AGENDA

8:00am Breakfast and Registration

8:50am Chair’s Opening Remarks

9:00am Welcome Address

9:10am Keynote Session: Preparing the workforce for the digital economy

What are the drivers of workforce change as Gulf countries position themselves as innovation hubs? How can government and business collaborate effectively to solve the skills gap crisis in GCC countries? And what are the key learnings from different GCC country approaches?

How does one balance the constraints of expat / labour imports and localisation initiatives with the skill requirements of high tech industries coming into the region?

9:40am Panel Discussion: Can man and machine complement one another?

How are organisations combining technology and people to maximise productivity, whilst meeting social and nationalisation of work programme commitments? Can we replace the manual labour abundance with automation in the near future, and what impact will that have on the region’s economy?

Which industries are most under pressure in the short and long-term and who must bear the burden for retraining and upskilling the workforce?

How can the success of training and upskilling efforts be measured? Who measures this? How does one prepare the labour market for roles that do not exist yet?

10:30am Networking Break

11:00am Talent and Skills Case Studies: The new nature of work

What role does diversity have to play in the changing face of the workplace? How do you manage multiple and freelance talent pools and a virtual workforce in a digitalised working environment?

Aligning workforce planning into broader innovation strategies. How do you implement a culture of lifelong learning within the business?

11:40am Q&A with audience

12:00pm Closing Summation

12:15pm Lunch