World Summit AI Returns to Doha with MCIT to Advance Ethical and Transformative AI in MENA

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London, UK – November 11, 2025 (RKI) – World Summit AI Qatar, organized in partnership with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), State of Qatar, is set to return to the Doha Exhibition & Convention Center (DECC) on December 9–10, 2025. The summit will bring together the global AI ecosystem—from enterprises and start-ups to academia, policymakers, and investors—to address the pressing questions surrounding the responsible development and deployment of artificial intelligence in the region.

Now in its second edition in Qatar, World Summit AI serves as a premier platform highlighting the systems, stakes, and shifts shaping the AI-driven future. The event reflects Qatar's Digital Agenda

2030 and underscores its leadership in fostering ethical, inclusive, and transformative AI across industries.

"The State of Qatar is pioneering a model for responsible and inclusive AI adoption, placing human progress and innovation at the center," said Duha Al Buhendi, Director of Digital Society and Digital Competencies at MCIT. "Through platforms like World Summit AI, we connect global expertise with national ambition, building a future where technology empowers individuals and sectors across society."

The 2025 summit, themed **"A Brave New World: Building the Future with AI,"** will feature 10 tracks across four stages, hosting more than 100 world-class speakers from leading global institutions. Key participants include:

- H.E. Deemah AlYahya, Secretary-General, Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO)

- Simon See, Global Head, NVIDIA AI Technology Centre, NVIDIA

- Chris Stephens, VP and Field CTO, Groq

- Lucia Velasco, Head AI Policy, United Nations

- James Sayles, Chief AI Officer & Director of Global GRC, Halliburton

- Mohamed Shaaban, Director of AI Product, Scale AI

- Nour Al Hassan, Founder & CEO, Tarjama / Arabic.AI

- Santiago Bañales Lopez, Managing Director & CEO, Iberdrola Innovation Middle East

- Cobus Greyling, Chief Evangelist, Kore.ai

- Jesper Schleimann, AI Officer – EMEA, SAP

- Nikita Gordeev, CTO, Snoonu

- Rajarshi Gupta, Former Head of AI at Coinbase

- Jean-Marc Rickli, Head of Global and Emerging Risks, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

- Nizar Hneini, Managing Director, Roland Berger

- Lars Gehrmann, Group Chief Digital & AI Officer, Qatar Insurance Group

- Tee Ganbold, Co-Founder & CEO, FrontierOne

- Katherine Munro, AI Transformation Manager, Swisscom

- Amjad Al Sabbah, Group VP, MEA, Sprinklr

- Rohini Sampoornam Swaminathan, Climate and Environment Data Lead, UNICEF

- Alice Leng, CEO, Fina.ai

- Leah Perry, Esq., Board Vice Chair, AI Trust Foundation (US)

- Loubna Bouarfa, Founder, OKRA.ai

Key themes for 2025 include:

- **Frontier AI:** Breakthroughs in AGI, robotics, encrypted learning, and multimodal systems.

- **Next-Gen Infrastructure:** The compute race, data centers, and regional AI infrastructure challenges.

- **Accelerating AI Adoption:** How enterprises and governments implement AI to achieve measurable impact.

- **Future Energy:** Using AI to drive sustainability, grid optimization, and decarbonization.

- **Responsible AI:** Shaping regulatory and governance models grounded in transparency and cultural alignment.

- **The Global AI Edge:** Positioning the Gulf as a regional hub connecting Africa, Asia, and Europe.

Maisie Holder, Managing Director of World Summit AI and InspiredMinds!, said, "Returning to Doha with MCIT highlights our shared commitment to an AI future that is strategic, ethical, and globally competitive. The MENA region is advancing at extraordinary speed, and together we are building a blueprint for world-class, responsible innovation."

The summit arrives at a pivotal moment for the region, with the MENA artificial intelligence market projected to reach **US$166.3 billion by 2030.** Qatar, through MCIT, continues to actively drive innovation, digital infrastructure, and knowledge exchange across sectors.

World Summit AI Qatar 2025 will explore how AI can create new economic opportunities, enable inclusive education, and address real-world challenges—from water security to urban mobility—establishing the Gulf as a global hub for AI innovation.

For registration and more information, visit: qatar.worldsummit.ai