

# Human Capability Initiative Convenes Powerhouse Line-up Of Speakers For Expert-led Platform In Riyadh



**31 January 2024, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** – The Human Capability Initiative (HCI) is thrilled to announce key speakers for its forthcoming event taking place from the 28th – 29th February, 2024. Bringing together luminaries from diverse sectors and backgrounds, these eminent industry leaders and experts will spearhead dynamic discussions centred around Human Capability Development (HCD) to prepare individuals for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Held under the patronage of HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, the Crown Prince, Prime Minister, and Chairman of the Human Capability Development Program (HCDDP) Committee, HCI is the first-ever global co-operative platform dedicated to unifying the international efforts and enrich the global dialogue on the challenges and opportunities for developing human capabilities.

The challenges posed by the future of work are complex and multifaceted, requiring innovative solutions that extend beyond traditional approaches. HCI's primary objective is to stimulate discussion that proactively addresses these challenges, equipping individuals with the essential skills for success, and cultivating resilience and adaptability in the contemporary workforce, which faces a continually changing professional environment.

The CEO of HCDDP, Engineer Anas AlMudaifer, commented:

"HCI reflects Saudi Arabia's vital role as a global convenor to unleash human capabilities potential to drive progress and prosperity, not just within our borders, but across the globe. We are honored to welcome the world's leading minds to HCI, bringing together the expertise and ingenuity we need today to drive future readiness. HCI's speaker line-up showcases the collective impetus across sectors to contribute to a sustainable global agenda that pioneers solutions for human capability development. Through collaborative dialogue, the insights and collaborations born here will ripple outwards, leaving a lasting impact and helping create a better tomorrow for all."

Speakers announced today include:

Government officials, international organization representatives:

- His Excellency Khalid AlFalih, Minister of Investment of Saudi Arabia
- His Excellency Ahmed AlRajhi, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development of Saudi Arabia
- His Excellency Bandar AlKhorayef, Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources of Saudi Arabia
- His Excellency Faisal Alibrahim, Minister of Economy and Planning of Saudi Arabia
- His Excellency Yousef Al Benyan, Minister of Education of Saudi Arabia
- Dr. Fadia Saadah, Regional Director – Human Development, MENA, The World Bank
- Andreas Schleicher, Director of Education and Skills, OECD
- Dr. Sobhi Tawil, Director, Future of Learning & Innovation, Education Sector, UNESCO
- Anil Soni, CEO, WHO Foundation

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Private sector and business leaders:

- Gregory Case, CEO, AON
- Dominic Barton, Chairman, Rio Tinto & LeapFrog Investments
- Justina Nixon-Sintil, Chief Impact Officer, IBM
- Jeff Maggioncalda, President & CEO, Coursera
- Olivier Sabella, Vice President, LinkedIn
- Dr. Michael Fraccaro, Chief People Officer, Mastercard
- Elaine Arden, Group Chief Human Resources Officer, HSBC
- Laurence Moroney, AI Lead, Google

Academics and intellectuals:

- Dr. Santiago Iñiguez, President, IE University
- Professor Soumitra Dutta, Dean, Said Business School, University of Oxford
- Professor Andreas Cangellaris, Founding President, NEOM University
- Professor Naoko Ishii, EVP & Director – Center for Global Commons, The University of Tokyo

Education, training and entrepreneurship experts:

- Sharmia Chetty, CEO of Duke CE
- Dr. Kai Roemmelt, CEO, Udacity
- Allan E. Goodman, CEO, Institute of International Education
- Jonathan Ortman, President, Global Entrepreneurship Network

Convening at the King Abdulaziz International Conference Center in the vibrant city of Riyadh, the prominent speakers will share knowledge and ideas with 6000+ global attendees in a diverse and stimulating program featuring panels, keynotes and fireside chats on a range of important and timely topics to shape the global agenda on human capability development.

Join the conversation on social media using **#FutureReadiness #HCI2024**.

## About Saudi Vision 2030:

Under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, Saudi Vision 2030 was launched by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, Crown Prince, and Prime Minister, with a roadmap to build Saudi Arabia's prosperous and bright future through a vibrant society, a thriving economy, and an ambitious nation. The Vision was cascaded into strategic objectives to enable effective implementation through its Vision Realization Programs.

<https://www.vision2030.gov.sa>

## About the Human Capability Development Program (HCDP):

The Human Capability Development Program is one of the 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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