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Summit Schedule

16–17 APRIL 2025

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Innovation Era Enabled Higher Education Sector Benefits, Challenges and Functionalities

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Summit Time Table

Day 1
Wednesday

09:00 am – 09:45 am	**Opening Session**
10:00 am – 11:00 am	**Walk–Through Session**
11:00 am – 11:20 am	**Organization Committee Talk**
11:20 am – 11:50 am	**Keynote Speaker 1**
12:00 pm – 01:00 pm	**Lunch Break & Networking**
01:00 pm – 01:45 pm	**Panel Discussion**
02:00 pm – 02:20 pm	**Keynote Speaker 2**
02:30 pm – 03:15 pm	**Panel Discussion**
03:30 pm – 04:00 pm	**Coffee Break & Networking**
04:00 pm – 04:45 pm	**Presentation & Panel Discussion**

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Day 2
Thursday

09:30 am – 10:00 am	**Presentation**
10:00 am – 10:45 am	**Panel Discussion**
11:00 am – 11:30 pm	**Coffee Break & Networking**
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	**Presentation & Interactive Session**
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Event Details

Opening Session

09:00 am - 09:45 am

National Anthem

Verses from the Holy Quran

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Opening the summit and overview of innovation's impact on higher education
Professor Nader Abdullah Al-Jalal

His Excellency Minister of Higher Education and Research, Kuwait

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Introductory of the summit and extending a warm welcome to all participants
Professor Moudhi Abdulaziz Al-Hmoud

President, Abdullah Al Salem University

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Launch of the Artificial Intelligence Council in Kuwait

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Presentation about the Artificial Intelligence Council in Kuwait
Professor Fawaz S. Al-Anzi

Vice President for Planning and Institutional Excellence, Abdullah Al Salem University

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Walk-Through Session

10:00 am - 11:00 am

The Walk-Through Session provides a platform for universities to showcase student-driven innovation.

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Organization Committee Talk

11:00 am - 11:20 am
Associate Professor Omar Ali

Participants Welcome, Summit Themes Overview

Assistant of Vice President for Planning and Institutional Excellence, Acting Director for Digital Marketing Program, Acting Director for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program, Abdullah Al Salem University (Kuwait)

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Keynote Speaker 1

11:20 am – 11:50 am

Automating Higher Education through AI: Trolley Problem or Solution?

Professor Katina Michael

School for the Future of Innovation in Society and School of Computing and Augmented Intelligence, Arizona State University (USA), Senior Global Futures Scientist, Global Futures Scientists and Scholars, Center on Technology, Data and Society

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Lunch Break & Networking

12:00 pm – 01:00 pm

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Panel Discussion

01:00 pm – 01:45 pm
Digital Transformation and Smart Campuses

Experts discuss the evolution of smart campuses and the integration of IoT, AI, & Big Data

Session Moderator
Associate Professor Omar Ali

Assistant of Vice President for Planning and Institutional Excellence, Acting Director for Digital Marketing Program, Acting Director for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program, Abdullah Al Salem University (Kuwait)

Participants

Dr. Sayed Behbehani
TPL Specialist in Geoscience, Research and Development, Kuwait Oil Company (Kuwait)

Associate Professor Muder Almiani
Accounting & MIS Department, College of Business Administration, Gulf University for Science & Technology (Kuwait)

Professor Jaime Lloret Mauri
IEEE Senior, ACM Senior, IARIA Fellow, EAI Fellow. Department of Communications, Universidad Politecnica de Valencia (Spain). Chair of the Integrated Management Coastal Research Institute (IGIC)

Associate Professor Khalid Rajab
School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science, Queen Mary University of London (United Kingdom). IEEE Senior Member

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Keynote Speaker 2

02:00 pm – 02:20 pm

Empowering Innovation: KAFS Strategy for Future Funding and Support

Eng. Dina Alnakib

Senior Manager, Research and Technology Deployment Section, The Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS)

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Panel Discussion

02:30 pm – 03:15 pm

AI-Driven Personalized Learning

Interactive session on implementing AI to create tailored learning experiences

Session Moderator

Assistant Professor Sawsan Malik

Assistant Dean, Arab Open University – Kuwait Branch, Faculty of Business Studies, Empowering entrepreneurs through innovative strategy

Participants

Professor Jun Li	**Assistant Professor Noura Aljeri**
Department of Management, S P Jain London School of Management (United Kingdom)	*Computer Science Department, College of Sciences, Kuwait University (Kuwait)*
Assistant Professor Ahmad Al-Ahmad	**Associate Professor Anup Shrestha**
Management Information Systems Department, Gulf University of Science and Technology (Kuwait)	*Faculty of Business, University of Southern Queensland (Australia)*

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Coffee Break & Networking

03:30 pm – 04:00 pm

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Presentation & Panel Discussion

04:00 pm – 04:45 pm

Data Analytics in Higher Education

A Software Tool to Analyze and Predict Student Performance via Artificial Intelligence Models.

Discussion about data analytics for student success prediction and institutional improvement.

Session Moderator

Professor Wael Farag

College of Engineering and Energy, Abdullah Al Salem University (Kuwait)

Participants

Associate Professor
Hanady M Abdulsalam

Dept of Information Science, Acting Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Research, and Higher Studies, College of Life Sciences, Kuwait University)

Dr. Mohammed Mahmoud Khajah

Associate Research Scientist, Systems and Software Development Department, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (Kuwait)

Mr. Yousef AlRayyes

Assistant General Manager Data Group, Boubyan Bank (Kuwait)

Assistant Professor
Ahmad Al-Saber

College of Business and Economics, American University of Kuwait (AUK) (Kuwait)

End of Summit Day 1

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Presentation: Successful Case Study

09:30 am – 10:00 am

Driving Innovation for Excellence: Kuwait National Petroleum Company's Journey to Transformation and Performance Enhancement

Eng. Bassam Jayed Alshammari

Head of KNPC Innovation Committee at Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) (Kuwait)

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Panel Discussion

10:00 am – 10:45 am

Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Challenges

Discussion on challenges and solutions in maintaining secure digital learning environments

Session Moderator
Assistant Professor Khaled Alanezi

Assistant Dean, Arab Open University – Kuwait Branch, Faculty of Business Studies, Empowering entrepreneurs through innovative strategy

Participants

Associate Professor Mohammed Alenezi
Computer Science and Information Systems Department, The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (Kuwait)

Assistant Professor Mishri AlMarshoud
Computer Science and Cybersecurity, College of Engineering, International University of Kuwait IUK (Kuwait)

Professor Shafiullah Khan
Acting Dean for College of Computing and Systems, Abdullah Al Salem University (Kuwait). Senior Member of IEEE

Mr. Ali AlMatouq
Senior Manager, Boubyan Bank (Kuwait)

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Coffee Break & Networking

11:00 am – 11:30 am

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Presentation & Interactive Session

11:30 am – 12:15 pm
VR/AR in Education

Exploring VR/AR applications, with demos of innovative uses of these technologies in learning

Session Moderator
Associate Professor Abbas Amini

College of Engineering and Energy, Abdullah Al Salem University (Kuwait)

Participants

Associate Professor Ismaeel Al Ridhawi
Computer Science and Engineering, Kuwait College of Science and Technology (Kuwait). Senior member of the IEEE

Dr. Scott Pezanowski
Bright World Labs, College of Information Sciences and Technology, The Geo VISTA Center, Penn State (USA)

Mr. Abdulaziz Al Roomi
Assistant General Manager Human Resources Group, Boubyan Bank (Kuwait)

Eng. Omar AlSaleh
Computer Engineer, Subject Matter Expert in 5G, Wireless Tech & Sustainable Telecom Solutions (Kuwait)

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Lunch Break & Networking

12:30 pm – 01:30 pm

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Panel Discussion

01:30 pm – 02:15 pm
Policy and Governance for Technology-Driven Education

Policymakers and education leaders discuss the regulatory environment of a technology-driven educational system

Session Moderator
Associate Professor Anup Shrestha

Faculty of Business, University of Southern Queensland (Australia)

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Professor Bassam Alameddine

President of GUST University, (Kuwait). Expert in Strategic Planning and Process Optimization. Pioneer in Molecular Engineering for Sustainability and Environmental Solution

Professor Jeffrey Soar

Chair in Human-Centred Technology. Faculty of Business, University of Southern Queensland (Australia)

Professor Ahmed Al-Hunaiyyan

The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, and Abdullah Al Salem University (Kuwait)

Panel Discussion

02:30 pm – 03:15 pm

A New Voice in Kuwaiti Researchers

A new Kuwaiti researchers share their perspective in a discussion on the impact of innovation in the higher education sector

Session Moderator

Assistant Professor Huda AlRashidi

Computer Science and Engineering, Kuwait College of Science and Technology (Kuwait)

Participants

Assistant Professor Anwaar Alkandari

Business and Management Department, Kuwait Technical College (Kuwait)

Assistant Professor Sawsan Malik

Assistant Dean, Arab Open University - Kuwait Campus (Faculty of Business Studies)- Empowering entrepreneurs through innovative strategy

Assistant Professor Ali Alfayly

Public Authority of Applied Education and Training (Kuwait). Board Member in Artificial Intelligence Association of Kuwait (AAIOT)

Assistant Professor Afnan Alkhaldi

Assistant Dean for Faculty of Business Studies, Arab Open University (AOU HQ Kuwait)

Assistant Professor Fahad Al Huwaishel

College of Engineering and Energy, Abdullah Al Salem University (Kuwait)

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Summit Closing and Next Steps

03:30 pm – 04:30 pm

Final Reflections, Key Takeaways and Future Directions

Professor Fawaz S. Al-Anzi

Vice President for Planning and Institutional Excellence, Abdullah Al Salem University

Announcing the Winning Projects

Dr. Adel Al Hussainan

Secretary General of the Administration Founding Board of Abdullah Al Salem University (Kuwait)

End of Summit Day 2

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