

## **“AGYA Summer School on Affordable AI” was a success**

International educational exchange on artificial intelligence at the University Hospital Bonn

**Bonn, 19.08.2024 — The AGYA Summer School on Affordable AI, which hosted by the Albarqouni Lab at the University Hospital Bonn (UKB), University of Bonn, and Helmholtz AI, in collaboration with the Arab German Young Academy, recently concluded, marking a significant achievement in international educational collaboration.**

“This year, we were proud to welcome a distinguished global delegation, including participants from diverse nations such as Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia, and beyond, highlighting the school's role in bridging the educational divide between the Global North and Global South,” says Prof. Dr. Shadi Albarqouni, head of the Albarqouni Lab at the Clinic for Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology of the UKB and the main organizer of the Summer School. The summer school hosted participation from 60 guests, including 35 students and several faculty members from renowned institutions worldwide, showcasing the tangible benefits of international educational exchanges.

Throughout the five-day program, participants were immersed in a comprehensive learning experience, engaging in a series of lectures and practical activities that covered the latest advancements in AI. Not only was theoretical knowledge imparted, but practical experience was also offered, including a real-life hackathon. The summer school aimed to cater to the specific needs of diverse global regions, focusing on making AI education accessible and relevant. Notably, the program encouraged participation from underrepresented groups, maintaining a strong commitment to diversity and inclusivity. In addition to the academic schedule, the summer school also facilitated cultural exchanges.

This initiative follows the successful model of the earlier EEDA Autumn School and continues to build on the foundation laid by the DAAD Ta'ziz Partnership Grant. The initiative was backed by the Arab-German Young Academy with funds from the Federal Ministry for Research and Education (BMBF). “The AGYA Summer School on Affordable AI has not only achieved the educational goals we set, but has also laid the foundations for future cooperation. This event stands as a beacon of international cooperation and academic excellence in the rapidly evolving field of artificial intelligence”, says Prof. Albarqouni