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World Summit AI Returns to Doha in Partnership with MCIT to Advance the Future of AI in MENA

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World Summit AI Qatar, organised in partnership with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, State of Qatar, returns to the Doha Exhibition & Convention Center (DECC) on December 9th and 10th, 2025.

This landmark summit brings together the global AI ecosystem from enterprise and start-ups to academia, policymakers and investors to address the urgent questions surrounding the responsible development and deployment of artificial intelligence.

Now in its second edition in Qatar, World Summit AI is a flagship platform spotlighting the systems, stakes, and shifts shaping our AI-driven future. The event reflects Qatar's Digital Agenda 2030 and its leadership in advancing ethical, inclusive, and transformative AI across sectors.

The State of Qatar is shaping a regional model for responsible and inclusive AI adoption, one that places human progress and innovation at its core. Through partnerships like World Summit AI, we continue to connect global expertise with national ambition, building a future where technology empowers every individual and sector across society." said Duha Al Buhendi, Digital Society and Digital Competencies Director, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, State of Qatar.

With the 2025 theme *"A Brave New World: Building the Future with AI,"* the summit features 10 tracks and 4 stages with over 100 world-class speakers from leading global institutions, including:

- H.E. Deemah AlYahya, Secretary-General, Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO)
- Simon See, Global Head, NVIDIA AI Technology Centre, NVIDIA
- Chris Stephens, VP and Field CTO, Groq
- Lucia Velasco, Head AI Policy, United Nations

- James Sayles, Chief AI Officer & Director of Global GRC, Halliburton
- Mohamed Shaaban, Director of AI Product, Scale AI
- Nour Al Hassan, Founder & CEO, Tarjama / [Arabic.AI](#)
- Santiago Bañales Lopez, Managing Director & CEO, Iberdrola Innovation Middle East
- Cobus Greyling, Chief Evangelist, [Kore.ai](#)
- Jesper Schleimann, AI Officer - EMEA, SAP
- Nikita Gordeev, CTO, Snoonu
- Rajarshi Gupta, Former Head of AI at Coinbase
- Jean-Marc Rickli, Head of Global and Emerging Risks at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- Nizar Hneini, Managing Director and Head of Digital and Services Middle East, Roland Berger
- Lars Gehrman, Group Chief Digital & AI Officer, Qatar Insurance Group
- Tee Ganbold, Co-Founder & CEO of FrontierOne
- Katherine Munro, AI Transformation Manager, Swisscom
- Amjad Al Sabbah, Group VP, MEA, Sprinklr
- Rohini Sampooram Swaminathan, Climate and Environment Data Lead at UNICEF
- Alice Leng, CEO, [Fina.ai](#)
- Leah Perry, Esq, Board of Directors, Vice Chair, AI Trust Foundation (US)
- Loubna Bouarfa, Founder, [OKRA.ai](#)

2025 Key Themes Include:

- Frontier AI: Exploring breakthroughs in AGI, robotics, encrypted learning, and multimodal systems.
- Next Gen Infrastructure: Addressing the compute race, data centers, and regional AI infrastructure challenges.
- Accelerating AI Adoption: showcasing how enterprises and governments are adopting at pace and achieving real ROI

- Future Energy: Showcasing how AI accelerates sustainability, grid optimisation, and decarbonisation.
- Responsible AI: Shaping regulation and governance models rooted in transparency and cultural compatibility.
- The Global AI Edge: Positioning the Gulf as a vital AI hub connecting Africa, Asia, and Europe.

Maisie Holder, Managing Director of World Summit AI and InspiredMinds! said: *“Returning to Doha alongside MCIT underscores our shared commitment to shaping an AI future that is strategic, ethical and globally competitive. The MENA region is moving at extraordinary speed — and together we are building a blueprint for responsible, world-leading innovation.”*

The summit comes at a pivotal moment for the region. The MENA artificial intelligence market size is expected to reach [US\\$ 166.3 billion by 2030*](#). Qatar, through the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, continues to play an active role in advancing innovation, digital infrastructure, and knowledge exchange across sectors.

The event will explore how AI can power new economies, enable inclusive education, and tackle real-world challenges from water security to urban mobility. World Summit AI Qatar 2025 is not just another AI event, it's where bold ideas become global collaborations.

[*MENA Artificial Intelligence Market To Reach \\$166.33Bn By 2030](#)

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About the Organisers

InspiredMinds! is the world's largest and most active community in Artificial Intelligence and emerging technology, uniting over 500,000 members across 167 countries. Our mission is to act as a catalyst for national and international strategies that leverage AI for human progress. We believe in the power of emerging technology to drive positive change, and we're committed to showing how the world can “do good” with science and tech.

We bring together global leaders from across all sectors, including big tech, academia, startups, investors, governments, NGOs, corporates, SMEs, and non-profits, through our flagship summits and year-round programming.

We are the creators of the World Summit AI series (Amsterdam, San Francisco, Montréal, Doha) and Intelligent Health (Basel and London), the world's leading event series dedicated to AI in medicine.

If you'd like to speak with or interview someone from InspiredMinds!, please email celine@inspired-minds.co.uk

Find out more about World Summit AI Qatar: <https://qatar.worldsummit.ai>

Photos from last year's event: <https://inspiredminds.smugmug.com/Summit-AI-Doha>

About the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) – State of Qatar

The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) leads Qatar's national efforts to develop a vibrant and future-ready Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector. MCIT's mandate focuses on accelerating the adoption of advanced technologies and digital solutions across all sectors to drive innovation, productivity, and economic competitiveness. Through a range of strategic programs and initiatives, the Ministry works to strengthen the digital ecosystem, promote digital entrepreneurship, support the development of a knowledge-based economy, and enhance digital infrastructure nationwide. MCIT also oversees the delivery of e-government services, aiming to improve the efficiency, accessibility, and transparency of public services. In parallel, it provides robust support to startups and technology entrepreneurs, empowering them to scale innovations that contribute to sustainable economic growth and diversification. With a forward-looking approach, MCIT is committed to positioning Qatar as a leading regional hub for technology, digital transformation, and innovation. For more information, please visit:

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