

Simulation Activity: Public Meeting on EcoTracc

The state government has proposed introducing "EcoTracc," an AI system, in a state park to monitor wildlife and assess climate change impacts. Public meetings are convened to discuss this proposal, attracting citizens with varied concerns and interests related to the project.

Roles

- **State Park Official:** Promotes EcoTracc, emphasizing its potential to enhance conservation efforts and monitor climate change impacts.
- **Eco-Conscious Citizen:** Supports AI in conservation but is concerned about the additional energy consumption required for AI operation and its paradoxical impact on climate change.
- **Neighbor:** Worried about the impact of visible AI technology (like drones or sensors) on the park's natural ambiance and visitor experience.
- **Technology Advocate:** Highlights the efficiency and advancements AI can bring to conservation, believing the benefits outweigh the energy consumption concerns.
- **Skeptical Citizen:** Questions the accuracy of AI and its potential to lead to misguided conservation efforts based on incorrect data or predictions.

Discussion Points

- AI and Conservation
 - How do you see the AI being used in the effort to help endangered animals?
 - What other concerns exist?
- Impact on Park Experience:
 - How will the AI use impact parkgoers' experience visiting the natural area?
 - What concerns do different people have?
- Reliability of AI in Nature Conservation:
 - In what ways will this effort impact people's lives?
 - What happens if AI predictions are inaccurate, or even cause harmful outcomes?
- Transparency and Energy Efficiency:
 - How do we make sure that AI use will only produce positive outcomes for people and animals?
 - How will we understand the suggestions put forward by the AI?