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EVENT OVERVIEW

The CyberOT Secure Summit represents a pivotal milestone in the cybersecurity realm, an event envisioned and crafted to be a transformative force in the convergence of Information Technology (IT) and Operational Technology (OT) security. Organized in partnership with Dubai Silicon Oasis, the summit will bring together the leaders in the Cybersecurity, OT and IT fields within the UAE's hub for innovation and future technology.

This ground-breaking summit spans two immersive days dedicated to shaping the future of cybersecurity. It serves as an indispensable platform, drawing together a consortium of cybersecurity professionals, industry trailblazers, and technology aficionados united by a common goal: to fortify the resilience of critical systems against an evolving landscape of cyber threats.



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AGENDA DAY 1

08:00 – 09:00 Registrations and refreshments

09:00 – 09:10 Welcome remarks by Parul Rana, Head of Production, Inoex Global

Session 1 Fortifying Digital Fortresses: Protecting the Future

09:10 – 09:25 Welcome Remarks

H.E. Dr. Juma Al Matrooshi – Director General at Dubai Silicon Oasis (DSO)

09:25 – 09:40 **Opening keynote:** Cyber Threats in the Urban Landscape: Safeguarding Smart City Infrastructure

- ▶ Examining the unique cybersecurity challenges faced by interconnected urban environments
- ▶ Identifying vulnerabilities in smart city systems and critical infrastructure

H.E. Dr Mohamed Hamad Al Kuwaiti, Head of Cybersecurity, Ministry of Cybersecurity

09:40 – 10:15 Panel: Building Cyber Resilience for Smart Urban Environments

- ▶ Discussing the importance of cyber resilience frameworks tailored for smart city ecosystems
- ▶ Strategies for collaborative efforts among government, industry, and cybersecurity experts to mitigate threats

Muhammed Ali – CEO, Cyberwaze Global (moderator)

Anurag Goyal – vCISO, Reddoorz

Tejeswar Rao Yamarpu – Manager Information Technology – Systems, Security, Infra and Network, Nshama

Ali LARIBI – Founder & IT/OT Cyber Security consultant, Fortress plus France

Abhilash KG – IT Manager – Operations, Cloud, Security, Infrastructure, Meydan Free Zone

Session 2 Data Guardianship: Securing Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability

10:15 – 10:45 Know the attacker and know yourself: Using OT Threat Intelligence to make conscious decisions regarding cybersecurity of your infrastructure

Evgeny Goncharov – Head of Critical Infrastructure Defense, Kaspersky Future Technologies

10:45 – 11:20 Panel: Data Privacy in the Age of Digital Transformation

- ▶ Compliance with evolving data protection regulations
- ▶ Addressing ethical concerns while leveraging data for business growth

Muhammed Al Akkad – VP of Technology, Ejabi InfoSec (moderator)

Nitin Shingari – Vice President, Information Security (CISO), DAMAN

Fayaz Ahamed Badubhai – Group IT / Digital Director, Al Yousuf Group

Anurag Goyal – vCISO, Reddoorz

11:20 – 11:50 Networking and coffee break

AGENDA DAY 1 (CONTINUE...)

Session 3 Securing the Human Element: Cultivating Cyber Awareness

11:50 – 12:10

Cyber Hygiene: Promoting a Security-Conscious Culture

- ▶ Educating and empowering individuals to become cybersecurity advocates
- ▶ Strategies to enhance cyber hygiene across organizations

José Luis Santos Pascual – Risk Analysis Manager, Middle East, ACCIONA

12:10 – 12:45

Panel: The Role of Education in Cybersecurity Awareness

- ▶ Integrating cybersecurity education into academic curriculums
- ▶ Collaborations between academia and industry for cybersecurity skill development

Hani Ragab Hassen, Associate Professor at Heriot-Watt University Dubai (Moderator)

Dr. Ebrahim Al Alkeem Al Zaabi – Cybersecurity & AI expert, Government of Abu Dhabi

Dr. Wesam Almobaideen – Professor of Computing Security and Networking, RIT University

Dr. Salih Ismail, Head – School of IT, Murdoch University

Session 4 Future Trends: Navigating Evolving Threat Landscapes

12:45 – 13:05

Keynote: Redefining Risk in Operational Technologies: Physical Consequences Meet Generative AI

- ▶ Shifting dynamics in operational technology (OT) risk assessments, highlighting a rise in attacks with physical consequences and the integration of generative AI in OT payloads
- ▶ Exploring the imperative to redefine risk assessments for OT, introducing engineering-grade cybersecurity measures for enhanced resilience against emerging threats in critical infrastructure sectors

Dr. Jesus Molina, Director of Industrial Security, Waterfall Security

13:05 – 13:20

Keynote: The Future of Smart Cities and Emerging Tech: Challenges and Opportunities

Hoda Al Khzaimi – Director, Centre for Cybersecurity; Founder and Director, EMARATSEC

13:20 – 14:00

Panel: Cyber Resilience in Critical Sectors

- ▶ Discussing best practices and frameworks to enhance cyber resilience in vital sectors
- ▶ Collaborations between public and private sectors for securing critical infrastructure

Dr. Salih Ismail, Head – School of IT at Murdoch University (Moderator)

Alaa Mahjoub – Digital Business and OT Advisor, Independent Advisor

Ali LARIBI – Founder & IT/OT Cyber Security consultant, Fortress plus France

Sultan Saif Al Mansoori – Director of Information Security, Abu Dhabi Media Network

Session 5 Securing Critical Infrastructure: Safeguarding Essential Systems

AGENDA DAY 1 (CONTINUE...)

14:00 – 14:20

Keynote: Policing Disruptive Technologies

- ▶ The Past, Present & Future
- ▶ Metaverse, Digital Twins, Conversational AI – The Challenges & Solutions
- ▶ Ethics
- ▶ The Role of Government in Policing Disruptive Technologies

Ahmad AlTarawneh – Senior Strategic Consultant Digital Transformation, Dubai Police HQ

14:20 – 15:20

Networking and Lunch Break

AGENDA DAY 2

08:30 – 09:30

Registrations and refreshments

09:30 – 09:35

Welcome remarks by INOEX

Session 6

Resilience and Continuity Planning for Critical Infrastructure

09:35 – 09:50

Emerging Threats in UAE's OT Landscape

- ▶ Understanding the evolving cyber threats targeting critical infrastructure in the UAE
- ▶ Exploring recent attack vectors and vulnerabilities in operational technology systems

Reserved for H.E. Tarik, MOAIT

09:50 – 10:05

The Cyber Frontier Unleashed: A Symphony of Standards, Policies, and Governance

Khalid Yaqoob Baker – Hardware Security Section Head, Dubai Electronic Security Center (DESC)

10:05 – 10:40

Panel: Zero-Trust Security and SASE: Transforming Network Security in a Borderless Environment

- ▶ Understanding the fundamentals of Zero-Trust security and its application in modern network architectures
- ▶ Exploring the role of SASE in providing comprehensive security and connectivity in the cloud-first era
- ▶ Implementing Zero-Trust principles within the SASE framework to secure access across hybrid and multi-cloud environments

Dr. Samar Alghalebi – Head Sustainability Strategy and Growth – Falak Tayyeb Platinum Government Services (moderator)

Butti Bushlaibi – Head of IT, Du

Prince Rana – Head Information Security, Risk & Governance, Seddiqi Holding

Bader Zyoud – Project Manager – Information Security, Abu Dhabi Media Network

Session 7

Industry 4.0 Implementation: Leveraging IoT and AI in Operational Technology

AGENDA DAY 2 (CONTINUE...)

10:40 – 11:10

Keynote: Enhancing Cybersecurity Resilience in Industrial Control Systems

- ▶ Enabling Digital Transformation through enhancing the security architecture: Designing and implementing security architectures that enables the business transformation journeys and enforces defence in depth capabilities
- ▶ Implementing Advanced Threat Detection Techniques: Exploring the integration of AI-driven anomaly detection and behaviour analytics to fortify industrial control systems against sophisticated cyber threats
- ▶ Securing Remote Access and Authentication Protocols: Addressing the challenges and best practices in establishing robust remote access controls and ensuring secure authentication methods within ICS environments

Ayman Al Issa – Industrial Cybersecurity Lead and Senior Expert, McKinsey & Company

11:10 – 11:40

Networking and coffee break

11:40 – 12:20

Panel Discussion: Modernizing Threat Management for the Evolving Attack Surfaces of OT, IoT and IoMT

- ▶ Role of security officers to understand the mitigated risks and create a secure network
- ▶ Converging IT and OT infrastructure to increase security
- ▶ Installing an added layer of security system in IoT and IoMT to protect the data

Dr. Samar Alghalebi – Head Sustainability Strategy and Growth – Falak Tayyeb Platinum Government Services (moderator)

Huzefa Ali – Enterprise Architect, DAMAC

Osama Yazid Alnajjar – Head of Cybersecurity Risk and Compliance (IT/OT), ADNOC

Ahmed Al Saleh – OT Cybersecurity Lead, Saudi Aramco

Session 8

Sustainability in Industrial Operations: Green Technologies and Energy Efficiency in OT

12:20 – 12:40

Keynote: The Future of Smart Cities and Emerging Tech: Challenges and Opportunities

Hoda Al Khzaimi – Director, Centre for Cybersecurity; Founder and Director, EMARATSEC

12:40 – 13:40

Networking and lunch break

SPEAKER PROFILE



H.E. Dr. Mohammed Hamad Al Kuwaiti

Head of Cybersecurity
UAE Government

Dr. Al Kuwaiti was appointed by the Cabinet as the Head of Cyber Security for the UAE Government since 2020. As the Head of Cyber Security, his mandate includes responsibilities as the Chairman of the UAE Cyber Security Council as well as Managing Director of the National Data Centre under the Supreme Council for National Security. As the Head of Cyber Security for the UAE Government by investiture, Dr. Al Kuwaiti has legal authority over all aspects pertaining to securing the cyberspace for the entire Nation.

In his current role, Dr. Al Kuwaiti is tasked with the responsibility of charting the cyber security strategy for the Nation that not only equips the UAE to enter the digital era with capabilities to deal with the new threat landscape exacerbated by the pandemic, but also ensures UAE's leadership in cyber security globally; towards establishing the UAE as the world's leading trusted digital hub and supporting the Nation's digital transformation agenda and the digital future of all residents who made UAE their home. Towards that end, he leads the Council to outline an implementation plan to protect the UAE cyberspace through emerging technologies such as Cloud, Big Data and AI in a whole-of-government approach coordinating and orchestrating efforts between Emirates and government entities via a unified platform built and managed by the Council.

Under Dr. Al Kuwaiti's leadership, the UAE has advanced 42 positions in the ITU Global Cybersecurity Index, rising to the 5th place globally from 47th in the previous assessment. Dr. Al Kuwaiti has also led UAE to many firsts, including Guinness World Records for having the most users in a cyber capture the flag (CTF) competition, the largest bug bounty competition and the largest cyber drill; all initiatives that aim at capacity building in cyber security and improving the technical competencies of cyber security professionals and enthusiasts. More importantly, he has been instrumental in advocating for realizing the value of cyber security by demonstrating cyber security as a critical business enabler. Since 2021, Dr. Al Kuwaiti plays the role of an ambassador for collaboration between the government and cyber agencies, helping to bridge the discussion between the two major stakeholders in the digital economy. Under his chaperone, key public-private partnerships were established between the UAE Cyber Security Council and leading local and international cyber security organizations with the goal of making a positive contribution to the UAE cyber agenda and be a major force that will benefit the global cyber security industry. Additionally, bilateral agreements established with countries both within the region and across the world contributed towards mutual information sharing, capacity development and legal assistance aid treaties, all key outcomes as a result of the National Cyber Security Strategy that he has put in place to realize the vision of the UAE for the next 50 years.



H.E. Dr. Juma Al Matrooshi

Director General
Dubai Silicon Oasis (DSO)

Dr. Juma Al Matrooshi, serving as the Director General of Dubai Silicon Oasis (DSO), is a dynamic leader whose expertise extends across urban development, environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria, strategic planning, and foreign direct investments. His role at DSO is central to driving Dubai's economy forward, aligning with the ambitious D33 Agenda and Urban Master Plan 2040. At the helm of DSO, Dr. Al Matrooshi excels in creating a synergy between advanced technology and urban development.

His leadership style is characterized by a keen focus on sustainable practices, ensuring that DSO's growth meets today's needs and also addresses future challenges. He is instrumental in implementing strategies that support the success of foreign direct investment in the region, fostering an environment conducive to economic growth and technological innovation.

Besides his role at DSO, Dr. Al Matrooshi is a representative for the Dubai government at general assemblies for publicly listed companies. He has also served as a member of several committees, including the Ministry of Economy and Commerce's trademark committee, Dubai Marketing and Tourism's development board, and the UAE Banking Institute's insurance brokerage committee. Dr. Al Matrooshi is the current Assistant to The Secretary General of Dubai Freezone Council; he is also serving as one of the Board Members of World Freezone Organization; Dr. Al Matrooshi is one of the incumbent members of the UAE Economic Acceleration Unit and he is presently a member of Dubai Government Economy Team.

Dr. Al Matrooshi joined DSO in December 2006. Before joining DSO, Dr. Al Matrooshi held several senior governmental positions, including running commercial licensing at the Dubai Economic Department (DED). Dr. Juma holds a doctorate in General Management from the Golden Gate University of San Francisco, California and an MBA in Business Development from the Western University, Michigan, USA.



Dr. Ebrahim Al Alkeem Al Zaabi

Cybersecurity & AI expert
Government of Abu Dhabi

Dr. Ebrahim Al Alkeem is an expert in the effects of Artificial Intelligence, with a focus on secure critical infrastructure design and other exponentially developing technologies on the economy, healthcare, and society. He explains the cyber threats and opportunities created by these new developments. As a proven leader in cybersecurity with over 17th years of experience in the field, Dr. Ebrahim has been helping companies grow their technological capabilities with keen insight and creative ideas. He has worked with many technologies in different positions. He is currently leading the cybersecurity department and is responsible for assessing internal technological capabilities from both OT and IT perspectives. Dr. Ebrahim holds a Ph.D. degree in Engineering from Khalifa University in Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity. He manages to publish a couple of articles in the most prestigious journals in the world and has some of the worldwide recognized security certificates. He has been an expert speaker and panel member in cybersecurity events and summits.

SPEAKER PROFILE



Osama Yazid Alnajjar

Head of Cybersecurity Risk and Compliance (IT/OT)
ADNOC

Osama Yazid Alnajjar is the digital cybersecurity risk and compliance head of ADNOC Distribution, the UAE's leading fuel and convenience retailer. He is responsible for overseeing the design and implementation of the company's cybersecurity strategy, policies, and standards, as well as ensuring compliance with local and international regulations and best practices.

With over 20 years of experience in the cybersecurity field, Osama has led several initiatives to enhance the security posture and resilience of ADNOC Distribution's digital assets, including risk assessment, threat intelligence, incident response, and awareness programs. He has also established and maintained effective relationships with key stakeholders, such as regulators, customers, vendors, and partners, to foster a culture of security and trust.



Ahmed Al Saleh

OT Cybersecurity Lead
Saudi Aramco

Ahmed is a distinguished OT cybersecurity lead with a decade and a half of expertise in safeguarding critical infrastructures and a proven track in enhancing cybersecurity GRC & operation controls. Ahmed Holds a master's degree in cybersecurity from Georgia Institute of Technology.



Dr. Jesus Molina

Director of Industrial Security
Waterfall Security

Jesus Molina is Waterfall's Director of Industrial Security. He is a security expert in both OT and IT security. A former hacker, his research on offensive security in industrial systems has been echoed by many publications and media, including Wired and NPR.

Mr. Molina has acted as chair of several security organizations, including the Trusted Computing Group and the IoT Internet Consortium. He is the co-writer of the Industrial Internet Security Framework and the author of several security-related patents and academic research papers. Mr. Molina holds a M.S. and a Ph.D from the University of Maryland.



Dr. Salih Ismail

Head – School of IT
Murdoch University

Salih is an industry-experienced academician. He did his doctoral research in the security of cloud computing. He graduated with a distinction in MSc in Computer Systems Management from Heriot-Watt University. He received BSc (Hons) in Information Technology from the University of Bedfordshire. He holds a Fellowship(FHEA) and a Senior Fellowship (SFHEA) from the Higher Education Academy (UK).

His research interests include Cyber Security, the Internet of Things, Cloud Computing, and the Semantic Web. He has published across various disciplines in some of the top journals and conferences. His research collaborations have extended globally to receive funding for his projects.



Evgeny Goncharov

Head of Critical Infrastructure Defense
Kaspersky Future Technologies

Evgeny is the Head of Critical Infrastructure Defense at Kaspersky Future Technologies. He drives Kaspersky's ICS cyber security research, product and services development.

Mr. Goncharov holds a Master of Physics degree and has worked in Software development since 1999, with 18 years' experience in the IT Security industry. In 2007 Evgeny joined Kaspersky as software development team lead. Since then he has worked on many projects, but the most notable was leading the Kaspersky team at Sochi 2014 Olympic Games to protect their critical IT infrastructure from malware and targeted attacks.



Huzefa Ali

Enterprise Architect
DAMAC

With an extensive two-decade background in the dynamic field of ICT, Huzefa excels in Architecture & Delivery across diverse sectors-Telco, Smart City ,Government and Real Estate sector. Renowned for his innovative ways of working, Huzefa integrates cutting-edge methodologies and collaborative approaches to drive successful outcomes in complex projects. His strategic mind set and adaptability prove crucial in navigating the ever-evolving landscape of information and communication technology. Presently, Huzefa passionately spearheads initiatives, focusing on establishing a centre of excellence for IoT within the Real Estate space

SPEAKER PROFILE



Khalid Yaqoob Baker

Hardware Security Section Head
Dubai Electronic Security Center (DESC)

Khalid Yaqoob Baker is a Hardware Security Section Head at Dubai Electronic Security Center (DESC). Khalid leads research projects that cover various trending technological areas & recently shifted focus to Hardware Security. Khalid has experience in Project Management (Traditional & Agile), Relationship Management, Information Technology, Cyber Insurance, AI, ICS/OT, IoT as well as Data & Analytics. Prior to this role, Khalid worked with a multinational company (MNC), where the main focus areas were in Data & Analytics as well as Information Technology.



Ahmad AlTarawneh

Senior Transformation Consultant
Dubai Police HQ

Ahmad is currently the Senior Strategic Consultant Digital Transformation, Pioneering and Excellence at Dubai Police HQ. He is a Digital Transformation, Emerging Technologies Use Cases, Excellence & Business Expert; A Business Data science professional; A professional Business Developer; a Civil Engineer & A Project Management Practitioner. Total Quality Management and Lean Six Sigma Professional. Market Strategy, Business Analysis, Global Trends, and Benchmarking.



Nitin Shingari

Vice President, Information Security (CISO)
DAMAN

Nitin is a renowned Information and Cyber Security leader with an illustrious career spanning over two decades. With a wealth of hands-on experience in information security risk management, cyber security, data protection and governance, Nitin has established himself as a visionary in the field.

He excels in harmonizing people, processes, and technology to elevate organizational cyber security functions and drive sustained business performance. His core competence and fervor revolve around reshaping information security functions, seamlessly blending the right mix of people, process, and technology to lead organizations into sustained excellence for business enablement.



Muhammed Al Akkad

VP of Technology
Ejabi InfoSec

Muhammed Al Akkad is the VP of Technology at Ejabi InfoSec, specializing in PCI compliance and cybersecurity. As a seasoned expert, Muhammed holds multiple certifications including PCI QSA, PCI CPSA, PCI QPA, PCI 3D-Secure, PCIP, ISO 27001 Lead Auditor, Lead Implementer, and Certified Ethical Hacker. He leads initiatives to strengthen security frameworks and mitigate vulnerabilities, ensuring robust protection for organizations' data and infrastructure.



Hoda AlKhzaيمي

Director - Centre for Cybersecurity
Founder and Director - EMARATSEC

Hoda Alkhzaيمي, a visionary leader with over 17 years of experience in industrialization, economic development, and greenfield projects, has made a significant impact on the global technology landscape. With a focus on disruptive and emerging tech investments, she has helped shape the future of science and technology development for both local and international markets.



José Luis Santos

Risk Analysis Manager, Middle East
ACCIONA

Retired military officer having worked for more than 20 years in security and risk analysis matters in the framework of different Spanish embassies, being posted in Arabic and Islamic countries. Extensive experience in team leadership within complex and uncertain environments. Currently, risk analysis manager for ACCIONA in the Middle East for 2 years, dealing with the conception and design of integral security plans for critical infrastructures such as desalination plants and sewage treatment plants. Regarding cybersecurity, nowadays working in cooperation with the ACCIONA ICT department in activities directed to raise awareness of the employees about the cyberthreats suffered in our daily jobs.

SPEAKER PROFILE



Fayaz Ahamed Badubhai

Group IT / Digital Director
Al Yousuf Group

With over 25 years of IT leadership experience in various industries, Fayaz am a tech-savvy strategic technology leader based in Dubai, working as the Group IT Director at Al Yousuf Group, a diversified conglomerate with interests in automotive, retail, real estate, manufacturing, trading, and more. Fayaz has won multiple TOP CIO Awards in the Middle East for his innovative digital transformation and automation projects that have added business value and enhanced customer satisfaction in an agile way.



Ali Laribi

IT/OT Cybersecurity Consultant
Fortress Plus (France)

Ali Laribi is a Paris-based security professional with over 15 years' diversified experience in global security, IT/OT and cyber/physical convergence as a manager, consultant, advisor, auditor and business developer mainly in some Arab countries, Europe and Africa in several sectors: energy, oil & gas, industry, banking, telecom and services. He specializes in information security consulting, audits, governance/risk management/compliance and the convergence of cyber and physical security. He holds an engineering degree in automation and industrial IT, as well as professional certificates from ASIS (CPP), ISC²(CISSP), ISACA (CISM), ISA/IEC 62443, PECB (ISO 27001 LA, ISO 27005 LRM, ISO 22301 LI, Mehari RM)*.



Anurag Goyal

vCISO
Reddoorz

Anurag is a dedicated cybersecurity researcher and globally certified ethical hacker, boasting extensive experience in fortifying the security posture of more than 100 prominent organizations worldwide. Notable among these are esteemed entities such as the United Nations (UN), World Bank, Uber, Zomato, Dream11, FoodPanda, Ernst and Young (EY), HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, ITC Hotels, OYO, RedDoorz, Lenskart, among others. I am also honored to serve as a distinguished industrial mentor with Byju's, where I impart invaluable knowledge and expertise to seasoned professionals with over 15 years of corporate experience in the realm of cybersecurity.



Ayman Al Issa

Industrial Cybersecurity Lead and Senior Expert
McKinsey & Company

Ayman Al Issa is the McKinsey Industrial Cybersecurity Lead and Senior Expert. prior to joining McKinsey, he was the Chief Technologist for Booz Allen Hamilton's Industrial Cyber Security practice in the international market. Over a career which spans more than 27 years to date, Al Issa has gained vast experience in the fields of industrial automation operational technology, information technology, and cyber security. Within these arenas, he counts industrial control systems and systems engineering, as well as cyber security strategy and model building amongst his areas of expertise. Illustrating his contribution to the latter, Mr. Al Issa is a globally recognized expert in industrial cyber security who had early contributions to improving the practice globally.



Tejeswar Rao Yamarpu

Manager Information Technology - Systems, Security, Infra and Network
Nshama

Currently Working as Manager IT for Nshama since March 2017 heading the complete IT Infrastructure, Security, Cybersecurity & Network.
23+ years of experience including 20 years of managerial experience in multiple industries i.e., Real Estate, Equity, Finance, Banking, Stock Market, Healthcare, Sales, IT, Cybersecurity, 3 years Software development experience with SDLC (ASP, VB, Oracle, SQL, PL/SQL, Dot Net framework)



Dr. Wesam Almobaideen

Professor of Computer Networking and Security
RIT University

Wesam Almobaideen is a full professor specializing in computer networks and security at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in Dubai. His academic journey includes earning a B.Sc. in computer science, Muta'h University, Karak, Jordan, followed by an M.Sc. degree in computer science, The University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan. Dr. Almobaideen furthered his education by obtaining a Ph.D. from the University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy. Before joining RIT-Dubai, Dr. Almobaideen held various leadership roles at the University of Jordan. He served as the Chairperson of the Department of Computer Science for five years, Director of the Computer Center for three years, Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and Director of the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Office.

SPEAKER PROFILE



Alaa Mahjoub

Digital Business and OT Advisor
Independent Advisor

Alaa Mahjoub is an independent Digital Advisor and Operational Technology SME with decades of experience in electric utilities, petroleum, transportation, and defence. His expertise extends across governmental and private sector organizations in the EMEA, Far East, and the United States. Over his career, Alaa has actively contributed to Industrial Automation and Control Systems (IACS), Digital Business Transformation, Enterprise Architecture (EA), Data and Analytics (D&A), as well as Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence (C4I). He has spearheaded critical initiatives in these areas at TRANSCO, ADCO, DoT, Injazat Data Systems, and the Egyptian and the Kuwaiti Ministries of Defence.



Bader Zyoud

Project Manager - Information Security
Abu Dhabi Media Network

Information Security Projects Manager with more than thirteen years of extensive hands-on experience in cybersecurity, risk management, governance, threat intelligence, SOC management, artificial intelligence, security transformation programs, incident management automation and digital transformation research, implementation of business resilience and project risk capabilities in terms of information security, strategic planning, procurement, and negotiating, business development, projects management, IT and Security Audit Leader, cybersecurity infrastructure management (On premise and cloud), vendor's and third-party risk management, design, and implementation of a Security Architecture for Critical Infrastructure.



Hani Ragab Hassen

Associate Professor
Heriot-Watt University Dubai

Hani Ragab is Associate Professor at HeriotWatt University's School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences (MACS) where he heads the institute of Applied Information Security. In this role, he coordinates activities in the field of information security, particularly on AI applications, at Heriot-Watt Dubai. Prior to this, he worked in several security-related roles, including as a security architect, before joining University of Kent, UK as a lecturer in Information Security in 2007. Hani obtained his Ph.D. with distinction in Network Security from the prestigious Université de Technologie de Compiègne, France in 2007. He holds several industrial certificates in Security, AI, and computer networks. He is also a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (SFHEA).



Sultan Al Mansoori

Director of Information Security
Abu Dhabi Media

Sultan Al Mansoori is the Director of Information Security at Abu Dhabi Media, where he leads the effort to provide visionary guidance and strategic direction for information security across Abu Dhabi Media. Prior to joining ADMN, Sultan gained a lot of experience in the field of cybersecurity, demonstrating a track record of success in developing and implementing comprehensive strategies for managing risks associated with information security. He has more than 20 years of hands-on experience in the fields of secure digital transformation, cybersecurity, risk management, security strategy development, and governance.

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