

International Summit on **AI Horizons 2025**

Shaping the Future of Sustainability, Education, and Smart Innovations
Arab Open University, Kuwait



12 –
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2025

Under the patronage of His Highness
the Prime Minister of Kuwait

Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

and in the presence of His Excellency the Minister of
Higher Education and Scientific Research

Professor Nader Abdullah Al-Jalal

and the Chairman of the Arab Open University Board of Trustees

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

the Arab Open University is organising the

International Summit on Artificial Intelligence Horizons

titled

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AI+X Kuwait



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OPENING MESSAGE



PROF. MOHAMMAD ZAKARI

President of the AOU in the Arab World
AI+X Steering Committee Chair

It's with great pride and pleasure that we welcome you to the AI Horizons 2025 summit, at the Arab Open University. This landmark summit reflects our deep commitment to excellence, innovation, and social impact. We are proud to bring together leading thinkers, researchers, industry pioneers, and policymakers from across the globe to explore the transformative power of artificial intelligence in building a smarter and more sustainable future. At the Arab Open University, we are honoured by your presence and look forward to shaping the future together at AI Horizons 2025.



PROF. OMAR ALJARRAH

VP for Planning and Development & CIO
AI+X Steering Committee Member

AI Horizons 2025, organized by the Headquarters of the Arab Open University, is more than a date on the calendar; it's a call for leaders in digital transformation to explore AI's impact across their industries. In today's rapidly shifting landscape, artificial intelligence is no longer a distant vision; it is driving innovation across industries. This event is a venue where minds meet, ideas spark, and goals foster collaboration and development of sustainable, intelligent solutions for today's challenges. We do not just keep pace with change; we are among those who make it.



DR. KHAWLA AL-HASAN

General Programme Director
AI+X Organizing Committee Chair

Now more than ever, AI is shaping our lives and future with a rapid digital transformation. The expectations placed on us, academia, government, and industry are growing rapidly. The pace of innovation remains steady, bringing new opportunities and challenges. I'm excited to personally invite you to the AI Horizons: AI+X Summit at the Arab Open University, a premier event exploring the future of AI across disciplines.

Expand your network and gain a clear vision of how AI can empower organizational and community endeavors.

Join us to shape the future with AI.



AI+X HORIZONS Objectives

The AI Horizons 2025 seeks to harness the transformative potential of artificial intelligence to address global challenges and drive inclusive progress. It will focus on advancing AI applications for sustainable development, expanding access to AI education and talent development, fostering international collaboration through research and innovation, and establishing a multinational framework for ethical AI governance. Through these pillars, the summit aims to position AI as a catalyst for responsible and impactful global change.



AI+X HORIZONS TRACKS



**SMART
LEARNING**



**INDUSTRIAL
TRANSFORMATION**



**BUSINESS
INTELLIGENCE**



**HEALTH
INNOVATIONS**



**SUSTAINABLE
SOLUTIONS**



AI+X Horizons **AGENDA**

09:00 - 09:05

Opening Ceremony

09:05 - 09:10

Representative of the Summit Sponsor,
Minister of Higher Education and
Scientific Research

HE Prof. Nader Abdullah Al-Jalal

09:10 - 09:15

Chairman of the Arab Open
University Board of Trustees

**HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin
Abdulaziz Al Saud**

09:15 - 09:20

Minister of State for Communication
Affairs

HE Mr. Omar Saud Al-Omar

09:20 - 09:23

AI+X Horizons 2025 - Inspiring
the Future

09:23 - 09:28

President of the Arab Open
University in the Arab World

Prof. Mohammed Ibrahim Zakari

09:28 - 09:45

Keynote

**AI Strategy in Action: Building
Smarter Future**

Prof. Omar Al-Jarrah

VP for Planning and Development
& CIO
AOU HQ, Kuwait

09:45 - 10:00

Keynote

**Innovation Without Borders: The
Beginning of Smarter Story**
Dr. Khawla Al-Hasan

Chair of the **AI+X Horizons**
Organising Committee
AOU HQ, Kuwait

10:00 - 10:10

Recognition of the **AI+X Horizons**
Summit Partners and Sponsors

10:10

AI+X Horizons Exhibition Tour

DAY 01



DAY 01

11:00 - 11:20

Keynote

AI in Improving Government Services: Opportunities and Challenges

Dr. Ammar Al-Husaini

Senior Director Strategic Partnerships
Impulse International, Kuwait

11:20 - 12:00

Panel:

Leadership in the Age of AI: Building Trust, Vision, and Resilience

Panelists:

Dr. Khalid Al-Zamil

Chairman of CITRA
CITRA, Kuwait

Dr. Anwar Al-Harbi

TV Personality & IT Expert
Media & Education Sectors, Kuwait

Mr. Abdullah Al-Ayyar

Deputy Managing Director - Sustainability
KPC, Kuwait

Moderator:

Eng. Husain Al-Nakkas

Information Technology & Cybersecurity Expert
Kuwait

12:00 - 12:20

Keynote

AI Strategy in Action: Building Smarter Future

Prof. Omar Al-Jarrah

Vice President of Planning
and Development & CIO
AOU HQ, Kuwait



12:20 - 12:40

Keynote

The role of AI and digital assistance to transform Open Universities: Lessons learned from OU UK

Prof. Bart Rienties

Learning Analytics, President of SoLAR
OU, UK

12:40 - 13:00

Panel:

AI Revolutionizing Learning for the Digital Age: Reality and Prospects

Panelists:

Prof. Fawaz Al-Anzi

Member of the Founding Board & Deputy Director for Planning, Institutional Excellence, and Innovation
ABDULLAH AL SALEM UNIVERSITY, Kuwait

Prof. Omar Al-Jarrah

Vice President of Planning and Development & CIO
AOU HQ, Kuwait

Prof. Bart Rienties

Learning Analytics, President of SoLAR
OU, UK

Moderator:

Dr. Ali Alfayly

Assistant Professor of Computer Science
PAAET, Kuwait

13:00 - 13:20

Keynote

AI-Enabled Future Integrated Healthcare Ecosystem

Prof. Liming Chen

Chair Professor
DLUT, China



DAY 01

13:20 - 13:40

Interview Corner: **Chatting with an AI Expert**

Expert:
Dr. Jassim Haji
President
IGOAI, Bahrain

Dr. Mohammed Hamouri
Director of Business
Development Office
AOU HQ, Kuwait

13:40 - 14:00

Keynote
**Evolution of AI and transformation
of Energy Sector**
Dr. Jassim Haji
President
IGOAI, Bahrain

14:00 - 14:20

Keynote
**The use of AI for Sustainable Decisions
on board of Directors level**
Mr. Brian Vibenholt
Head of Carbon Credit Dept. &
GCC Operations
ECOSOLIS, Kuwait

14:20 - 14:40

Keynote
**Hybrid ML Econometric Models &
Volatility Spillovers**
Dr. Azzam Alroomi
Assistant Professor of Finance
AOU, Kuwait

14:40

Lunch Break



09:30 - 09:50

Keynote

Spatial Intelligence and the Future of Autonomous Systems

Prof. Dhiya Al-Jumeily

Chair of AI
LJMU, UK

09:50 - 10:15

Panel:

AI in Cyber Security

Eng. Husain Alnakkas

Information Technology and
Cybersecurity Consultant
Kuwait

Dr. Basil Alothman

Cybersecurity Expert
KCST, Kuwait

10:15 - 10:50

Panel:

AI at Scale: How Tech Giants are Driving the Future

Panelists:

Dr. Lilas Al-Asfahani

Delivery Executive
GOOGLE CLOUD, Kuwait

Ms. Abeer Kamal

Technology Consulting- Client
Solutions Manager
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Mr. Charles Nahas

Regional General Manager
MICROSOFT, Kuwait

Moderator:

Dr. Ahmed Gawish

General Programmes Director
AOU HQ, Kuwait

AI+X Horizons
AGENDA



DAY 02

10:50 - 11:10

Keynote

National AI Models: Sovereignty, Data, and Digital Identity

Dr. Salim Al-Shuaili

Member, Digital Economy
& AI Committee
OCCI, OMAN

11:10 - 11:40

Coffee Break

11:40 - 12:05

Keynote

The Paradox of AI in Financial Regulation

Dr. Ebrahim Al Alkeem

National Risk & Policy Director
General Secretariat
AML/CTF GOV., UAE

12:05 - 12:25

Keynote:

**Entrepreneur role in balancing
Innovation and Responsibility**

Dr. Hanan Alsharah

Researcher - University of Essex
& CEO of Innotech
Innotech, Kuwait

12:25 - 12:45

Keynote

**Agentic AI: Building
Autonomous Systems for Healthcare,
Finance, and Logistics**

Mr. Naeem Mirza

CEO - Cyber, Cloud, & Robotics
AI Doctrine, Kuwait



12:45 - 13:05

Interview Corner:
Chatting with an AI Expert

Expert:
Ms. Melanie Moeller
Chief AI Officer
GenFutures Lab, UK

Dr. Mohammed Hamouri
Director of Business
Development Office
AOU HQ, Kuwait

13:05 - 13:25

Keynote
**Building Smarter Futures with
Trusted AI Agents**
Ms. Melanie Moeller
Chief AI Officer
GenFutures Lab, UK

13:25 - 14:00

Panel:
**Smart Moves: Leveraging AI for
Competitive advantage**

Panelists:
Mr. Naeem Mirza
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Dr. Azzam Alroomi
Assistant Professor of Finance
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Prof. Andrea Cosentino
Adjunct Professor & CEO
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Moderator:
Dr. Arezou Harraf
Founder & CEO of Learn &
Evolve LLC
Box Hill Collage, Kuwait

DAY 02



DAY 02

14:00 - 15:00

Lunch Break

15:00 - 15:20

Keynote
Adaptive and Multi-Layered AI Governance: A framework for Humanity and Innovation
Dr. Dabiah Alboaneen
Founder
AIGN, KSA

15:20 - 15:50

Hackathon and Graduates
Projects **Prizes Distribution**

15:50

Closing Remarks



AI+X Student Innovation **EXHIBITION**

As part of the **AI+X Horizons** Summit 2025, the Arab Open University is proud to host an Exhibition of Innovative Graduation Projects on 12–13.11.2025. This expedition will showcase outstanding student projects from Kuwait universities, highlighting creative solutions that leverage artificial intelligence to address global challenges and promote sustainable development. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore cutting-edge ideas, engage with young innovators, and witness the future of AI through the lens of student creativity. The best three projects will be awarded.



AI+X Horizons **HACKATHON**

As part of the **AI+X Horizons** International Summit 2025, the AI Hackathon will gather talented regional university students and young innovators to develop impactful, AI-powered solutions for real-world challenges. Over two days, participants will collaborate in teams, receive expert mentorship, and present their prototypes to a distinguished panel of judges. The hackathon aims to foster creativity, practical innovation, and problem-solving skills, empowering the next generation of AI leaders in the region.



AI+X Workshops DAY 01 AGENDA

PROVIDER



Title:

Azure AI Studio (formerly Azure AI Foundry):
Building AI Without Barriers

Time:

12.11.2025
12:00 - 14:00

Location:

GE112

Description:

This workshop introduces participants to AI Foundry, a platform designed to simplify the development and deployment of generative and agentic AI solutions. Attendees will gain a foundational understanding of how AI Foundry supports innovation across academic and technical domains.

PROVIDER



Title:

Applied AI Essentials

Time:

12.11.2025
12:00 - 14:00

Location:

GE113

Description:

This workshop introduces the fundamentals of AI and Large Language Models (LLMs), followed by practical applications. Participants will explore prompt engineering techniques, learn to scan documents and create infographics, build a simple AI agent using ChatGPT, and experiment with Agent Mode for task automation. By the end, attendees will gain hands-on skills to effectively apply AI tools in everyday scenarios.



AI+X Workshops DAY 01 AGENDA

PROVIDER



AOU
الجامعة العربية المفتوحة
Arab Open University

Title:

Generative AI in Education

Time:

12.11.2025
15:00 - 17:00

Location:

GE112

Description:

An interactive workshop for educators and students to design innovative educational content using AI and create smart assessments using AOU GPT – ChatGPT – Quizizz AI.

PROVIDER

**Title:**

Create with Huawei MetaStudio

Time:

12.11.2025
15:00 - 17:00

Location:

GE113

Description:

Step into the world of digital content creation with Huawei MetaStudio – a one-stop intelligent platform for generating realistic human avatars, virtual scenes, and multimedia assets using AI. This workshop introduces participants to the latest tools for virtual production, content automation, and digital transformation in media, education, and business industries.



AI+X Workshops DAY 02 AGENDA

PROVIDER

EC-Council

Title:
Hacking in the Age of AI: CEH v13 Essentials

Time:
13.11.2025
10:00 - 12:00

Location:
GE112

Description:

The future is here — AI is reshaping both hacking and defense. Discover how the CEH framework integrates with artificial intelligence tools to detect and respond to cyber threats faster than ever. See live examples of AI-powered penetration testing and threat analysis.

PROVIDER



Title:
Build & Train with Huawei ModelArts

Time:
13.11.2025
10:00 - 12:00

Location:
GE113

Description:

Discover how to accelerate your AI innovation journey with Huawei ModelArts, an end-to-end development platform for model training, data labeling, and deployment. In this session, participants will learn how to build machine learning models with ease — from data preparation to cloud-based inference — using Huawei's powerful AI ecosystem.



AI+X Workshops DAY 02 AGENDA

PROVIDER

salesforce

Title:

Salesforce AI

Time:

13.11.2025
12:00 - 14:00

Location:

GE112

Description:

This workshop explores how Salesforce CRM, the world's leading customer relationship management platform, empowers organizations to build stronger customer relationships, streamline operations, and make smarter decisions using built-in AI tools

PROVIDER



Microsoft

Title:

Microsoft 365 Copilot

Time:

13.11.2025
12:00 - 14:00

Location:

GE113

Description:

This workshop offers an introductory overview of Microsoft 365 Copilot, showcasing how AI can enhance productivity across familiar tools like Word, Excel, Outlook, and Teams. Participants will learn how Copilot integrates with daily workflows to automate tasks, generate content, and provide intelligent assistance.



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