

## About D&A Live - January 2026

The data and analytics landscape in 2026 is evolving faster than ever. As enterprises race to operationalize AI and turn insight into real business impact, data leaders are facing new pressures — from tightening regulations to the rise of autonomous, agentic systems that act faster than humans.

**D&A Live – January 28, 2026,** brings together senior data, analytics, and AI executives from across North America to uncover what's truly driving progress — and what's holding it back. This one-day virtual event cuts through the noise to focus on practical strategies for scaling AI responsibly, leading through change, and building data-driven organizations that can adapt, comply, and compete.

## Key themes:

- Agentic AI & Autonomous Decision-Making
- Al Governance & Regulation
- Data Leadership & Strategy
- Real-Time Analytics & Cloud Agility
- Privacy-First AI
- Data Culture & Democratization

From insight to autonomy, **D&A Live 2026** sets the tone for the year ahead — where data leadership, trust, and innovation converge.

## Confirmed Speakers\*

Edgar Nunez, Chief Data Officer – COCA COLA FEMSA
Soumya Ghosh, SVP Head of Data Engineering, Architecture & Analytics – CITY NATIONAL BANK
Troy Howard, Vice President, Data Governance Manager – BANK OF AMERICA
Akhil Khunger, VP Quantitative Analytics – BARLCAYS
Erum Manzoor, Senior Vice President – CITI BANK
Bipin Chadha, Senior Vice President Data Science - CSAA
Gopal Renganathan, Senior Director, Data & Analytics – ANYWHERE REAL ESTATE INC.
Navneet Tyagi, Senior Software Engineer, FINANCE OF AMERICA
Shubhankar Shilpi, Software Engineering Director II – TRUIST BANKS

	D&A LIVE ONLINE JANUARY 28 <sup>TH</sup> 2026
13:00 EST	Corinium Welcoming and Opening Remarks
13:05 EST	The Future of Data & Al 2026: From Insight to Impact — Or Another Year of Overpromises?  • Why are so many enterprises still struggling to move beyond dashboards to true data-driven decision-
	<ul> <li>making?</li> <li>The ongoing challenge of aligning data, culture, and leadership — and why it remains the #1 barrier to scale.</li> <li>Where organizations are actually seeing ROI from AI and analytics — separating measurable impact</li> </ul>
	from market hype.  • What data leaders must prioritize in 2026 to keep pace with autonomy, regulation, and continuous disruption.
	Troy Howard, Vice President, Data Governance Manager – BANK OF AMERICA
13:30 EST	Panel Discussion: Futureproofing the Data & Al Enterprise: What Will Break First Between Now and 2030?
	Exclusive, interactive dialogue among senior executives
	How leaders balance innovation, ethics, and organizational alignment
	How are you ensuring your governance frameworks evolve as fast as your AI capabilities?
	Building long-term resilience in an AI-driven economy
	<ul> <li>What assumptions about your current AI strategy are most likely to prove wrong by 2030?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Are you building for agility or for stability—and can you afford to choose?</li> </ul>
	Edgar Nunez, Chief Data Officer – COCA COLA FEMSA
	Troy Howard, Vice President, Data Governance Manager – BANK OF AMERICA
	Akhil Khunger, VP Quantitative Analytics – BARLCAYS
14:00 EST	Panel Discussion: Al Governance 2026: How Do You Stay Compliant When Al Moves Faster Than Regulators?
	Meeting the evolving regulatory demands across North America and beyond — Al Act, SEC, and state- level frameworks
	Wrestling with bias, explainability, and transparency under growing legal and ethical scrutiny
	Can innovation survive compliance — or is compliance becoming the new innovation?
	How leaders are redefining governance models for faster, safer, and more auditable AI adoption
	What does "responsible AI" mean in 2026 — and how to make it a competitive advantage?

	Gopal Renganathan, Senior Director, Data & Analytics – ANYWHERE REAL ESTATE INC.
	Navneet Tyagi, Senior Software Engineer- FINANCE OF AMERICA
	Akhil Khunger, <i>VP Quantitative Analytics</i> – <b>BARLCAYS</b>
	Shubhankar Shilpi, Software Engineering Director II – TRUIST BANKS
14: 40 EST	Presentation: Agentic AI in Action: Will Autonomous Systems Deliver ROI or Chaos?
	<ul> <li>Real-world deployments across healthcare, finance, and retail — what worked, what failed, and why</li> <li>Understanding the true risks, costs, and governance challenges of scaling agentic AI responsibly</li> <li>How to prioritize AI investments when budgets are tight and expectations are rising</li> <li>Lessons from early adopters: where autonomy has created measurable business value</li> <li>What to watch next — will 2026 be the year enterprises trust AI to act on its own?</li> </ul> Bipin Chadha, Senior Vice President Data Science - CSAA
15:10 EST	<ul> <li>Privacy-First Al: What's Your First Move When Collaboration Meets Compliance?</li> <li>How can federated learning, synthetic data, and privacy-first design enable collaboration without compromising trust?</li> <li>How can leaders continue to innovate when regulators and customers demand zero mistakes?</li> <li>What does "privacy by design" truly mean in 2026 — and how can it be implemented across complex ecosystems?</li> <li>Can privacy and compliance evolve from obligations into real drivers of business value?</li> </ul>
15:40 EST	<ul> <li>CDAO Under Pressure: Can Data Leaders Keep Pace with Al Autonomy?</li> <li>The evolving role of the CDAO when Al systems are making decisions faster than humans can react</li> <li>How to bridge the widening gap between business strategy and Al innovation — before alignment breaks down?</li> <li>Winning and sustaining C-Suite buy-in when Al projects move faster than governance frameworks</li> <li>Balancing speed, trust, and accountability in autonomous decision-making environments</li> <li>What leadership skills and mindsets will define the next generation of successful CDAOs in 2026</li> </ul>
16:10 EST	Corinium Closing Remarks