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Backed by a Strong Leadership, an Amazing Team, and Great Partners from around the world, ThinkSmart has been working with Individuals and Organizations across the Gulf Region to fulfil their mission of reaching full potential and excellence through Digital Skilling.
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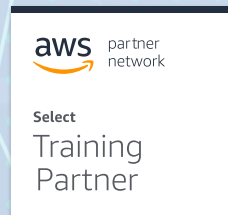
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The first edition of the GCC CIO Conclave was implemented in Dubai for the CIOs in the gulf region with the topic **"ROLE OF CIOs AND ORGANIZATIONS IN DEVELOPING FUTURE TALENT"** and one of the most anticipated events to gather experts and leaders in technology.

Building digital skills is the only way to achieve the goal of digital enablement, which is to increase user comfort and confidence with digital technologies. It's about empowering your human capital to instill a culture of digitization and steer your vision.

The purpose of this exclusive event for CIOs is to hear from CIOs in the Gulf who have accomplished everything and have concentrated their efforts on digital skilling.

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Embrace. Digitize. Innovate.

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40+ CIOs FROM DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES

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FEATURED SPEAKERS

Achieving the Digital Transformation Vision of a Nation
Dr. Ammar AlHusaini | Deputy Director General
Central Agency for Information Technology (CAIT), Kuwait

Dr. Ammar Al Husaini is currently the deputy director general of the Central Agency for Information Technology (CAIT), the IT operational arm of the government of Kuwait. Before joining CAIT, he was the assistant vice president for information technology (CIO) of Kuwait University (KU) and an assistant professor in the Computer Engineering Department at KU.

He also worked as the director of the Kuwait Cultural Office at the Kuwait Embassy in Australia (2014-2010), the director general of the Information Center at the Ministry of Education (2007-2006), and the director of the Guidance and Counselling Office at the College of Engineering and Petroleum Kuwait University (2004-2001).

Digital Transformation is About Talent
Dr. Khalid Al Mutawah | Deputy CE, Operation & Governance
Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA), Bahrain

Dr. Khalid Al Mutawah has over two decades of experience in Information Technology, Educational Technology, and Governance. Before becoming Deputy CE, he previously served as Director, Governance & Enterprise Architecture and Director of Enterprise Architecture & Information Technology at iGA, Bahrain.

With expertise in management, quality assurance, data analysis, and research and academic services, he speaks frequently at top-level ICT conferences, most recently presenting a paper about the Bahraini government's Cloud migration journey to Amazon Web Services at the Gartner Symposium, Dubai, UAE.
He also has education and training experience, working with the University of Bahrain and the National Authority for Qualifications and Quality Assurance of Education & Training (QQA).

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Creating Roots of Digital Transformation
Dr. Yousef Al Assaf | President
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), Dubai

Dr. Yousef Al Assaf is currently President of Rochester Institute of Technology- Dubai, a leading not-for-profit international branch of RIT Rochester, New York. RIT Dubai University is established in conjunction with the Dubai Government in Dubai Silicon Oasis. Prior to this, he was Dean of the College of Engineering at the American University of Sharjah where he was one of the founding members of the electrical engineering and computer engineering programs.

During his tenure at RIT Dubai, he has ensured that the university plays a major role in the ecosystem of Dubai Silicon Oasis and supports the achievements of Dubai's vision. Introduced a number of new programs, certifications and initiatives to meet the needs of public and technology partners including Smart City Sciences, Data Analytics, Emerging Technologies, Corporate and Customer Happiness, Future Shaping, Computing Security, and Sustainability among others.

How Upskilling Can Help Boost Digital Transformation
Shaymaa Al-Terkait | Sector Head, IT Planning & Governance
The Public Institution for Social Security, Kuwait

Shaymaa Nabeel Alterkait is an expert in the field of information technology and aspires to be a catalyst for innovation, she has more than 20 years of experience in providing strategic digital solutions and initiatives that have brought about a fundamental change at the corporate and national levels.

During her career, she worked in the public and private sectors as a developer evangelist, industry manager, leader and advisor of digital transformation initiatives, where she held key positions including director education sector and industry executive at Microsoft. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of Al-Rawdatain Water Bottling Company, and the Board of Directors of Wafra Real Estate Company, as well as the Board of the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA). She is currently the advisor to the Director General of the Public Institution For Social Security (PIFSS) and also provides advisory services on digital innovation and digital transformation for the institution and its subsidiaries. In 2022, she was assigned as the acting head of the Information Technology Planning and Governance sector at the Public Institution For Social Security (PIFSS).

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

CIOs meet the tech leaders from the Gulf Region and witnessed the first edition of the exclusive event for CIOs

RECOGNITION

Mr. Ahmed Alhujairy, Group CEO of Thinksmart Gulf, handed the appreciation award to the Speakers and Partners of the first GCC CIO Conclave.

ROLE OF CIOs AND ORGANIZATIONS IN DEVELOPING FUTURE TALENT

Dr. Ammar Al Husaini

Deputy Director General
Central Agency for Information
Technology, Kuwait

" *IT is really the main enabler for the new vision in Kuwait, all entities are digital entities now doing other businesses – Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, and everybody.* "

Dr. Khalid Al Mutawah

Deputy CE, Operations & Governance
Information & eGovernment Authority,
Bahrain

" *We can reach the objectives that our leaders want to make Bahrain a talent for ICT. We have to keep the pipeline of talent ready because digital disruption will enforce the technology.* "

ROLE OF CIOs AND ORGANIZATIONS IN DEVELOPING FUTURE TALENT

Shaymaa Al-Terkait

Sector Head, IT Planning & Governance
The Public Institution for Social Security,
Kuwait

> *The learning curve to Digital Transformation for most organizations needs to be really in focus. Upskilling and reskilling were the top priorities for 59% of learning and development professionals in 2021.*

Dr. Yousef Al Assaf

President
Rochester Institute of Technology,
Dubai

> *Dubai is a Smart City, but we would like to become smarter. We teach Smart City, the pillars of the city, and Digital Transformation at the top because an enabler and driver cannot really lead the business.*

TOPICS COVERED DURING THE EVENT

Importance of Digital Transformation and role of CIOs in the Gulf region

Highlighting CIOs experience over the last decade with projects related to Digital Transformation

Showcasing some of the most strategic digital transformation projects in the Gulf

Highlighting Skilling Projects and their impact on Digital Transformation

Engagement of CIOs from all over the Gulf Region

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