

IDC CIO Summit · Saudi Arabia

2025 results. 2026 opportunity.

The 15th edition, *Architecting the AI-Fueled Business*, brought together 555 senior technology leaders in Riyadh. The 16th edition returns **28–29 September 2026** with *The Rise of Agentic Systems* — sponsorship opportunities are open now.

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Main stage · Four Seasons Hotel, Riyadh

→ Why Saudi Arabia, why now

As Vision 2030 enters its final phase, Saudi Arabia is the focal point of a historic digital transformation. Mega-events including the Asian Winter Games, FIFA World Cup 2034, and World Expo 2030 are accelerating demand for AI, data, and automation readiness across every sector.

The Kingdom is moving fast — yet IDC research shows most organizations remain in the early stages of adoption. The rise of Agentic AI marks a turning point, and the 2026 Summit will bring CIOs, government leaders, and IDC analysts together to define what operationalizing AI responsibly and at scale really looks like.

\$100B

government investment
backing AI and data-driven
innovation across the Kingdom.

2025 by the numbers

N = 555 attendees

555

senior IT and business
leaders attended

87%

based in Riyadh, the
Kingdom's capital

40%

at C-level or Director
level — CIO, CISO,
CTO, IT Director

26%

from government &
public sector — the
single largest vertical

→ The satisfaction



4.8/5

overall event organization
rating

4.8/5

venue rating — Four Seasons
Hotel, Riyadh

4.7/5

average across all conference
speakers

5.5M

social media impressions
from the 2025 edition

What 2026 delegates will be talking about

→ Agentic enterprise architecture

Moving from RPA to agentic automation, and AI
agents as digital co-workers.

→ Cloud & infrastructure modernization

Sovereignty, scalability, and managing complex
cloud migrations.

→ Data strategies for the AI-fueled enterprise

Data for AI, AI for data, and governance at scale.

→ Cybersecurity & risk management

Proactive defense and zero trust in practice
across hybrid enterprises.

→ In their words

"It was inspiring to see the Kingdom's IT
leaders and leading tech companies come
together to discuss the future in the AI era.
The insights and connections made during
the summit were invaluable."

Ahmad AlRifai

Group IT Director, Al Muhaidib Group

"An extraordinary and innovative platform
to bring technology buyers and technology
sellers closer."

Muhammad Waseem Kaimkhani

Takween Advanced Industries



Trusted by the technology brands shaping Saudi Arabia's AI agenda

2025 sponsors included AWS, Cisco, Oracle, NVIDIA, Cloudflare, Veeam, Boomi, Zoho, NetApp, Lenovo, Red Hat, Intel, Qlik, Salam, Cloudera, Mendix, Rubrik, and 30+ more across every layer of the enterprise technology stack.

19

distinct sponsorship categories,
from Host Partner to Exhibit Partner

80+

sponsoring & exhibiting
companies across 2025

250–300

qualified delegates expected
at the 2026 edition

Secure your place at the 16th edition

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Systems**

Sponsorship closes two weeks before the event.

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