

Joint Statement
Twelfth Global Summit of Research Institute Leaders
September 30, 2023

We, leaders from public research institutions around the world, held a global summit in connection with the STS *forum* in Kyoto to discuss the influence of disruptive technologies on our societies and institutes. This year, leaders of 25 institutes from around the world participated in the event.

The theme of our discussion was “Challenges facing research institutions from potentially disruptive technologies, in particular generative AI.” Following initial presentations, we discussed the effect that generative AI and other technologies are having on our institutions and societies, both positive and negative, shared experiences in our own introduction of such technologies, and talked about how public research institutions can come together to help our societies cope with such technologies given that they affect all humans and society, including through education and experience.

As leading research institutions, we recognize that AI will have an increasingly important role in research and research activities and management by providing new tools and technologies. We are aware that generative AI also poses threats and believe that we have a significant role to play in responding to such challenges. We will continue to work together and share information as appropriate in order to take advantage of the opportunities brought by generative AI, while making every effort to make sure they are trustworthy, reliable, and equitable.