

## Agenda

8.30 – 9.00 a.m. Registration and coffee

### WELCOMING REMARKS

9.00 – 9.10 a.m.

**Adrian Weller**, Turing Fellow, The Alan Turing Institute

**Alex Margot-Duclot**, Board member French Tech London

### KEYNOTE | A VISION OF AI IN FRANCE

9.10 – 9.30 a.m.

**Cédric Villani**, French MP, Fields Medal Winner

### KEYNOTE | A VISION OF AI IN THE UK

9.30 – 9.50 a.m.

**Jérôme Pesenti**, CEO of BenevolentTech

9.50 – 10.00 a.m. Refreshments

### INTERACTIVE PLENARY SESSION ONE | Creating a skilled AI workforce: towards a better academic and research ecosystem in France and the UK

10.00 – 10.50 a.m.

*France and the UK are facing the same challenges: improving the AI workforce pipeline and retaining the best talent. The British industrial strategy contains the following announcements: developing an industry-funded master's programme for AI, transforming the Alan Turing Institute in a national research centre and investing £45m to support additional PhDs in AI. With the Mission Villani, France is trying to develop new guidelines and to take advantage of its assets such as its excellence in mathematics. This session will seek to explore different streams of collaboration between the academic institutes and the private sector and between French and British universities.*

- **Jérôme Pesenti**, CEO of BenevolentTech
- **Dr David Barber**, Turing Fellow, The Alan Turing Institute, Reader in Computational Statistics and Machine Learning, UCL
- **Nozha Boujema**, Director of Research, INRIA
- **Guillaume Bouchard**, CEO of Bloomsbury AI, Honorary Senior Research Associate at UCL
- Chair: **Adrian Weller**, Turing Fellow, The Alan Turing Institute

10.50 – 11.00 a.m. Refreshments

### INTERACTIVE PLENARY SESSION TWO | Creating new business opportunities: overview and potential streams of collaboration between France and the UK

11.00 – 11.50 a.m.

*This session will give an overview of the business ecosystems in France and the UK: current uses of AI, key sectors, main applications, successful startups and high-value acquisitions. It will also introduce key French and British actors supporting AI businesses and the most efficient tools. This debate will aim to identify potential complementarities between the two markets and to foster new partnerships such as connecting AI startup programmes between the UK and France.*

- **Damien Gromier**, Director of France is AI
- **Sue Daley**, Head of programme | Cloud, data, analytics & AI, Tech UK
- **Lea Verdillon**, Associate, Serena Capital
- **Wendy Tan White**, Partner at BGF Ventures, Board of Tech City UK, Trustee of The Alan Turing Institute
- Chair: **Olivier Thereaux**, Head of Technology, Open Data Institute

### CLOSING REMARKS

11.50 – 12.00 a.m.