



Arab Republic Of Egypt

Ministry Of Communications
And Information Technology

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Her Excellency Liisa-Ly Pakosta,
Minister of Justice and Digital Affairs,
The Republic of Estonia,
Your Excellency,

December 24th, 2025

Ref. No: 2502

I have the honor to extend to Your Excellency my highest regards and to express my deep appreciation for the **distinguished friendly relations between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Republic of Estonia**, and for the growing cooperation between our two countries in the fields of communications and information technology. On this occasion, I would like to extend my **sincere congratulations** to Your Excellency on **assuming your current responsibilities in the Estonian government**.

In this context, and in light of our shared interest and forward-looking vision for emerging technologies - particularly artificial intelligence, now a principal driver of the digital economy - **I am pleased to invite Your Excellency to participate** in the international event "**AI Everything Egypt 2026**", hosted by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology under the theme "**The Most Empowering Global AI Technology Week in the Middle East and Africa**". The event will take place at the Egypt International Exhibition Center (EIEC) on **11–12 February 2026**.

This event is the **first specialized regional platform** dedicated to enabling governments, industry leaders, and innovators to develop and deploy artificial intelligence technologies. It will address AI-related issues from various perspectives, including governance, ethical use, applications, and more. The summit will bring together an elite group of global decision-makers, government officials, investment leaders, international experts, as well as leading startups and pioneers of advanced technologies, to explore ways to enhance digital sovereign capabilities, strengthen cross-border cooperation, and build responsible and sustainable AI ecosystems.

An exhibition of global AI innovations will be held in parallel, bringing together more than **200 leading AI companies**, over **500 startups**, and more than **100 investors** representing assets under management exceeding **USD 50 billion**, from **30+ countries**. The exhibition will serve as a gateway for advancing AI adoption across government services, smart cities and infrastructure, financial and banking services, digital communications, transport, mobility, and logistics.

Your esteemed participation - towards which I look with great anticipation - would lend **significant weight to the summit's proceedings** and meaningfully contribute to **enriching international dialogue on the future of AI**. It would also provide an excellent opportunity to further enhance bilateral cooperation between **Egypt and Estonia** in the ICT field. We look forward to continuing the distinguished journey of cooperation that we have embarked upon over the past few years at both governmental and private sector levels, with a view to expanding the scope of collaboration in areas of mutual interest, including **digital transformation, outsourcing, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and other emerging technologies**.

Your Excellency's presence at this event will provide an **important opportunity to present Estonia's forward-looking vision for AI** and its role in **achieving national development priorities**. It will also help consolidate joint efforts in supporting AI initiatives, expanding research and development, and building interoperable and future-ready digital ecosystems.

Reaffirming to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration, I look forward to the honor of welcoming you in Cairo and to working together toward a **shared global vision for the future of AI**. I wish **Your Excellency** continued success, and the **friendly Republic of Estonia** - its leadership and its people - everlasting prosperity and progress.

With my highest respect and appreciation,

Sincerely,

Dr. Amr S. Talaat

*My Professional
Compliments! Amr Talaat*

Minister of Communications
and Information Technology



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MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA'S MOST EMPOWERING GLOBAL AI TECH WEEK

#AiEverythingEgypt

FEATURING

Ai Super Data Centres
EVERYTHING

Ai Semicon
EVERYTHING

AIQX
AI QUANTUMX EVERYTHING

PHYSICAL
EVERYTHING AI

AI STARTX
EVERYTHING

AI DIGI HEALTH BIOTECH
EVERYTHING

AI CYBER VALLEY
EVERYTHING

Fintech SURGE.



— 2026 —
EXPO CITY
DUBAI

THE WORLD'S
LARGEST TECH,
AI & STARTUP SHOW

GITEX UNIVERSE - LARGEST TECH EVENTS ACROSS THE WORLD

EGYPT	MOROCCO	SINGAPORE	ABU DHABI	KENYA	KAZAKHSTAN	GERMANY	NIGERIA	TÜRKİYE	VIETNAM	DUBAI	BRAZIL	INDIA	SERBIA
Cairo	Marrakech	APR 2026 9-10	MAY 2026 11-13	Nairobi	Astana	Berlin	Lagos	Istanbul	Hanoi	DEC 2026 7-11	São Paulo	Bangalore	Belgrade
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75%
OF FORTUNE 500
COMPANIES EXHIBIT
AT GITEX NETWORK

350,000+

VISITORS

4,500+

CXO'S & C-LEVEL

180+

COUNTRIES

130+

TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

9,500+

ENTERPRISE EXHIBITORS

450+

GOVERNMENT ENTITIES



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA — EGYPT —

DAY 1

EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY
11TH February 2026

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Africa AI Council Meeting by Smart Africa (proposed)

AI
Everything
MEA -
Exhibition

THE AI Nations Summit

The SHIFT Startup Program

AI Academy

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Workshops & Trainings

AI Labs – Sponsored Zone (Tech Talks)

ca Future Is Hub by WEF (proposed)

Founders Space — Supernova Pitches

EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE

THURSDAY
12TH February 2026

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VIP Tour & Official Show Inauguration (1030hrs – 1130hrs)

THE AI Nations Summit

The SHIFT Startup

AI Academy

AI Labs –
Sponsored
Zone / Tech

Founders Space — Supernova Pitches

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CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK & TRACKS (Ai Everything Egypt)

LOCATION: CAIRO, EGYPT

STAGES	11 FEB, WEDNESDAY	12 FEB, THURSDAY
MAIN STAGE	10:30 – 17:30 VIP TOUR & INAUGURATION THE AI NATIONS SUMMIT	11:00 – 17:00 THE AI NATIONS SUMMIT - AI USE CASES SUPERNova COMPETITION
GROWTH STAGE	13:00 – 17:00 THE SHIFT – STARTUP PROGRAM	11:30 – 14:00 THE SHIFT – STARTUP PROGRAM
AI ACADEMY	WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS	WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS
INTERACTIVE DEMOS, PRODUCT SHOWCASES, LIVE CASE STUDIES, EXPERIENTIAL INNOVATIONS & ACTIVATIONS		
AI LABS	11:30 – 16:30 SPONSORED ZONE (TECH TALKS)	11:30 – 16:30 SPONSORED ZONE (TECH TALKS)
FOUNDERS' SPACE	13:00 – 15:00 SUPERNova COMPETITION	10:30 – 16:30 SPONSORED ZONE/PARTNER EVENTS

FREE TO ATTEND TRACKS

PAID TRACKS

THE AI NATIONS SUMMIT

SOVEREIGN AI FOR A CONNECTED WORLD

11-12 Feb 2026 – Wednesday, Thursday

The AI Nations Summit unites governments, industry leaders, and innovators to build AI systems they fully own - economically, technologically, and culturally. A global meeting point for designing nationally built intelligence that is open, collaborative and ready for the new world.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Government Ministries and Regulatory Authorities
- International Organizations (UNDP, UNIDO, ITU, UNESCO, OECD)
- Global Investors (Sovereign Wealth Funds, Institutional Investors, Development Finance Institutions, Venture Capitalists)
- Global CEOs (BFSI, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Shared Services & Outsourcing, Cyber security, Energy, Telecom)
- Global & Regional Chief AI Officers & Chief Data Officers
- Unicorn Founders
- Academic and Research Institutions
- Corporate and Strategic Partners
- Freezone and Economic Zone Authorities
- Industry Associations and Business Councils

BREAKOUT SESSIONS



RESPONSIBLE AI

Establishing regional regulatory leadership in ethical, explainable and inclusive AI

DATA CENTERS & SOVEREIGN CLOUDS

Powering regional AI with secure, hyper-scale infrastructure and data localization

AI-POWERED SHARED SERVICES

Enabling massive job creation and export growth through intelligent service delivery

FUTURE OF EDUCATION & WORK

How governments set strategic priorities across strategic sectors to accelerate workforce transformation

INTELLIGENT INFRASTRUCTURE & 5G

Laying the digital foundation for smart cities, edge computing and real-time systems

CAPITAL & CROSS-BORDER INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Attracting sovereign wealth, private equity, and FDI to accelerate AI ecosystem growth

CHIEF GUEST



H.E. Amr Talaat

Minister - Ministry of Communication
& Information Technology



Ministry of Communications
and Information Technology

Egypt

GUEST OF HONOR



Eng. Ahmed Alzaher

CEO - Information Technology
Industry Development Agency (ITIDA)

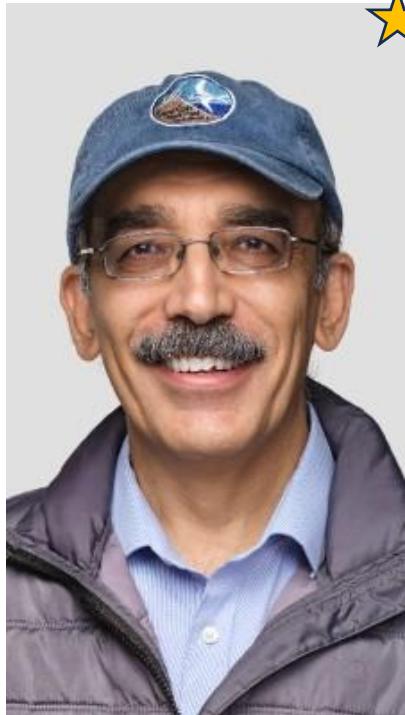


Egypt

FEATURED SPEAKERS



MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA
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Ruchir Puri

Chief Scientist & Vice President, IBM Technology & Technical Community



USA

Inventor of 70+ US patents and 100+ publications on AI for code, Responsible AI, and semiconductor optimization. IEEE symposium founder.



Stephen Ostwald

Co-Founder & CAIO



Germany

Co-Founder and CAIO of Berlin AI unicorn Parloa, transforming it from voice agency to billion-dollar agentic-AI platform powering global enterprise customer service.



Dr. Andy Hock

SVP Product & Strategy



USA

Cerebras

Named to the Forbes AI 50 and TIME 100 Most Influential Companies lists, built CS-3 and Cerebras Inference, the world's fastest AI compute and inference solutions.



Philippe Rambach

Chief AI Officer



France

Drives AI strategy for a Fortune 500 company deploying AI across 100+ manufacturing plants

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Babak Hodjat

Chief AI Officer



Cognizant's Chief AI Officer and head of Cognizant AI Lab, invented core technology behind Siri, holds 38 U.S. patents, and has a PhD in Machine Intelligence.



Michel Rogy

Digital Development Practice Head
for Africa and the Middle East



Lead regional strategies and teams across Africa and the Middle East to support countries in building vibrant, safe and inclusive digital economies.



Eng. Ahmed Elsewedy

President & Group CEO



Largest worldwide providers of integrated energy solutions with over thirty production facilities spanning sixteen countries. currently housing a team of over 17,000 employees and exporting to over 110 countries.



Zsuzsanna Hargitai

Managing Director SME
Finance & Development



Leads EBRD's SME Finance & Development group, expanding advisory, products, and funding for SMEs, and driving record investments and private-sector inclusion across EBRD regions.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA
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Sabrina Agresti-Roubache

Co-Founder



France

Former French Secretary of State for Citizenship and Urban Development, now co-founder of France's first end-to-end sovereign AI operator for secure, France-hosted AI infrastructure and agents.



Khaled Hashem

President Middle East & Africa



UAE

Fortune 500 technology company focused on inventing and manufacturing solutions that tackle global macrotrends in safety, security, energy, and sustainability.



Dr. Heather Domin

VP and Head Office of Responsible AI and Governance



USA

100 Brilliant Women in AI Ethics and has been influential in shaping responsible AI and governance practices within the technology industry as a whole



Matthew Borthwick

Co-Founder & CEO



UK

Matt is CEO and Co-Founder of global growth advisory firm Scalerr, which has supported 550+ tech companies worldwide and helped create 48 unicorns.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

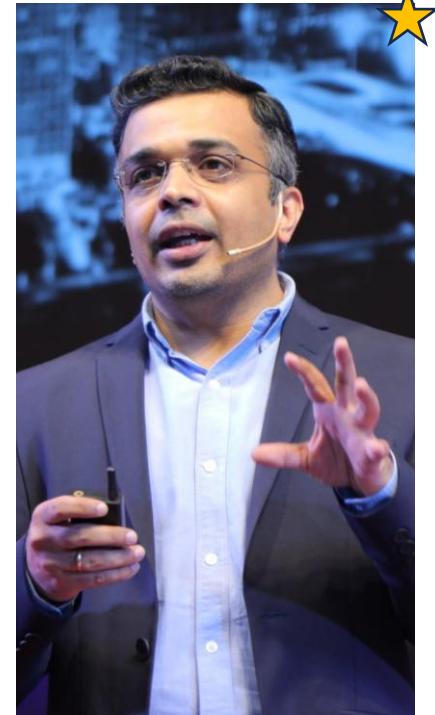


Nicholas Thompson

CEO



Co-founder of SpeakEasy AI, a project that aims to create an online platform for positive conversations, using artificial intelligence and natural language processing.



Bhuwin Lodha

CEO - AI Division



India

Under Lodha's leadership, Mahindra Group created Mahindra.ai, a centralized division turning AI experiments into scalable, core operations in partnership with Tech Mahindra and initiatives like Project Indus.



Mark Minevich

President & General Partner



USA

Globally recognized AI strategist, investor, and UN advisor. Advises the World Economic Forum and G20 on AI policy, and counsels leading governments and enterprises on AI-first digital transformation.



Amr Elashmawi

Global Head and VP of Strategic Markets and Partnerships



Tenstorrent

USA

Forbes AI 50 2025 unicorn in next-generation AI computing, building scalable deep-learning architectures and raising \$700M at \$2.6B+ valuation from top global investors.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



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Stephanie Griffiths

Field Chief Data Officer



France

Dataiku

Unicorn, \$4.6B valuation, Helping C' levels in transitioning to large-scale, industrial AI deployment while making sure they use AI and data creatively to reach their objective



Khomotsu Molabe

Group CIO

South Africa



Standard Bank

CIO of Africa's largest bank, leading technology transformation in digital banking, client experience, and engineering with a focus on innovation, AI readiness, and the future of African finance.



Dr. Antonio Jara

Chief Scientist & Executive Board Member



Libelium

Chair IoT Data Quality at IEEE, leading a flagship European Initiative to enable Urban planners to address Green Deal, Sustainable and Resilience Goals with AI and Data-driven decision making



Chris D'Agostino

Chief Data & AI Officer



USA

Launched a global data and AI platform with secure, tokenized data aggregation, enabling large-scale model training, commercial analytics, and Agentic AI digital workers for financial services.

DAY 1 | THE AI NATIONS SUMMIT

WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2026
THEME: SOVEREIGN AI STRATEGY

INAUGURATION & OPENING CEREMONY

11:30 – 11:45

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS | EGYPT'S LEADERSHIP IN DEFINING SOVEREIGN AI POLICY FOR AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

The strength of collaborations and partnerships as part of the National AI Strategy (2025–2030) and positioning Egypt as a regional AI hub creating value with continued coordination mechanism for cross-border projects.

Reserved for Ministry of Communications & IT, Egypt

11:45 – 12:00

KEYNOTE ADDRESS | OWNING INTELLIGENCE, POWERING GROWTH: EGYPT'S PATH TO SOVEREIGN AI LEADERSHIP

Emphasizing the strategic importance of developing a national foundational AI model, data sovereignty, responsible governance, and homegrown talent pipelines. Highlight ITIDA's pivotal role in connecting startups, enterprises, and government; scaling AI training programs; and fostering an inclusive ecosystem that positions Egypt as a leading AI hub

Reserved for ITIDA, Egypt

DATA SOVEREIGNTY & AI INFRASTRUCTURE

12:00 – 12:30

LEADERSHIP PANEL DISCUSSION | ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY IN THE AGE OF AI - TURNING COMPUTE INTO CAPITAL

- How compute can drive GDP growth and industrial innovation
- The new digital industrial policy for AI economies
- Creating AI ecosystems that retain national value

Speakers:

Reserved for senior representative from Central Bank of Egypt/Ministry of Finance (TBC)

Zsuzsanna Hargitai, Managing Director SME Finance & Development – EBRD, UK

Reserved for Makhtar Diop, Managing Director – IFC (TBC)

Reserved for senior representative from OECD (TBC)

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CONTINENTAL AI VISION

12:45 – 12:55

KEYNOTE PRSENTATION | PIONEERING COLLABORATIVE PATHWAYS FOR AFRICA'S UNIFIED AI RENAISSANCE

Showcasing how African nations can collectively shape a sovereign AI future. Leveraging regional strengths, overcoming barriers, and attracting investment—ultimately aligning efforts for a unified and impactful African AI transformation.

12:55 – 13:10

FIRE SIDE CHAT | FORGING A PAN-AFRICAN AI VISION - EGYPT'S ROLE IN SHAPING CONTINENTAL SOVEREIGNTY AND INNOVATION

Exploring how Egypt's strategic AI advancements and leadership can drive continental sovereignty, foster regional collaboration, and spearhead innovation—empowering Africa's digital transformation and positioning the region as a united force in the global AI landscape.

Speakers:

Reserved for Dr. Hoda Baraka, Advisor to the Egyptian Minister of ICT (TBC)

Reserved for Sidi Ould Tah, President - Africa Development Bank (TBC)

AI INVESTMENTS & PARTNERSHIPS

13:10 – 13:30

FIRE SIDE CHAT | EBRD CATALYZING AFRICA'S DIGITAL FUTURE: INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

Highlight how EBRD is enabling Africa's transition to a digital-first economy by financing the hard and soft infrastructure required for advanced technologies that unlock inclusive, innovation-led growth across the continent.

Speakers:

Reserved for ITIDA (TBC)

Reserved for Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven, Managing Director of the Management Board - GIZ (TBC)

13:30 – 14:00

PANEL DISCUSSION | ACCELERATING EGYPT'S TRANSFORMATION – CROSS BORDER INVESTMENTS & PPP FOR AI INFRASTRUCTURE

- Telecommunications
- Energy
- Water security
- State-of-the-art data centers

Reserved for PPP Unit, Ministry of Finance – Egypt

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14:00 – 14:30

MOU SIGNING CEREMONY / LAUNCH INITIATIVES

Formalize partnerships through the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the launch of new initiatives.

SUSTAINABILITY & RESPONSIBLE AI

14:30 – 14:40

SPOTLIGHT SESSION | HOW CAN GREEN DATA CENTRES ACCELERATE THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF PROJECTS IN EGYPT?

Speakers:

Khaled Hashem, President Middle East & Africa – Honeywell, UAE

14:40 – 15:10

PANEL DISCUSSION | AI FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD - BALANCING INNOVATION, EQUITY, AND SOCIETAL IMPACT AT SCALE

Dive deep into how artificial intelligence can be purposefully designed and deployed to advance health outcomes, enhance education access, and drive social inclusion at scale. best practices and pioneering projects that use AI for diagnosing diseases, personalizing learning, and bridging gaps for marginalized communities.

Speakers:

Heather Domin, Vice President and Head of Office of Responsible AI and Governance – HCLTech, USA

Reserved for Dr. Ahmed Tantawy, Founding Director - Applied Innovation Center (TBC)

Reserved for Tomas Lamanuskas, Deputy Secretary General – ITU (TBC)

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COMPUTE FUTURE

15:10 – 15:30

FIRE SIDE CHAT | PIONEERING AFRICA'S AI REVOLUTION: BUILDING THE CONTINENT'S FIRST AI FACTORY

Understanding the vision and strategic importance of establishing an AI factory in Africa. Identifying the challenges and opportunities in scaling AI infrastructure in diverse African environments.

Reserved for Ahmed El Beheiry, CEO of Compute AI – Cassava Technologies, UK

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15:30 – 16:00

PANEL DISCUSSION | SOVEREIGN AI - OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Speakers:

Amr Elashmawi, Global Head and VP of Strategic Markets and Partnerships – Tenstorrent, USA

Andy Hock, SVP Product & Strategy – Cerebras, USA

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RESILIENCE & DIGITAL ECONOMY

16:00 – 16:10

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

THE DIGITAL LEAP - ACCELERATING THE CONTINENT JOURNEY TO A THRIVING DIGITAL ECONOMY

Explore how Africa is embracing digital transformation at scale. Examine the infrastructure, leadership, policy changes needed, as well as barriers like connectivity gaps and skills shortages.

Key focus:

- Digital infrastructure expansions
- Skills development and entrepreneurship
- Policy and regulatory innovations

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16:10 – 16:30

FIRESIDE CHAT

UNLOCKING AFRICA'S DIGITAL ECONOMY - FROM LOCAL INNOVATION TO GLOBAL PLATFORMS

Identify actionable pillars required for success - infrastructure, governance, talent, partnerships, financing, and innovation. Discuss the critical obstacles like access and affordability, digital literacy, data gaps, infrastructure, cyber risks, and cross-border integration that hamper driving results.

- Michel Rogy, Regional Practice Director for Digital - The World Bank, USA
- Open for Sponsor(s)

NATIVE AI STACK EVOLUTION

16:30 – 17:00

PANEL DISCUSSION

DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY OR DIGITAL COLONIALISM - BALANCING AI INNOVATION, CYBER SECURITY, AND ECONOMIC INFLUENCE IN EVOLVING GLOBAL LANDSCAPES

- Will local intelligence liberate communities or reinforce new digital gatekeepers?
- Are sovereign nations using digital security to protect citizens—or to control them?
- When does safeguarding digital borders become a barrier to global collaboration and innovation?
- Who gets to set the moral code for AI—local communities, governments, or international corporations?

CROSS SECTOR AGENTIC AI

17:00 – 17:10

SPOTLIGHT SESSION

TRANSITIONING GEN AI FROM THE RESEARCH LAB TO BUSINESS TEAMS

Reserved for Stephanie Griffiths, Field Chief Data Officer - Dataiku (TBC)

17:10 – 17:15

CLOSING REMARKS

END OF DAY 1

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11:00 – 11:20

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS | AI FOR SOCIETAL TRANSFORMATION - HEALTH, AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION AND MORE...

Explore how Artificial Intelligence is driving societal transformation across Africa. Real-world innovations, policy frameworks, and collaborative technologies shaping a sustainable, AI-enabled future that empowers communities and accelerates the continent's digital development.

Reserved for Minister of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation, Egypt

SMART GOVERNMENT, CITIES & PUBLIC SERVICES

11:20 – 11:40

PRESENTATION | FROM SMART CITIES TO INTELLIGENT NATIONS - THE AI BLUEPRINT FOR AFRICA'S URBAN FUTURE

Dr. Antonio Jara, Chief Scientist & Executive Board Member – Libelium, Spain

11:40 – 12:10

SPOTLIGHT SESSION | SMART GOVERNANCE IN ACTION - HOW AI IS REINVENTING SERVICE DELIVERY ACROSS AFRICA

- Real-world use cases driving efficiency and inclusivity in key sectors.
- Leveraging AI chatbots, data analytics, and predictive tools to improve access, responsiveness, and satisfaction in public services.
- Building sustainable smart cities by integrating AI with clean energy, mobility, waste systems.
- Balancing innovation with responsible AI governance frameworks that protect citizens' rights and data.

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INDUSTRY 4.0 & MANUFACTURING

12:10 – 12:20

PRESENTATION | AI AND THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION - CATALYZING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH IN AFRICA'S EMERGING MARKETS

Explore how AI is driving Africa's leap into the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), focusing on market transformations in sectors like agriculture, manufacturing, and fintech. This session will emphasize on strategies to harness AI to achieve the projected \$15.7 trillion contribution to Africa's economy by 2030, aligning with the African Union's Agenda 2063.

12:20 – 12:50

PANEL DISCUSSION | THE FACTORY OF 2050: FULLY AUTONOMOUS, AI-INTEGRATED, AND HYPER-PERSONALIZED MANUFACTURING

Explore the transformative vision of the Factory of 2050, where smart systems collaborate in real time, machines make decisions autonomously, and products are tailored to individual needs at scale. From AI-driven design to adaptive supply chains and zero-latency production floors, this session will uncover how cutting-edge technologies such as quantum computing, robotics, digital twins, and edge AI are converging to redefine the very nature of manufacturing.

Speakers:

Reserved for Bhuwan Lodha, CEO AI Division - Mahindra Group (TBC)

Reserved for Morten Wierod, CEO – ABB (TBC)

Reserved for Ahmed Elsewedy, CEO and Group President - Elsewedy Electric (TBC)

Reserved for Philipp Navratil, CEO – Nestle (TBC)

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12:50 – 13:00

SPOTLIGHT SESSION | SMARTER BOTTLES, SMARTER FACTORIES: HOW COCA-COLA IS USING AI TO REVOLUTIONIZE MANUFACTURING EFFICIENCY

Learn how AI is transforming a traditional industry into a data-driven, intelligent ecosystem, reducing waste, improving sustainability, and enabling the "Factory of the Future" model across Coca-Cola's global network.

Reserved for Sunil Gupta, CEO - Coca Cola Beverages Africa, South Africa

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HEALTHCARE AI

13:00 – 13:30

PANEL DISCUSSION | HEALTHCARE AI JOURNEYS: PATHWAYS FROM RESEARCH TO COMMERCIALIZATION AND IMPACT

Artificial intelligence has moved rapidly from academic breakthroughs to transformative real-world applications. This session explores the journey of AI from research and data foundations through scaling, commercialization, and ultimately societal impact. Drawing on lessons from healthcare and beyond, it highlights the strategies, partnerships, and ecosystems needed to turn AI innovations into sustainable value at scale.

Speakers:

Dr. Ahmed Serag, Founding Director of the AI Innovation Lab - Weill Cornell Medicine , Qatar

Reserved for Mohamed Emara, CEO - Baheya Hospitals Group (TBC)

Reserved for Sherine Helmy, Chairman - Pharco Pharmaceuticals (TBC)

Reserved for Dr. Sherif Amin, Country President – Novartis (TBC)

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FINTECH AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION

13:30 – 14:00

FIRE SIDE CHAT | UNLOCKING AFRICA'S FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND INNOVATION THROUGH INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS

Empowering a continent of 1.4 billion people, including the 60% who remain unbanked, to access secure, intelligent, and inclusive financial services. Discover how artificial intelligence is reshaping Africa's financial landscape — from mobile banking and microfinance to advanced fraud detection.

Khomotso Molabe, Group CIO - Standard Bank, South Africa

14:00 – 14:20

PANEL DISCUSSION | REDEFINING FINANCIAL SOVEREIGNTY: THE ROLE OF AI IN AFRICA'S BANKING TRANSFORMATION

Redefining how institutions manage risk, serve customers, and unlock new value. Explore the next wave of intelligent finance, where predictive analytics, generative AI, and autonomous decision systems power hyper-personalized banking, real-time fraud prevention, and adaptive financial ecosystems. Highlighting the balance between innovation and responsibility, and how AI can build not only smarter systems but stronger trust across financial ecosystems.

Speakers:

Reserved for Hisham Ezz Al Arab, Chairman & CEO – CIB, Egypt

ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

14:20 – 14:30

PRESENTATION | EMBRACING AI FOR AFRICA'S ENERGY FUTURE

Africa has the opportunity to leapfrog legacy energy challenges and build inclusive, resilient, and clean energy systems fit for the 21st century. With the right investments, policies, and partnerships, AI will be a powerful enabler—turning Africa's energy aspirations into reality and driving sustainable growth for generations to come.

Speakers:

Philippe Rambach, Chief AI Officer - Schneider Electric, France

Reserved for Juan Jose Casado, Chief Digital Officer – Repsol, Spain (TBC)

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AI IN SHARED SERVICES & OUTSOURCING

14:30 – 14:50

FIRE SIDE CHAT | SMART SHARED SERVICES - HARNESSING AI FOR AFRICA'S NEXT LEAP IN SERVICE EXCELLENCE

Reshaping the delivery and management of shared services across African enterprises and public sector organizations and the role of artificial intelligence. Enhancing efficiency, scalability, and agility with successful AI adoption.

Babak Hodjat, Chief AI Officer – Cognizant, USA

14:50 – 15:10

PANEL DISCUSSION | HOW AI IS REDEFINING SHARED SERVICES FOR AGILITY, ACCURACY, AND IMPACT

AI is transforming shared services from transactional back-office functions into intelligent, value-driven business enablers. This discussion explores how organizations are embedding artificial intelligence across finance, HR, procurement, and IT operations to automate processes, predict outcomes, and deliver real-time insights. Today shared services can evolve into “AI-powered centers of excellence” that drive enterprise agility, scalability, and competitive differentiation.

Reserved for Sr Representative, Capgemini (TBC)

AI DRIVEN CYBER SECURITY

15:10 – 15:30

PANEL DISCUSSION | SECURING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: THE ROLE OF AI IN BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE

AI-driven cybersecurity is essential to protect Africa's rapidly digitizing economies. This chat will focus on how important cybersecurity is with focus on national digital strategies, e-governance, fintech, and digital IDs.

Reserved for Samuel Linares, Managing Director - Global OTSecurity and Industry X Security Lead –Accenture, Spain

15:30 – 15:40

CLOSING REMARKS

END OF EVENT

**MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA
— EGYPT —**

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PROPOSED SPOTLIGHT/FIRE SIDE CHATS



H.E. AMR TALAAT, MCIT EGYPT

EGYPT AT THE HELM - DEFINING AI POLICY FOR AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

RUCHI PURI, IBM

DESIGNING 'USEFUL INTELLIGENCE' - BUILDING PRACTICAL AI FUTURES FOR EMERGING ECONOMIES

DR. ANDY HOCK, CEREBRAS

POWERING EVERY NATION - DEPLOYING IMPACTFUL AI COMPUTE FOR ALL

PHILIPPE RAMBACH, SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC

SMARTER FACTORIES, GREENER GROWTH - AI FOR THE NEXT INDUSTRIAL WAVE

MIKE MINEVICH, GGV

FINANCING AI THAT WORKS FOR PEOPLE, PLANET, AND EMERGING MARKETS

ANDY TANG, DRAPER ASSOCIATES

CAPITAL MEETS TALENT - HOW GLOBAL VCS SEE AFRICA'S AI OPPORTUNITY

STEPHEN OSTWALD, PARLOA

FUTURE CUSTOMER SERVICE - HOW AI AGENTS CAN TRANSFORM CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE IN AFRICA

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AI NATIONS SUMMIT –

FOCUSED EVENTS (proposed)

February 11th, 2026, Wednesday

09:00- 10:00

AFRICA AI COUNCIL MEETING by Smart Africa

Building on the momentum of the Africa AI Council, Smart Africa will convene an **AI for Africa Working Group** during AiE MEA Africa in Egypt. This high-level session will gather leading policymakers, AI researchers, innovators, and investors to advance the development of **African and Arab language models**—core foundations for AI built in Africa, for Africa.

KEY OBJECTIVES

1. Advance African & Arab Language Models
2. Strengthen Data & Compute Infrastructure
3. Promote “AI Made in Africa”
4. Support Responsible & Inclusive AI
5. Mobilize Partnerships & Investment

15:30-17:00

INCLUSIVE AI GOVERNANCE FOR AFRICA by OECD (*working group*)

The OECD–Egypt Working Group on AI Governance will be held during AiE MEA Egypt to position Egypt as a regional hub for Africa-wide cooperation on trustworthy and inclusive AI. It builds on Egypt’s OECD-supported AI strategy and upcoming AI legislation to offer a practical governance model for African countries. The working group will connect policymakers, regulators and innovators across the continent to advance shared standards and responsible AI adoption.

KEY OBJECTIVES

1. Create an Africa-oriented roadmap aligned with OECD AI Principles
2. Support Egypt’s AI bill as a model adaptable across Africa.
3. Build a MENA–Africa community of practice on AI governance.
4. Promote responsible AI use for African SMEs, start-ups and public services.

15:30-17:00

AFRICA FUTURE SKILLS HUB by WEF (*working group*)

Launched during AiE MEA Egypt, this World Economic Forum led hub (through the Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution) would deliver fast, practical AI upskilling for governments, regulators, and the workforce across Africa. It would provide high-quality training on AI literacy, responsible AI use, future-of-work skills, and digital transformation—positioning Egypt as the region’s gateway for advanced AI talent development and capacity building.

KEY OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss breakthrough capability across Africa
2. Shape a Responsible Disruptive AI Culture
3. Accelerate AI talent development across Africa

EBRD

REFORMS THAT UNLOCK CAPITAL - WHAT EGYPT'S EXPERIENCE MEANS FOR AFRICAN INVESTMENT FLOWS

Explore how EBRD is backing renewables, green industrial zones and other projects in Egypt, and how similar blended-finance and PPP structures can be replicated in other African markets. Dialogues on privatization, governance, and business-climate reforms, and how such reforms de-risk infrastructure, green and digital projects for institutional investors across Africa.

WORLD BANK

CLOSING AFRICA'S DIGITAL DIVIDE - BLENDING CAPITAL FOR CONNECTIVITY AND CLOUD

Focus on the multi-billion-dollar regional programs to expand broadband, data centers, and digital public infrastructure, and how similar tools can deepen connectivity in Egypt and Africa.

EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL (EIC)

DESIGNING SHARED VALUE CHAINS - AFRICAN INNOVATORS, EU MARKETS, ONE GATEWAY

Explore digital marketplaces and platforms that connect African and European incubators, and how EIC-backed companies can partner with Egyptian and African startups.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

FROM DIGITAL EGYPT TO DIGITAL AFRICA - DESIGNING DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE THAT DELIVERS DEVELOPMENT GAINS

Explore how UNDP's partnership with Egypt on digital ID, the Digital Egypt Portal, connectivity and inclusive skills is creating interoperable digital public infrastructure, and how similar UNDP approaches can be replicated across Africa to unlock services, jobs and trust at scale.

ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD)

ALIGNING WITH OECD AI PRINCIPLES - EGYPT'S PATH TO RESPONSIBLE AI AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR AFRICA

Examine how Egypt, the first African country to adopt the OECD AI Principles, can help shape a shared African approach to trustworthy, human-centric AI. Leaders from OECD, Egypt and the AU will explore how these principles intersect with the AU Continental AI Strategy, and how they can guide African countries in designing practical rules, institutions and investments that protect rights, unlock innovation and enable cross-border AI cooperation.

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AI LABS

INNOVATION MEETS IMPACT

11-12 Feb 2026 - Wednesday, Thursday

A specialized arena where research, innovation prototypes, state-of-the-art use-cases, and live demos/experiments of AI are showcased. Showcase your use cases and product demos to a global audience of enterprises, governments, investors and innovators searching for the next big leap in AI across technology, government, energy, manufacturing, shared services, cyber security, banking, finance and insurance, agritech, logistics and retail.

STAKEHOLDERS

- CTOs
- CAIOs
- CIOs
- CDOs
- CISOs
- CInOs
- COOs
- Chief Growth Officers
- Chief Product Officers
- Chief Strategy Officers
- VPs
- Scientists

SECTORS

- Government
- Technology
- BFSI
- Health
- Education
- Maritime
- Manufacturing
- Telecom
- Retail
- Real Estate
- Travel
- Ecommerce
- FMCG

KEY THEMES

AI INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A SOVEREIGN, SECURE, AND DATA-DRIVEN EGYPT

Cloud, edge, cybersecurity, and data governance solutions that strengthen national resilience and unlock secure AI adoption

INDUSTRY-READY AI: SOLVING REAL PROBLEMS IN FINANCE, ENERGY, HEALTHCARE & LOGISTICS

Use-case-driven AI deployments that tackle the region's biggest operational bottlenecks and deliver measurable ROI

LOCALIZATION AND ARABIZATION OF AI

Developing and customizing AI technologies to support Arabic language, Egyptian dialects, and culturally relevant applications.

POWERING NATIONAL DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION WITH SCALABLE AI PLATFORMS

How solution providers can plug into the region's mega-projects, smart cities, government digitalization, and sectoral modernization



THE SHIFT – STARTUP PROGRAM

SCALING WITH AI AT THE CORE

11-12 Feb 2026 - Wednesday, Thursday

Where Egypt's next generation of founders confront the reality of building in 2026 – record growth on one side, macroeconomic pressure and geopolitical volatility on the other. It's about startups shifting from fintech to AI, raising capital through new instruments, tapping corporate-born talent, and scaling from Egypt into the Gulf and Africa. Conversations focus on resilience, alternative funding, AI-first pivots, and corporate partnerships.

STAKEHOLDERS

- Founders/Co-Founders
- CEOs
- CAIOs
- CDOs
- CInOs
- Chief Product Officers
- Chief Strategy Officers
- GPs and LPs
- Family Office, DFI & PE Investors
- Corporate VC & Accelerators
- Government Bodies



KEY THEMES

THE NEW FUNDING STACK & THE END OF EQUITY DEPENDENCY

How founders are navigating macroeconomic and geopolitical pressure, while unlocking new survival pathways to address liquidity challenges and ensure stability in an unpredictable market. Hear how regional VCs, DFIs, family offices and corporate investors are engineering innovative instruments with multi-currency structures, offshore liquidity hubs that help startups reduce equity dilution, manage FX volatility, and access more resilient funding routes.

LEAP INTO AI & DEEPTECH

Egypt is emerging as a gateway for AI startups across Africa and the Middle East, powered by local talent, university R&D, IP innovation and commercialisation frameworks and emerging innovation hubs across government, technology, shared services, BFSI, cyber, digital health, energy and manufacturing.

BUILDING IN THE FACE OF INSTABILITY

With 2026 bringing both opportunity and uncertainty, founders are re-architecting for resilience. What it really takes to build regionally resilient, globally competitive AI growth companies, where capital efficiency, sustainable growth and cross-border expansion matter more than chasing billion-dollar valuations.

THE NEW AGE OF REGIONAL EXPANSION

Why Egypt and the region's next growth chapter is shifting from fintech to AI, from automation to applied intelligence, and how AI-driven businesses are creating new competitive channels to expand faster, de-risk operations, and embed themselves in high-growth markets.

WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2026
THEME: FOUNDERS GROWTH LAB

RESILIENCE AS STRATEGY

13:00 – 13:20

PANEL DISCUSSION | MEA'S AI MOMENT: BETTING ON BOLD FOUNDERS IN AN UNFORGIVING ECONOMY

Founders are scaling in one of the hardest environments in the world. Limited compute access, complex regulation and high costs are forcing them to find new ways to build and apply with real impact. This session explores how these challenges are driving practical innovation and helping position MEA's tech ecosystem for global relevance.

13:20 – 13:35

FIRESIDE CHAT | EGYPT'S AI INFLECTION POINT: FOUNDERS VS FUNDERS IN THE RACE TO SCALE

Egypt's AI ecosystem is at a crossroads. Founders see capital within reach, while investors tighten the tap. This session brings both sides together to explore what it takes to scale from Seed to Series B amid funding gaps, capability limits and infrastructure challenges. Is Egypt's AI boom ready for lift-off or still held back by caution?

Speakers:

Basma Rady, Managing Director & Chief Data Scientist, **Robin / Beltone**, Egypt
AbdelRahman Mansour, CEO, **Egypt Ventures**, Egypt

13:35 – 13:50

FIRESIDE CHAT | THE DOLLAR TRAP: SURVIVING EGYPT'S CURRENCY SIEGE

For Egypt's founders, the dollar crunch is not a headline; it is a daily siege. Each payment, transfer and fundraising round is a battle against capital controls and volatile exchange rates. This fireside chat explores how Egypt's most resilient scaleups are adapting by pricing in local currency, hedging regionally and re-engineering business models to stay liquid in an unforgiving economy. A candid look at endurance, ingenuity and growth under pressure.

13:50 – 14:00

CASE STUDY | PAPER WALLS: BUREAUCRACY AS A BUSINESS MODEL

In many emerging markets bureaucracy is not broken, it is profitable. This founder's story reveals how redundant approvals and outdated processes quietly drain innovation and reward inefficiency. It shows the real cost of compliance for scaleups trying to build data-driven products and AI services and why reform will come from founders who automate, integrate and innovate faster than the system built to slow them down.

14:00 – 14:15

FIRESIDE CHAT | STUCK IN THE QUEUE: WHY NEW IDEAS STRUGGLE TO TAKE OFF

This session explores why consumers hesitate to trust new technology and how founders can build credibility, accelerate adoption and scale in one of the region's most complex markets. It highlights the use of digital platforms, AI-powered marketing and behavioural analytics to unlock demand.

Speaker:

Ashraf Sabry, Founder & CEO, **Fawry**, Egypt

CAPITAL AND COLLABORATIONS

14:15 – 14:35

PANEL DISCUSSION | FUNDING IN FLUX: HOW INVESTORS ARE BEATING MEA'S DOLLAR DROUGHT

The rules of funding have changed. As dollar scarcity spreads and banking channels dry up, investors are reinventing how money moves across MEA. This session reveals how regional VCs, DFIs and family offices are engineering new capital routes, from multi-currency funds to offshore liquidity hubs, to keep startups alive in a tightening market. Expect blunt insights on who still has cash, who is pulling back and how founders can position themselves to catch the next regional funding wave.

Speakers:

Ibrahim Ramadan, Partner, **Sawari Ventures**, Egypt
Tarek Assaad, Managing Partner, **Algebra Ventures**, Egypt

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14:35 – 14:50

FIRESIDE CHAT | THE SOVEREIGN SPRINT: FROM STABILITY TO SPEED

Sovereign funds hold the power to shape MEA's AI trajectory but still move at the speed of bureaucracy. This conversation questions whether state-backed capital can match scaleup urgency. It discusses how sovereign investors can modernise governance, adopt risk-sharing models and co-fund AI accelerators that bridge national strategy with entrepreneurial execution.

14:50 – 15:10

PANEL DISCUSSION | THE NEW ALLIANCE: WHEN CORPORATE VCS STOP PLAYING IT SAFE

Corporate venture arms across MEA are sitting on capital yet starving innovation. This panel asks why corporates still treat venture as PR instead of strategy. How can they co-invest with scaleups, share infrastructure and integrate AI pilots into their core operations? And what will it take for corporate VCs to move from passive investors to genuine builders of the region's next wave of growth?

15:10 – 15:25

FIRESIDE CHAT | THE FAMILY FUND EQUATION: BALANCING LEGACY, RISK AND THE AI OPPORTUNITY

Family offices are being challenged to modernise. Many still operate with informal governance, limited innovation focus and slow decision-making that keeps them on the sidelines of AI growth. This session explores how family investors can strengthen governance, build digital capability and back emerging AI ventures while preserving legacy wealth. A forward-looking discussion on how traditional capital can shape Egypt's next phase of innovation.

LEADERSHIP AND TALENT RECKONING

15:25 – 15:45

PANEL DISCUSSION | THE GREAT TALENT ESCAPE: CAN EGYPT KEEP ITS AI MINDS AT HOME?

The global demand for AI expertise is draining talent from emerging markets faster than it can be replaced. This session examines how Egypt can retain its best engineers, data scientists and researchers by linking academia with industry. It highlights how AI-based education, reskilling platforms and international research partnerships can strengthen Egypt's position as a regional hub for advanced AI capability.

15:45 – 16:00

FIRESIDE CHAT | INSIDE THE UNICORN BOARDROOM: WHEN FOUNDRERS STOP BEING FOUNDRERS

The transition from scaleup to unicorn tests leadership more than funding. This panel explores how founders can evolve from visionaries to strategic leaders capable of managing scale. It discusses how governance, AI-enabled performance tracking and team alignment preserve culture while sustaining momentum through rapid growth.

16:00 – 16:20

PANEL DISCUSSION | HOMEGROWN INTELLIGENCE: EDUCATING EGYPT'S NEXT GENERATION OF AI TALENT

Egypt's AI ambitions depend on building talent that stays and thrives. With global companies drawing top engineers abroad, the focus now shifts to creating pathways for world-class skills at home. This session explores how universities, startups and industry leaders can work together to train, mentor and retain AI professionals, turning Egypt's brain drain into a brain gain for the region.

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THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2026
THEME: EXPANSION ECOSYSTEM

RESPONSIBLE AI

11:30 – 11:45

FIRESIDE CHAT | BUILDING WITHOUT A RULEBOOK: FOUNDERS IN THE GREY ZONE OF AI REGULATION

As AI companies expand into new markets, they face a maze of shifting regulations and uncertain rules around data, privacy and accountability. This session explores how founders operate in these grey zones, balancing innovation with compliance and trust when policy struggles to keep pace. It examines how to grow responsibly, build credibility with regulators and scale confidently while the rulebook is still being written.

11:45 – 12:05

PANEL DISCUSSION | GROWTH WITH A CONSCIENCE: THE REAL ETHICS TEST FOR AI

As AI transforms products and industries, every breakthrough brings new ethical challenges. Data bias, deepfakes and the loss of human accountability are no longer distant concerns but daily realities. This session explores how leading companies are building trust and transparency into their technology and culture, turning responsible design into a competitive advantage in the next phase of AI growth.

12:05 – 12:20

FIRESIDE CHAT | TRUST, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY: WHAT INVESTORS WANT FROM AI FOUNDERS

AI investment is entering a new phase where trust matters as much as performance. Founders must show that their systems are safe, transparent and compliant, while investors face growing scrutiny over the AI companies they support. This session examines how investors assess governance, manage reputational risk and back founders who build with integrity. It offers practical insight into what responsible investment looks like in the age of AI.

12:20 – 12:35

FIRESIDE CHAT | WHEN FREEDOM OF SPEECH MEETS AI GOVERNANCE

Egypt's strict digital and media laws are testing how far innovation can go. Founders face licensing hurdles, legal ambiguity and the constant risk of censorship when building AI or content-based platforms. This session explores how they navigate compliance without silencing creativity, balance regulation with responsible innovation and sustain trust in an environment where speech, data and governance increasingly overlap.

INVESTMENTS AT A CROSSROADS

12:35 – 12:55

PANEL DISCUSSION | CAPITAL UNDER PRESSURE: SURVIVING THE FUNDING WINTER IN A FRAGMENTED MEA MARKET

Regional uncertainty has tightened funding and shaken investor confidence across MEA. Capital outflows, shrinking venture investment and limited bank lending are putting pressure on founders and backers alike. This session explores how they are adapting strategies, protecting liquidity and sustaining growth in an unpredictable financial climate.

12:55 – 13:15

PANEL DISCUSSION | THE INVESTOR SHIFT: CAN EGYPT KEEP ITS CAPITAL BUILDERS?

Egypt's startup scene is losing its investment talent as fund managers move abroad for better capital access and flexible structures. This session examines how Egypt can retain its venture builders by improving fund regulation, easing capital flows and restoring confidence in its AI and tech future.

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DISRUPTIVE INNOVATION

13:15 – 13:30

FOUNDERS FIRESIDE CHAT | BREAKING THE CREDIT WALL: HOW AI & ALTERNATIVE DATA ARE POWERING CROSS-BORDER FINANCIAL INCLUSION

From Egypt's streets to the GCC and world, MNT-Halan has redefined what it means to 'bank the unbanked.' With a powerful AI-based credit-scoring engine and super-app model, it now serves millions. Exclusive session on how both founders see the next frontier of inclusion, from the visionary and deep tech insight.

Reserved for:

Mounir Nakhla, Founder & CEO, **MNT-Halan**, Egypt

Ahmed Mohsen, Co-Founder & CTO, **MNT-Halan**, Egypt

13:30 – 13:50

PANEL DISCUSSION | NO SCORE, NO SERVICE: THE HIDDEN COST OF EGYPT'S OUTDATED CREDIT SYSTEM

Startups are growing fast, but Egypt's legacy KYC and credit scoring frameworks haven't kept pace. Without digital verification or real-time data, founders face delays, rejections and lost momentum. This discussion uncovers how modern scoring and AI-based identity systems can turn bureaucracy into opportunity.

Speakers:

Ahmed Mohsen, Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer, **MNT-Halan**, Egypt (Tentative)

Ahmed Samir Kamel, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, **onebank**, Egypt

Moderator: **Amr Elharony**, Management Consultant, **Egyptian Fintech Association**, Egypt

13:50 – 14:05

FIRESIDE CHAT | FROM BUILDING MODELS TO BUILDING VALUE: FOUNDERS USING GLOBAL LLMs FOR LOCAL IMPACT

The next wave of AI innovation is not about building larger models but using existing ones to solve real problems. Startups are fine-tuning global LLMs for local languages and contexts, creating practical applications that drive measurable impact. Investors are responding to this pragmatic shift, backing ventures that turn global infrastructure into regional advantage.

14:05 – 14:20

FIRESIDE CHAT | INSIDE THE ARABIC LLM BREAKTHROUGH: FROM NATIVE LANGUAGE MODELS TO ENTERPRISE INTELLIGENCE AT SCALE

Arabic has long been underserved in global AI, limiting automation and accuracy for regional organisations. New Arabic-native LLMs are closing this gap. This session explores why these models matter, the challenges of dialect and data quality, and how Arabic-first AI is now enabling enterprise-grade intelligence across key sectors.

Speakers:

Nour Taher, Co-founder & CEO, **intella**, Egypt

Omar Mansour, Co-founder & CTO, **intella**, Egypt

14:20 – 14:35

FIRESIDE CHAT | THE AI REMIX: WHO OWNS THE FUTURE OF ARAB MUSIC?

AI is transforming how music is created, performed and owned across the Arab world. From voice cloning to machine-generated tracks, technology is challenging long-held ideas of originality, copyright and artistry. This session explores how platforms, investors and musicians can redefine ownership, protect creative rights and build new business models that keep human expression at the heart of innovation.

Reserved for:

Eddy Maroun, Co-Founder & CEO, **Anghami**, UAE

14:35 – 14:55

PANEL DISCUSSION | CYBERSECURITY LEADERS: CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND WHAT'S NEXT

Cybersecurity has become one of the most urgent and promising fields for innovation in Egypt and the Arab world. Founders face real barriers such as limited funding, talent shortages and slow enterprise adoption, yet rising digital threats are creating new market demand and investment potential. This session explores how startups, investors and the wider ecosystem can work together to turn regional challenges into long-term growth and resilience.

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BEYOND BORDERS

14:55 – 15:10

FIRESIDE CHAT | SCALING GAP: WHY MEA'S BRIGHTEST STARTUPS LEAVE TO BECOME UNICORNS

MEA's founders have proved they can build world-class companies but scaling them locally remains an uphill battle. Some of the region's most successful startups have shifted their base abroad to access late-stage capital, clearer regulation and stable currency environments. This session brings together leading entrepreneurs to explore the realities behind this scaling gap, what drives such moves and how MEA can evolve to help its brightest startups grow and stay.

INDUSTRY FOCUS

13:40-13:50

PRESENTATION | SMART AGRITECH: SHAPING A CLIMATE-RESILIENT FUTURE WITH AI AND INNOVATION

Agri-tech innovators are using intelligent systems and automation to tackle climate volatility, water scarcity and resource efficiency. Precision agriculture and smart irrigation are turning these challenges into opportunities for sustainable growth and climate-resilient innovation. Can these technologies truly future-proof the way the world grows its food?

13:50-14:00

PRESENTATION | LOGISTICS WITHOUT LIMITS: RETHINKING SUPPLY CHAINS THROUGH AI EYES

AI is redefining the movement of goods through predictive routing, autonomous delivery and digital twins. By integrating real-time data and machine learning, logistics scaleups are creating faster, leaner and more resilient supply chains. This session explores how intelligent systems are removing friction, anticipating disruption and setting a new standard for global trade efficiency.

15:30 – 15:40

PRESENTATION | THE NEXT INDUSTRIAL WAVE: AI, AUTOMATION AND THE RISE OF INTELLIGENT FACTORIES

Advanced automation is redefining manufacturing, blending robotics, predictive systems and real-time data to optimise production. Smart factories powered by AI and edge computing are driving new levels of efficiency, quality and resilience. This session examines how intelligent manufacturing is transforming industrial competitiveness and setting new standards for growth.

15:40 – 15:50

PRESENTATION | MEDICINE IN MOTION: THE AI SCALEUPS REBUILDING HEALTHCARE ACROSS BORDERS

Advances in AI are driving a new era of healthcare innovation, from diagnostic imaging and personalised treatment to automation in medical operations. Scaleups are developing cost-effective, data-driven solutions that expand access to care and reimagine delivery models for diverse markets. This session explores how intelligent technologies are reshaping global health and creating a blueprint for sustainable, scalable healthcare systems.

15:50 – 16:00

PRESENTATION | FINTECH UNLEASHED: AI, RISK AND THE RACE FOR DIGITAL LIQUIDITY

Finance is entering a new phase of intelligence where data, automation and real-time insight are reshaping how money moves and risk is managed. From algorithmic credit scoring to embedded payments and liquidity optimisation, fintech innovators are redefining inclusion and resilience in a volatile market. This session explores how responsible innovation and GenAI are powering the next wave of growth across the digital finance ecosystem.

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WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS

EMPOWERING EGYPT'S NEXT AI LEADERS

11-12 Feb 2026 - Wednesday, Thursday

Certified AI trainings and hands-on workshops across agentic AI, language model development, responsible AI, GenAI, AI for developers, cloud computing, policy & regulation with an intent to facilitate Egypt's ambitious plan to upskill 30,000 professionals in AI by 2030

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- Chief Product Officers
- Chief Strategy Officers
- VPs
- Scientists
- Heads of Research
- Heads of Engineering
- Developer Advocates
- AI Architects

KEY THEMES

MASTERING THE NEXT WAVE: AGENTIC AI, AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS & DEVELOPER SKILLS

Hands-on, certification-ready training for engineers and builders to design, deploy, and optimize agentic AI systems, copilots, and AI-powered applications

MACHINE LEARNING & APPLIED AI FOR REAL-WORLD IMPACT

End-to-end ML/AI training for practitioners looking to build production-grade models, optimize pipelines, and deploy AI solutions tailored for Egypt's top industries

QUANTUM, DEEPTECH & THE FUTURE COMPUTE STACK

Exploring how quantum computing, advanced hardware, and frontier deeptech will reshape AI capabilities and national tech competitiveness

RESPONSIBLE AI & SAFETY BY DESIGN

A practical pathway to building safe, transparent, and accountable AI — covering governance, audits, risk frameworks, bias mitigation, and safety-aligned model development





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