduction

The fast evolution of artificial intelligence (AI) represents one of the most transformative technological shifts of the 21st century, with far-reaching implications for economic sustainability and resilience. As economies across the globe grapple with environmental degradation, resource scarcity, and heightened vulnerability to systemic shocks, the integration of AI into economic frameworks emerges as a potential catalyst for a paradigm shift towards more adaptive and sustainable models. The capacity of AI to process vast volumes of data, identify complex patterns, and facilitate real-time decision-making provides unprecedented opportunities to optimize resource allocation, enhance operational efficiency, and develop environmentally responsible business models.

From an environmental perspective, AI enables substantial improvements in sustainability through targeted interventions in energy management, waste reduction, and carbon footprint minimization. Advanced machine learning algorithms, in combination with big data analytics and automation, can support the transition to a low-carbon economy by forecasting energy demand, improving capacity planning, and enabling more effective integration of renewable energy sources into national grids. In doing so, AI does not merely improve efficiency but also helps restructure the foundations of economic activity to align with the imperatives of environmental stewardship.

The potential of AI to foster economic resilience is equally significant. In an era marked by increasing global interdependence and exposure to crises (whether economic, environmental, or geopolitical) AI technologies offer valuable tools for anticipating risks and managing uncertainty. Predictive analytics can identify emerging market fluctuations and inform proactive policy measures to avert or mitigate downturns. In the financial sector, AI-based risk management systems deliver real-time insights, enabling informed strategic decision-making and supporting long-term economic stability. Likewise, AI-driven blockchain systems and automation enhance the transparency, flexibility, and robustness of supply chains, ensuring continuity in the face of disruption.

Nevertheless, the incorporation of AI into economic systems is not without its challenges. Concerns regarding data privacy, algorithmic bias, and ethical governance necessitate the development of transparent and accountable regulatory frameworks. Moreover, the high initial cost of implementation, particularly in less developed economies, may exacerbate technological divides unless mitigated by targeted policy interventions and cooperative initiatives. Addressing these challenges requires a balanced approach that fosters innovation while safeguarding societal and environmental interests.

This study examines the multifaceted role of AI in promoting both economic sustainability and resilience, emphasizing its potential to support a transition towards adaptive, ecologically responsible, and crisis-resistant economic paradigms. Through an analysis of the technological mechanisms, policy considerations, and structural changes enabled by AI, the research aims to illuminate pathways for its effective and ethical integration into economic systems worldwide. In doing so, it underscores the necessity of

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continuous research, adaptive governance, and international cooperation in harnessing AI's transformative capacity for the benefit of both present and future generations.

2. Artificial Intelligence as a driver of economic sustainability

The integration of artificial intelligence into economic systems has demonstrated significant potential for enhancing resource allocation efficiency, particularly through energy efficiency optimization, waste and emissions reduction, and the facilitation of sustainable business models. AI's ability to process vast datasets, recognize patterns, and predict future scenarios allows for more precise management of resources in both production and consumption contexts. In energy efficiency optimization, AI-powered smart systems have achieved substantial reductions in energy use by dynamically adjusting operations based on real-time data. For example, the deployment of AI-driven heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) control systems in commercial buildings has led to measurable decreases in energy consumption and associated costs, as documented in empirical case studies (Olawade et al., 2024). In industrial and urban infrastructure contexts, predictive analytics within smart grid systems have been shown to reduce energy waste and carbon emissions by enabling more accurate forecasting of demand and improved capacity planning (Abonamah et al., 2025). Such systems support the transition to low-carbon energy networks while enhancing operational stability.

Beyond energy systems, AI plays a crucial role in minimizing waste and emissions across supply chains and manufacturing processes. Machine learning algorithms can identify inefficiencies in material usage, production scheduling, and logistics, leading to reduced raw material consumption and lower greenhouse gas outputs (Tuli et al., 2021). In cloud computing environments, AI-based holistic resource management models such as HUNTER optimize workload allocation to minimize thermal and cooling demands, achieving reductions in overall energy consumption and improving operational speed (Tuli et al., 2021).

These approaches illustrate that energy efficiency gains are not limited to physical infrastructure but also extend to digital resource management.

The facilitation of sustainable business models is another key area where AI contributes to resource allocation efficiency. AI-enabled circular economy strategies support product lifecycle tracking, predictive maintenance, and material recovery processes, thus extending product lifespans and improving recycling efficiency (Madanaguli et al., 2024). Research in this field has highlighted how AI capabilities can accelerate the adoption of circular business models by improving product traceability and optimizing reverse logistics operations. Energy-efficient AI architectures tailored for circular economy applications have been shown to reduce workflow energy consumption, enhance resource recovery efficiency, and significantly cut transportation-related emissions in case studies involving battery recycling and urban waste systems (Ranpara, 2025).

Finally, big data analytics and predictive modeling constitute essential tools for sustainable planning. AI-driven decision support systems can simulate multiple scenarios to identify optimal strategies that balance economic, environmental, and social objectives (Deveci et al., 2024). By integrating large-scale datasets from diverse sources, these systems allow businesses and policymakers to anticipate resource needs, avoid supply disruptions, and maximize efficiency gains. Collectively, these developments indicate that AI-based resource allocation efficiency measures are foundational to achieving both environmental sustainability and economic resilience.

Artificial intelligence has emerged as a pivotal enabler of sustainable business models, particularly through its capacity to integrate circular economy principles into operational and strategic decision-making. By leveraging real-time analytics, predictive capabilities, and autonomous control systems, AI supports a transition from linear production-consumption paradigms toward regenerative systems that optimize material use and extend product life cycles. The literature consistently highlights AI's role in enhancing traceability, optimizing resource flows, and enabling innovative service-based and sharing economy models that reduce overall environmental impact (Madanaguli, 2024).

In the context of circular economy approaches, AI facilitates closed-loop value chains by identifying optimal recovery strategies for end-of-life products and by supporting dynamic remanufacturing processes. Machine vision systems, for instance, can accurately classify and sort recyclable materials with higher precision than traditional mechanical methods, significantly improving recovery rates (Geissdoerfer et al., 2017). Furthermore, AI-driven optimization of reverse logistics reduces transportation distances, minimizes fuel consumption, and lowers associated emissions, thereby enhancing both environmental and economic performance (Ranpara, 2025). Such applications exemplify how AI technologies can operationalize the restorative and regenerative aspirations of circular economy frameworks.

Big data and predictive modeling further extend AI's contributions by enabling sustainability-oriented strategic planning. Predictive analytics can be employed to forecast market demand for sustainable products, anticipate raw material availability, and assess the long-term viability of specific business models under varying economic and environmental conditions (Deveci, 2024). These tools allow companies to evaluate multiple scenarios in which supply, demand, and regulatory contexts shift, thereby informing proactive adjustments to production schedules, sourcing strategies, and investment portfolios. By combining machine learning algorithms with environmental and economic indicators, AI-based systems can identify the most resource-efficient and resilient pathways for business operations (Abonamah, 2025).

The synergy between AI, sustainable business models, and predictive planning is particularly evident in industries undergoing rapid technological transformation. In renewable energy markets, for example, AI is used not only for operational optimization but also for business model innovation, enabling firms to design flexible pricing structures, predictive maintenance services, and energy-sharing platforms that align with sustainability goals (Olawade, 2024). Similarly, in manufacturing, AI supports the integration of eco-design principles into product development, ensuring that environmental considerations are embedded from the earliest stages of innovation.

Overall, the literature suggests that AI-driven sustainable business models are characterized by adaptability, resource efficiency, and systemic thinking. By embedding AI capabilities into circular economy strategies and long-term planning processes, firms and policymakers can align economic growth with environmental preservation, fostering a resilient and regenerative global economy.

3. Artificial Intelligence and economic resilience

3.1. Financial stability and risk management

Building on documented practice in large universal banks, artificial intelligence augments financial stability by improving the forecasting of tail risk and by informing capital and resource allocation policies in real time; a salient case is JPMorgan Chase,

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where AI-enabled advisory and risk tools helped advisers triage client flows and sustain sales growth during pronounced market volatility in April–May 2025, with management attributing a 20 percent year-over-year rise in gross sales to these systems and projecting substantial client growth as AI scales across wealth management (Reuters, 2025). Management reported a 20 percent year-over-year increase in gross sales for the asset and wealth management division, attributing much of this performance to AI’s predictive capabilities. The same systems also underpin fraud detection, trading optimization, and credit decision processes, with cost savings estimated at approximately USD 1.5 billion annually.

These outcomes can be formalized through a distribution-aware decision framework in which AI-generated forecasts feed into a tail-risk optimization model. Let r_{t+1} denote a financial outcome (e.g., portfolio return or revenue growth) and X_t the set of observed predictors (market factors, macroeconomic data, client interaction metrics). An AI model M estimates the conditional distribution:

$$F_t(\bullet) = P_r(r_{t+1} \leq \bullet | x_t)$$

Following standard risk management practice, define Value-at-Risk (VaR) and Conditional Value-at-Risk (CVaR) at a given confidence level α :

$$\text{VaR}_{\alpha,t} = \{ \inf\{q : F_t(q) \geq \alpha\} \}$$

$$\text{CVaR}_{\alpha,t} = E[r_{t+1} | r_{t+1} \leq \text{VaR}_{\alpha,t}]$$

Let $L_{t+1}(x)$ be the loss function associated with decision variables x (e.g., capital buffers, liquidity reserves, or advisory resource allocation). The decision problem can then be written as:

$$\min E_{F_t}[L_{t+1}(x)] + \lambda \text{CVaR}_{\alpha,t}(L_{t+1}(x))$$

subject to regulatory and budget constraints, such as:

$$K_t \geq k \cdot \text{VaR}_{\alpha,t}(L_{t+1})$$

where K_t is available capital and k a prudential multiplier.

Using the reformulation for CVaR, introduce an auxiliary variable ζ to obtain a tractable form:

$$\min \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{i=01}^N L_{t+1}^{(i)}(x) + \lambda \left(\zeta + \frac{1}{(1-\alpha)N} \sum_{i=01}^N L_{t+1}^{(i)}(x) - \zeta \right)$$

In this formulation, $L_{t+1}(x)$ are scenario-based losses generated from the AI model’s forecast distribution F_t , and $(u)^+ = \max(u, 0)$.

In the JPMorgan example, AI-enhanced forecasting reduces the estimation error in the lower tail of F_t . This has two main effects: first when the model signals elevated tail risk, the optimizer increases K_t and reallocates advisory resources to vulnerable segments, enhancing resilience and second when risk is forecasted to be moderate with higher confidence, the optimizer can maintain stability with smaller buffers, freeing capacity for client acquisition and investment. Over time, this mechanism enables the institution to preserve financial stability while also improving profitability, consistent with empirical findings on AI-enhanced VaR/CVaR forecasting (Chronopoulos et al., 2024; Gu et al., 2020) and supervisory research on big data in risk monitoring (Doerr et al., 2021).

3.2. Supply chain resilience

Artificial intelligence contributes to supply chain resilience by improving transparency, anticipating disruptions, and optimizing operational responses in real time. A prominent case is IBM’s deployment of its Watson Supply Chain platform for Lenovo,

a multinational technology company. Lenovo integrated AI-driven predictive analytics and natural language processing to monitor supplier performance, detect potential bottlenecks, and forecast disruption risks. This system allowed the company to re-route logistics and adjust production schedules proactively, reducing average response times to disruptions by more than 90 percent and significantly lowering inventory costs (IBM, 2020).

From a modeling perspective, supply chain resilience can be formulated as a stochastic optimization problem in which AI provides the probability distributions of potential disruptions. Let x represent the vector of decision variables (e.g., supplier selection, inventory levels, transportation modes), and let c_i be the cost per unit for supplier or route i . AI generates an estimated disruption probability p_i for each i , based on features such as geopolitical risk indicators, weather forecasts, and supplier financial health scores. The basic cost minimization with disruption risk can be expressed as:

$$\min \sum_i c_i x_i + \gamma \sum_i p_i L_i(x_i)$$

subject to:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i x_i &\geq D \\ x_i &\geq 0 \quad \forall i \end{aligned}$$

Here:

- $L_i(x_i)$ is the expected loss if supplier or route i is disrupted.
- D is the required demand fulfillment level.
- γ is a parameter capturing the decision-maker's aversion to disruption risk.

A more resilience-focused formulation introduces a service level constraint:

$$P\left(\sum_i (1 - z_i)x_i \geq D\right) \geq \alpha$$

where Z_i is a Bernoulli random variable indicating disruption for supplier i (with probability p_i), and α is the target probability of meeting demand despite disruptions. AI plays two roles in this formulation:

- Estimation of p_i – by processing diverse data sources, AI provides updated and more accurate disruption probabilities.
- Scenario generation – AI simulates realistic disruption patterns for use in robust or stochastic optimization algorithms.

In the Lenovo case, Watson's AI module continuously updated p_i based on real-time data and automatically suggested contingency plans, effectively reducing both $L_i(x_i)$ and the variance of outcomes. This proactive approach enhanced resilience while maintaining cost efficiency, exemplifying how AI-driven probability estimation feeds into quantitative decision-making for robust supply chain performance (IBM, 2020; Ivanov & Dolgui, 2020).

3.3. Crisis response and adaptive economic systems

The capacity of artificial intelligence to enhance crisis response and support adaptive economic systems has become increasingly evident over the past decade, as societies face a rising frequency of disruptive events, ranging from pandemics and natural

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disasters to geopolitical conflicts and cyberattacks. A particularly illustrative example is South Korea's integration of AI-driven analytics into its COVID-19 management strategy between early 2020 and 2021. Unlike many countries that relied primarily on manual tracing and reactive policymaking, South Korea embedded AI tools into a broader "Smart Quarantine" framework, combining epidemiological modeling, mobility tracking, and predictive logistics.

The system aggregated diverse datasets in real time (telecommunications records, credit card transactions, CCTV footage, and hospital admission logs) allowing AI algorithms to rapidly identify potential infection chains and forecast outbreak hotspots. This process reduced the average contact tracing time from approximately 24 hours to under 10 minutes (Park et al., 2021), enabling authorities to isolate clusters before they expanded. Crucially, AI was not merely used for epidemiological purposes; it also guided economic and logistical decisions. For instance, predictive models informed the allocation of testing kits, ventilators, and hospital beds to regions forecasted to face surges in demand. By anticipating where medical shortages were likely to occur, policymakers could avoid the bottlenecks and regional inequalities in healthcare provision that were observed in many other countries during the pandemic's early waves.

From an economic resilience perspective, this rapid and data-driven crisis response had tangible effects. By containing outbreaks more efficiently, South Korea avoided prolonged nationwide lockdowns, allowing a greater portion of the economy to remain operational. While countries without such adaptive systems saw severe contractions in GDP and surges in unemployment, South Korea maintained relatively stable industrial output and experienced a comparatively quick economic rebound (Lee et al., 2020). For example, manufacturing plants could continue operations under targeted quarantine measures, supported by AI-enhanced health screening and workforce management tools. This approach demonstrated that public health protection and economic stability need not be mutually exclusive if supported by intelligent, adaptive systems.

The South Korean case underscores several broader lessons for the role of AI in fostering adaptive economic systems. First, predictive and integrative capabilities are central to moving from reactive to proactive crisis management. Instead of waiting for disruptions to manifest fully, AI can flag early warning indicators and provide decision-makers with actionable scenarios. Second, interoperability between AI tools and existing governance structures is essential. South Korea's success was not solely due to technology, but to its seamless integration with public health agencies, local governments, and private-sector partners. Third, adaptive systems benefit from cumulative learning. With each crisis, AI models become more robust as they are trained on larger and more diverse datasets, thereby improving their predictive accuracy and operational value.

However, this case also raises important ethical and governance questions. The use of personal mobility and financial data in AI models sparked debates about privacy and civil liberties, illustrating that resilience-enhancing technologies must be balanced with strong safeguards for individual rights. Furthermore, reliance on advanced AI infrastructure could exacerbate inequalities between countries with differing technological capacities, unless international cooperation facilitates the sharing of both tools and expertise.

Ultimately, the South Korean experience demonstrates that AI can serve as a strategic asset in crisis response, enabling faster decision-making, better allocation of scarce resources, and a more controlled economic environment during systemic shocks. When embedded within an adaptive economic framework, such capabilities can transform the resilience of

both public health and economic systems, ensuring that societies can recover more quickly and sustain long-term stability even in the face of recurring global challenges.

4. Challenges, risks, and ethical considerations

While artificial intelligence offers significant opportunities for fostering economic sustainability and resilience, its integration into economic and environmental systems presents a range of challenges that cannot be overlooked. These challenges are multifaceted, encompassing legal, ethical, technical, and socio-economic dimensions, and addressing them effectively is essential for ensuring that AI becomes a long-term driver of inclusive and sustainable growth.

One of the most pressing concerns relates to the development of adequate legal and regulatory frameworks. The speed at which AI technologies evolve often outpaces the ability of legislators and regulators to establish rules that safeguard transparency, accountability, and fairness. As Spulbar (2025) argues, the digital economy requires adaptive legal frameworks that can address both the opportunities and the risks associated with AI-driven markets. This includes not only protecting consumers and businesses from unfair practices, but also ensuring that AI systems used in economic decision-making adhere to ethical standards and are free from discriminatory biases. The difficulty lies in crafting regulations that are robust enough to prevent misuse, yet flexible enough to avoid stifling innovation.

Algorithmic bias represents another significant risk, particularly when AI systems are trained on historical datasets that may contain embedded social or economic inequities. When left unchecked, such biases can perpetuate and even amplify disparities, undermining the very goals of sustainability and resilience. This issue is particularly concerning in financial services, where biased AI-driven credit scoring or lending models could lead to systemic exclusion of vulnerable groups. Addressing this challenge requires both technical solutions (such as algorithmic fairness metrics and bias mitigation techniques) and policy interventions to enforce transparency and accountability in AI deployment.

Data privacy and security are equally critical issues. The effective functioning of AI systems, especially in contexts such as smart grids, supply chain optimization, and crisis management, depends on access to vast amounts of sensitive data. Without strong safeguards, the risk of data breaches, misuse of personal information, and erosion of public trust becomes substantial. Mitrache et al., (2024) note that the widespread adoption of AI in business environments must be accompanied by rigorous data governance policies, emphasizing that innovation can only thrive if stakeholders feel confident in the protection of their information. This is particularly relevant for cross-border applications, where data may be subject to multiple and sometimes conflicting regulatory regimes.

The economic costs associated with AI adoption pose another barrier, especially in developing regions. The implementation of advanced AI infrastructure requires significant upfront investment in hardware, software, and skilled human resources. Without targeted policy measures such as subsidies, tax incentives, or public-private partnerships, the gap between technologically advanced economies and those with limited resources is likely to widen. In their study on regional resilience, Mitrache et al., (2024) stress that economic adaptability in the face of technological change depends heavily on the ability of regions to invest in both digital infrastructure and human capital. This suggests that addressing economic disparities in AI readiness is essential for ensuring that the benefits of AI-driven sustainability and resilience are equitably distributed.

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A further consideration lies in the social dimension of AI integration, particularly its impact on the workforce. While AI has the potential to increase productivity and create new employment opportunities, it also poses risks of job displacement and skills obsolescence. Spulbar and Mitrache (2025) emphasize the importance of fostering human–AI collaboration in the workplace, arguing that organizations should focus on designing hybrid systems in which AI augments human capabilities rather than replaces them. This requires comprehensive reskilling and upskilling programs, along with organizational strategies that encourage adaptability and continuous learning. Ensuring that workers can transition into new roles created by AI technologies is critical for maintaining economic and social stability during technological transformations.

There is the challenge of public perception and trust. Even the most technically robust AI systems will fail to achieve their intended impact if they lack legitimacy in the eyes of the public. Building trust requires transparency not only in how AI systems operate, but also in how decisions are made about their deployment. This includes clear communication of AI's benefits and limitations, open consultation with stakeholders, and visible mechanisms for redress in cases where AI-driven decisions cause harm. Public trust is especially important in the context of sustainability and resilience, where the adoption of AI often involves sensitive areas such as energy management, healthcare, and crisis response.

The integration of AI into strategies for economic sustainability and resilience cannot be separated from the parallel task of addressing its legal, ethical, and socio-economic challenges. Effective governance frameworks must balance innovation with accountability, bias mitigation with efficiency, and data utilization with privacy protection. Moreover, policies that support equitable access to AI technologies, workforce adaptation, and public trust will be essential to realizing the transformative potential of AI in building sustainable and resilient economic systems.

5. Conclusions

The evidence explored in this research shows that artificial intelligence is not merely an incremental improvement to existing economic processes but a transformative force with the potential to redefine how modern economies pursue both sustainability and resilience. By enhancing efficiency in resource allocation, optimizing energy systems, reducing waste, and facilitating new forms of sustainable business models, AI directly contributes to the transition towards more adaptive and environmentally responsible economic structures. Its applications in predictive analytics, financial stability, supply chain optimization, and crisis response illustrate its versatility and capacity to operate across multiple dimensions of economic life.

The case studies analyzed confirm that when AI is embedded strategically into operational and policy frameworks, it does more than improve performance; it reshapes the conditions under which stability and growth are possible. By anticipating risks, providing timely insights, and enabling precise allocation of resources, AI helps mitigate the impact of economic shocks and environmental pressures. In doing so, it supports continuity of services, sustains productivity, and shortens recovery times after crises. This capacity for proactive adaptation is at the core of resilient systems in an era marked by uncertainty and rapid change.

Yet, the findings also make clear that technological capacity alone is insufficient to guarantee these outcomes. Without deliberate attention to governance, ethics, and inclusion, the very same technologies that promise to enhance sustainability could deepen

inequalities, undermine trust, or entrench systemic biases. For AI to become a genuine enabler of long-term economic stability, its deployment must be aligned with transparent legal frameworks, strong safeguards for privacy and fairness, and policies that ensure access for both advanced and developing economies. Equally important is the human dimension: AI should be viewed not as a substitute for human decision-making, but as a collaborator that amplifies human capabilities while preserving the social fabric of employment and community resilience.

The path forward demands a coordinated effort between policymakers, private enterprises, and civil society. This involves sustained investment in digital infrastructure, education, and skills development; the creation of adaptive regulatory environments; and a commitment to cross-border cooperation in sharing best practices and technological resources. As global challenges grow in complexity (from climate change to geopolitical instability) AI's role as a catalyst for adaptive and sustainable solutions will only become more critical.

The question, therefore, is no longer whether artificial intelligence can be harnessed to build a resilient and sustainable future. The real question is whether we, as a global community, are prepared to guide its evolution with the vision, discipline, and shared purpose needed to realize the future we claim to desire.

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