Sample action plan: Establish data foundations to accelerate AI

Steps	**1** **Assess data and analytics (D&A) capabilities**	**2** **Establish D&A foundations to support AI**	**3** **Accelerate and scale D&A to support AI**
Expected outcome	**Baseline of D&A maturity**	**Establishment of key D&A foundational elements**	**Be a high-performing D&A organization to support AI ambitions**
Actions	**Assess D&A maturity** • Assess the organization's maturity of the D&A program — with support from an Executive Partner and client services — by running the Gartner IT Score for Data and Analytics. This score, coupled with Executive Partner expertise, provides a comprehensive understanding of your current state. **Conduct D&A strategy review** • Conduct a D&A strategy review with an analyst, or schedule time with an Executive Partner to collaboratively develop your D&A strategy and ensure alignment with business goals. **Assess D&A operating model** • Engage in Executive-Partner-led working sessions on creating an optimal organizational model for D&A and leverage their strategic insights to improve business outcomes.	**Establish D&A/AI governance** • Conduct analyst inquiry on D&A governance best practices to ensure proper organizational governance. **Conduct AI ambition workshop** • Join an Executive-Partner-led workshop with IT and business teams to establish your organization's AI ambitions and tap into their experience to set realistic goals. **Establish data and AI literacy** • Conduct analyst review session on D&A board presentation with focus on data literacy — Tool: Data Literacy: How to Get the Board on Board. **Establish data and analytics KPIs** • Participate in an Executive-Partner-led session to establish critical D&A KPIs and learn from their real-world experience on tracking and achieving executive-level objectives.	**Accelerate D&A and AI initiatives** • With an Executive-Partner-facilitated peer connection session — either at Gartner IT Symposium/Xpo™ conference, Gartner CIO Leadership Forum, or virtually — you can accelerate D&A/AI initiatives by leveraging peer insights to drive progress. **Scaling D&A and AI initiatives** • Conduct analyst inquiry on best practices for scaling generative AI across the enterprise. **Maturing and enhancing D&A and AI** • Conduct analyst inquiry on best practices for maturing the D&A culture. **Equip your team** • Identify and develop what's required of your team — from skills to architecture — to deliver on analytics and AI initiatives. Resource: AI Planning Guide for D&A Architects

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