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Time	QULAIB HALL
11:00–12:00	▼▲ **Workshop: AI Incentives for Cultural Projects** *Speakers:* • *Hatoon Alahmadi, Product and Service Development Expert, Culture Development Fund (CDF)*
12:00–13:30	*Break*
	Women in AI – Elevate Initiative
13:40–14:10	▼▲ **Women Shaping the Future of Responsible AI** *Speakers:* • *Ayman Alrashed, Regional Vice President, IBM* • *Reem Alsuliman, Head of Public Sector, Google* • *Zainab Alamin, Vice President National Digital Transformation, Microsoft* *Moderator* *Natalia Domagala, Founder, Uncovering Algorithms*
14:10–14:25	▼▲ **Elevate Graduation** *Speakers:* • *Temba Kutondo, Investor Relations, KOFISI Africa* • *Kira Basmeson, Chief Executive Officer, GLTRCORE*
	Announcement Elevate Initiative Cohort 3
	AI Readiness Hackathon
14:25–14:45	▼▲ **Building Smart Solutions for Global Challenges** *Speakers:* • *Dr. Mariagrazia Squicciarini, Chief Researcher and Analyst, Sciences Sector, UNESCO* • *Dr. Mohammed Aldrees, Digital Transformation Strategist, AI & Emerging Technologies, Education and Training Evaluation Commission (ETEC)* • *Vishnu Ram OV, Independent Research Consultant, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)* *Moderator* *Dr. Najla Altuwajri, Education Advisor, Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA)*
14:45–15:00	▼▲ **AI Readiness Hackathon Award Recognition**
	AI Regulatory Guiding work
15:00–15:45	▼▲ **Shaping a Shared AI Regulatory Frameworks** *Speakers:* • *Dr. Abdulrahman Habib, Senior Strategic Advisor, Saudi Data and Artificial Intelligence Authority (SDAIA)* • *Prof. Marc-Antoine Dilhac, Director of Governance and International Collaboration, OBVIA* • *Dr. Chaichana Mitrpant, Executive Director, Electronic Transactions Development Agency (ETDA), Thailand* *Moderator* *Ghaida Alshuniber, AI Policy Expert, International Center for AI Research and Ethics (ICAIRE)*
15:45–16:00	*Cultural Performance*

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16:00–16:35	**AI Ethics In Academic Degrees** *Speakers:* • *Dr. Najla Altuwajri, Education Advisor, Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA)* • *Dr. Paris de l'Etraz, Managing Director, IE Venture Lab*
16:35	*End of Program*

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Time	QULAIB HALL
	Workshop: AI Policy Toolkit
09:00–09:15	▼▲ **OECD Presentation** *Speakers:* • *Lucia Russo, Division for AI and Emerging Digital Technologies, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*
09:15–10:00	▼▲ **AI Policy Toolkit (OECD)** *Speakers:* • *Ahmed Alrushud, General manager of Strategic Planning, Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA)* • *Prof. Aliaa Youssif, Dean, Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport* *Moderator* *Lucia Russo, Division for AI and Emerging Digital Technologies, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*
10:00–10:50	▼▲ **AI impact from Jobs to Tasks to Skills** *Speakers:* • *Dr. Mariagrazia Squicciarini, Chief Researcher and Analyst, Sciences Sector, UNESCO* • *Dr. Najwa Alghamdi, General Manager, AI & Analytics Center of Excellence, STC* • *Dr. Shafika Isaacs, Chief of Section, Technology and AI in Education, UNESCO* *Moderator* *Anna-Marie Lawrence, Technical Specialist, ILO, Thought Piece Author*
10:50–11:00	*Break*
11:00–12:00	▼▲ **Recognition Ceremony for AI Professional Badge Recipients**
12:30–14:00	*Break*
	ICAIRE Capacity-Building Initiatives
14:00–14:30	▼▲ **10K Leaders Program** *Speakers:* • *Dr. Kais Hammami, AI Foresight Centre, Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Corporation (ICESCO)* • *Chris Ferguson, Chief Partnerships Officer, Apolitical* *Moderator* *Lihui Xu, Prorgram Specialist For Ethics Of AI, UNESCO*
	Announcement 10K Leaders Program
14:30–14:45	▼▲ **Applied AI Ethics Course Certificate Ceremony**
	Safeguarding Scientific Integrity in the Age of AI
14:45–15:25	▼▲ **Protecting Scientific Integrity in the Age of AI** *Speakers:* • *Dr. Yousef Algoos, Fellow, Mohammed bin Salman Foundation (MISK)* • *Prof. Daniyal Alghazzawi, Chief Digital Transformation Officer, Petromin, Professor, Cybersecurity, King Abdulaziz University (KAU)* • *Dr. Li Cheng, Director, Wuhan (China-Saudi Arabia) Joint Laboratory for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation, China* • *Dr. Majid Alshehry, Acting Director General, International Center for AI Research and Ethics (ICAIRE)* *Moderator* *Dr. Nada Al-Nafea, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Abdullah Al Fozan Foundation for Education, Founding Institution of the UNESCO – Al Fozan International Prize for the Promotion of Young Scientists in STEM*

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	Safeguarding Scientific Integrity in the Age of AI
15:25–15:40	**AlFozan Awarding Ceremony**
15:40–15:55	Cultural Performance
15:55–16:30	**Advancing Responsible Research and Youth Participation** *Speakers:* • *Dr. Yousef Algoos, Fellow, Mohammed bin Salman Foundation (MISK)* • *Prof. Daniyal Alghazzawi, Chief Digital Transformation Officer, Petromin, and Professor in Cybersecurity, King Abdulaziz University (KAU)* • *Dr. Li Cheng, Director, Wuhan (China-Saudi Arabia) Joint Laboratory for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation, China* • *Leenah AlFalih, Consultant, Boston Consultant Group (BCG) and Researcher Harvard Center for International Development* *Moderator* *Dr. Nada Al-Nafea, Chief Executive Officer, Abdullah Alfozan Foundation for Education*
16:30	End of Program

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Time	QULAIB HALL
09:00–09:35	▼▲ **Responsible AI Policy** *Speakers:* • *Dr. Latifa Alabdulkarim, Member of the Shura Council; Assistant Professor of Computer Science, King Saud University (KSU)*
09:35–10:05	▼▲ **From Framework to Practice: Operationalizing the National AI Risk Management Framework** *Speakers:* • *Dr. Lamia Alkwai, Expert AI Studies Professional, Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA)*
10:05–10:45	▼▲ **A Shared Language for a Multilingual Future: The Third Edition of the Data and AI Glossary to Tasks to Skills** *Speakers:* • *Dr. Majid Alshehry, Director, International Center for AI Research and Ethics (ICAIRE)* • *Dr. Kais Hammami, AI Foresight Centre, Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Corporation (ICESCO)* • *Dr. Yahya Al Latini, Director of The digital Dictionaries Department, King Salman Global Academy for Arabic Language (KSGAAL)* *Moderator* *Dr. Mohammed Alawad, General Manager of the General Administration of Studies, Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA)*
10:45–11:30	▼▲ **From Principles to Practice: Operationalizing Ethical AI Governance** *Speakers:* • *Alaa Abdulaal, Chief of Digital Economy Intelligence, Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO)* • *Dr. Ona Vileikis, Expert in Digital Technologies and AI for Heritage Documentation* • *Prof. Mohamed Jemni, Director, ICT, Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO)* • *Dr. Dari Alhuwail, Associate Professor (Adjunct) of Information Science and AI, Kuwait University*
11:30–12:00	▼▲ **AI Ethics Badges Panel** *Speakers:* • *Dr. Faisal Alotaibi, General Manager of Public Policy and Licensing, Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA)* • *Jawaher Alyahya, Senior Product Maneger, T2* • *Waleed Alradi, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Nabrah* *Moderator* *Dr Wajdi Aljedaani, Direcotr AI Governance Maturity Assessment, Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA)*
12:00–12:30	▼▲ **AI Ethics Badges Ceremony**
12:30–14:10	*Break*
14:10–14:20	▼▲ **Professional Certifications in Data Management and Governance** • *Dr. Mohammed Kutbi, Consultant, Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA)*
14:20–14:35	▼▲ **The National Data and AI Frameworks** • *Dr. Mohammed Kutbi, Consltunat ,Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA)*
14:35–15:20	▼▲ **From Frameworks to Implementation** *Speakers:* • *Dr. Mohammed Kutbi, Consultant, Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA)* • *Lihui Xu, Prorgram Specialist For Ethics Of AI, UNESCO* • *Dr. Shafika Isaacs, Chief of Section, Technology and AI in Education, UNESCO* *Moderator* *Dr. Faisal Alotaibi, General Manager of Public Policy and Licensing, Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA)*
15:20	*End of Program*

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