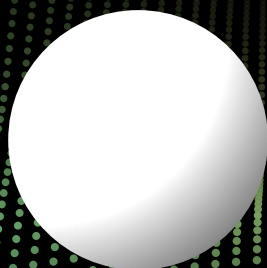




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The Human Capability Initiative

2026 3rd Edition

#TheHumanCode

03-04 May 2026
King Abdulaziz International Conference Center
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



Under the patronage of His Royal Highness

Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

Crown Prince, Prime Minister, and Chairman of the Human Capability
Development Program



About HCI 2026 - #TheHumanCode



03-04
May 2026



+250

Thought leaders and experts from a range of
industry sectors and million online viewers



+4M Remote Views

Across HCI platforms & media livestreams



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HCI 2026 will run alongside EDGEEx

Education Global Exhibition (EDGEEx) hosted by
Ministry of Education from 03-05 May 2026, in
The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



+15K Attendees

Decision-makers, experts, and thought leaders
from the public and private sectors, international
organizations, and academic institutions

The Human Capability Initiative (HCI), a global cooperative platform aimed at unifying international efforts and enriching global dialogue on the challenges and opportunities in developing human capabilities.

Under the theme #TheHumanCode, HCI will explore the future of skills, work, education, and technology through two days in Riyadh, KSA. The initiative will bring together 250 speakers, including policymakers, industry leaders, investors, and academic experts, to share insights, exchange best practices, and discuss practical strategies to advance human capability worldwide.

HCI 2026 Pillars

CONNECTING

With Growth & Depth

Humans grow through how we experience ourselves and others, and systems strengthen this by activating learning, interaction, and meaningful engagement with our world.

REASONING

Through complexity

Humans are wired to interpret ambiguity, detect patterns, and make sense of complex information. This need drives problem-solving, judgment, and adaptive decision-making.

CREATING

For value and meaning

Humans naturally seek purpose and significance and strive to transform insights into meaningful contributions, creatively, socially, or economically.

Program Architecture

The Human Capability Initiative (HCI) features sessions delivered across the following stages:



#TheHumanCode Arena

The central plenary and focal point of HCI 2026. It hosts the highest-profile sessions, including the opening, closing, major announcements, and global dialogues. Designed for scale and impact, The Human Code Arena sets the tone of the forum with visionary debates and strategic insights that define how people connect, reason and create.



Ministerial Roundtable

The Ministerial Roundtable of HCI 2026. It convenes ministers and senior leaders to align on a shared agenda for preparing people for the future and strengthening human capability development. Designed as a collaborative policy space, it forges cross-border partnerships and coordinated action between governments, experts, and international organizations.



HCI Dialogues

Held in an enclosed space and, 'in the round,' these group conversations of up to 8 experts have no formal 'front of the room.' The audience will sit around the main table, contributing questions and thoughts. This space is designed to share experiences, insights, and solutions. Participants are expected to contribute equally, with the assistance of a chair.



Breakout Sessions 1 & 2

Multifunctional learning spaces dedicated to practical skill development and in-depth learning, offering technical insights through interactive workshops, specialized training, hands-on demonstrations, and moderated expert sessions led by Knowledge Partners and industry experts.



Announcements and MOUs

This space showcases announcements and signings that turn dialogue into tangible collaboration, demonstrating how institutions activate the Human Code.



Success Stage

This space presents Stories from KSA, showing how people enabled by the Kingdom, activate the Human Code to deliver real impact.

Spaces

Partner Booths



Dedicated and customized booths for sponsors and partners, allowing them to showcase their newest trends, innovations and activations.

Bilateral Meetings



In-person meeting space for attendees offering an opportunity to discuss key topics in private and to establish new connections.

Activations



Interactive areas that are used to showcase cutting-edge technologies, innovations, and add a layer of interactive experience to the guest journey.

Media Briefings and Interviews



Dedicated interview area and media zones across the venue with event backdrop for utilization by press to conduct interviews with speakers, delegates, spokespersons, etc.

About HCI 2025



HCI 2025 Flashback #BeyondReadiness



13-14 April 2025
2 days in-person event



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Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

+13K
Participants

+300
Speakers

+3M
Remote Viewers

+55
Partners

+100
Launches, agreements
& announcements



Key 2025 Speakers



H.E. Dr. Majid AlKassabi

Minister of Commerce

Saudi Arabia



H.E. Khalid bin Abdulaziz AlFalih

Minister of Investment

Saudi Arabia



H.E. Eng. Ahmad bin Sulaiman AlRajhi

Minister of Human Resources & Social Development

Saudi Arabia



H.E. Bandar bin Ibrahim AlKhorayef

Minister of Industry & Mineral Resources

Saudi Arabia



H.E. Faisal F. Alibrahim

Minister of Economy & Planning

Saudi Arabia



H.E. Yousef bin Abdullah Al-Benyan

Minister of Education

Saudi Arabia



Dr. Ju-Ho Lee

Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Education

South Korea



Hon. Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa

Minister of Education

Nigeria



Stephen Morgan

Minister of Early Education

United Kingdom



Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir

Minister of Higher Education

Malaysia



Saadia Zahidi

Managing Director
World Economic Forum

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Christoph Schweizer

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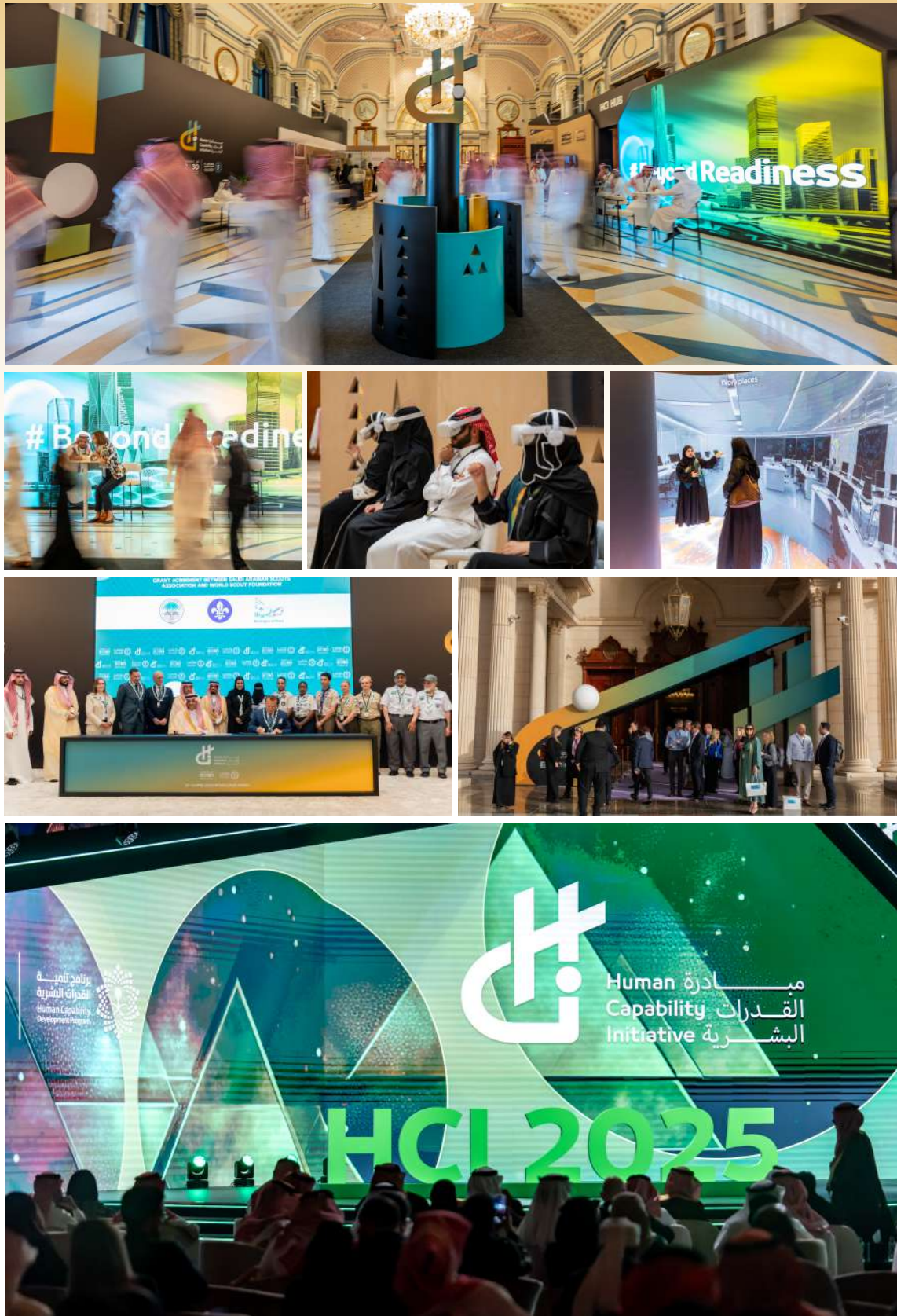


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The HCI 2025 Experience



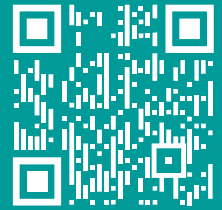
The second edition of the HCI included six main platforms to host dialogue sessions, in addition to interactive experiences and the announcement of agreements and launches within the field of human capability development.

Find Out More

About Saudi Vision 2030

Saudi Arabia has charted a dynamic path forward with Vision 2030, building on the country's inherent strengths, including its strategic location, investment power, and leadership in the Arab and Islamic worlds.

At the heart of Vision 2030 is a commitment to the nation's most valuable asset: the people. Recognizing their potential and aspirations, Vision 2030 is dedicated to fostering an environment that nurtures talent, facilitates growth, and empowers everyone.

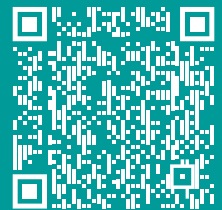


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About the Human Capability Development Program (HCDP)

The Human Capability Development Program is one of the Saudi Vision 2030 Realization Programs with an aim to ensure that Saudi citizens have the required capabilities to compete globally by instilling values, developing basic and future skills, as well as enhancing knowledge. The program focuses on developing a solid educational base for all citizens to instill values from an early age, while preparing the youth for future local and global markets. It also focuses on upskilling citizens by providing lifelong learning opportunities, supporting innovation, encouraging entrepreneurship culture, developing policies to ensure Saudi Arabia's competitiveness.



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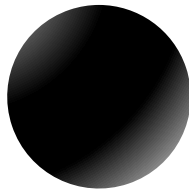
The Human Capability Initiative (HCI) is hosted by the Human Capability Development Program (HCDP) and is the only global platform focused on addressing human capability (from the perspectives of skills, the future of work, education, talent, and technology).



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