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## 27-28 February 2024

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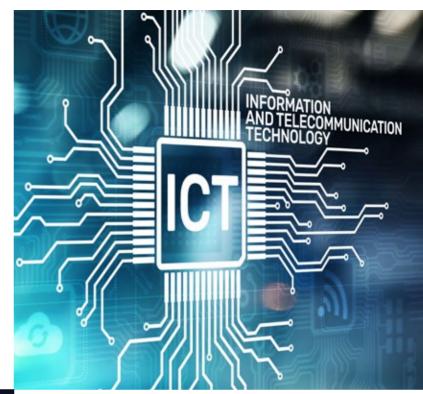




# ARAB ICT CONFERENCE

## **Overview**

Under the patronage of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, Kingdom of Bahrain, the Federation of Arab Engineers and the Bahrain Society of Engineers are pleased to announce the organization of the Arab ICT Conference 2024, which will be held in the Kingdom of Bahrain from 27 - 28 February 2024 with the theme **"Digital Transformation for Sustainable Infrastructure".** The Arab ICT Conference has steadily expanded since its inception in 2010 to become a leading conference in the region. In its 7<sup>th</sup> edition, the conference will be associated with an exhibition to showcase the latest technologies, technical innovations, new applications, best practices, cutting-edge research, and case studies.





## Scope

In summer of 2020, the World Economic Forum launched the Infrastructure 4.0 project defined as "forward-looking infrastructure that leverages technology and information to provide high-quality environmental, economic and social outcomes, and functions as a system within broader human and natural systems." The adoption of emerging digital technologies into infrastructure can transform it to a data-driven intelligent decision system capable of changing the way in which infrastructure is designed, financed, planned, constructed, operated, and maintained. Infrastructure digitalization can be a powerful tool that facilitates the provision of sustainable and resilient services that foster innovation to improve community wellbeing worldwide.

## Goals

This conference is intended for scientists, ICT experts and decision-makers who wish to improve the adoption of emerging technologies into infrastructure development. The conference provides a unique opportunities to strategically address challenges associated with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 9 targeted to develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, which is the foundation for a successful and sustainable community.

The Arab ICT conference aims to provide a platform for exchanging ideas, information, and experiences among academics, researchers, consultants, engineers, manufacturers and decision-makers who seek to adopt emerging technologies to improve infrastructure delivery and operation. The conference will serve as a medium to discuss and evaluate the latest trends, opportunities, challenges, policies and innovative technologies in infrastructure development.



# **Conference Tracks**

Authors are invited to contribute to the conference by submitting articles that illustrate emerging technologies, research results, projects, surveying works and industrial experiences that describe significant advances in the following tracks:

#### TRACK 1: ICT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

- Building Information Modeling (BIM)
- Digital Twin and Smart Industry
- ICT in Disaster Management
- loT and Sensor Network
- GIS, Spatial Mapping and Remote Monitoring
- Intelligent Transportation Systems

- 3D Printing and Prefabrication
- Smart Risk Management
- Intelligent Energy Management
- Digitalization of the Utility's Infrastructure
- ICT in Waste Management ٠
- **TRACK 2: ICT FOR SMART COMMUNITIES**

- Smart Government
- Smart Healthcare
- Smart Cities

- Smart Education
- Impacts of ICT on Environmental Sustainability .
- **Financial Technologies**

#### TRACK 3: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

- AI and Machine Learning
- Cloud and Edge Computing
- loT and Sensor Network
- **Computer Vision**
- Robotics
- Data Mining
- Speech Processing
- Computational Biology
- Augmented, Virtual and Mixed Reality
- E-Learning
- **Emerging Trends in Data Management**

- Expert and Knowledge-based Systems
- Knowledge Engineering and Intelligence Systems
- Multimedia Storage Management
- Web Technologies
- **Big Data Analytics**
- Quantum Computing
- Blockchain and NFTs
- Developing and Deploying the Metaverse
- **Unmanned Vehicles**
- Privacy and Cyber Security

#### **TRACK 4: COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES**

- Next-Generation Networking and Internet
- Mobile and Wireless Networks
- Satellite Communications
- Optical Networks and Systems
- Cognitive Radio and AI-Enabled Networks

- Communications Software and Multimedia
- Communication and Information System Security
- Underwater and subterranean communications
- MEMS devices for wireless sensing and communications
- Drone-assisted wireless communications



	TRACK 5: IOT			
loT and 5G/6G Networks	<ul> <li>IoT and Blockchain</li> </ul>			
loT and Sensor Network	<ul> <li>IoT and Bigdata</li> </ul>			
loT Security and Trust	<ul> <li>IoT and Personal Data Protection</li> </ul>			
loT and Artificial Intelligence				
TRACK	K 6: AI AND ROBOTICS			
AI and Machine Learning	Autonomous and Unmanned Vehicles			
Deep Learning	Computer Vision			
Autonomous Robotics	<ul> <li>Recommender Systems</li> </ul>			
Quantum Computing	<ul> <li>Natural Language Processing Techniques</li> </ul>			
TR	RACK 7: BIG DATA			
Data Mining	Data Science			
Big Data Analytics	<ul> <li>Data Federation</li> </ul>			
Big Data Virtualization.	<ul> <li>Sampling and Clustering</li> </ul>			
Big Data Models	<ul> <li>Emerging Trends in Data Management</li> </ul>			
TRAC	CK 8: BLOCKCHAIN			
Blockchain of Things	<ul> <li>Blockchain and Machine Learning</li> </ul>			
Blockchain and Data Analytics	<ul> <li>Blockchain in 5G/6G Technologies</li> </ul>			
Blockchain and Big Data	<ul> <li>Financial Technologies</li> </ul>			
TRACK 9:	: AUGMENTED REALITY			
Augmented, Virtual and Mixed Reality	<ul> <li>Augmented Reality Education and also Training</li> </ul>			
Augmented Reality Technology and Applications	<ul> <li>Augmented Reality in Art, Creativity and Cultural Herita</li> </ul>			
Augmented Reality and Robotics	<ul> <li>Lifesaving System</li> </ul>			
TRACK	( 10: CYBER SECURITY			
Cognitive Cybersecurity	<ul> <li>Al and Machine Learning Applications in Cybersecurity</li> </ul>			
Cloud security	<ul> <li>Data Security &amp; Privacy</li> </ul>			
Information Security Awareness	<ul> <li>IoT Security &amp; Privacy</li> </ul>			
TRACK 11	1: RENEWABLE ENERGY			
Renewable Energy Systems	Geothermal			
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#### **RESEARCH PAPERS**

Authors are invited to submit original research works related to the conference tracks. Submitted work should not have been published elsewhere and should not be intended to be published elsewhere during the review period. All papers must be submitted electronically through the <u>EDAS conference management platform</u> according to IEEE conference templates, which can be downloaded from <u>here</u>. All submitted papers will undergo a blind review process by at least three reviewers. Conference proceedings will be submitted for publishing in IEEE Xplore digital library.

At least one author of an accepted paper is required to register for the conference and present the paper at the conference venue. Non-adherence to this policy will result in the paper being dropped from the Conference Proceeding and will not be submitted to IEEE Xplore.

#### **TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS**

The conference committee welcomes submissions from individuals and organizations working in the ICT field. These submissions give more focus on practical applications, innovative solutions, case studies and best practices in the ICT field. Submissions in this category can take the form of a presentation, or a demonstration related to the conference tracks. Authors are invited to submit abstracts of no more than 500 words describing the proposed work to be presented using the <u>Online Abstract Submission Form</u>. The abstract must include the title of the paper, the author's name(s), and the affiliation(s) including email addresses. The selection of the submitted contribution will consider the originality, relevance, and likely interest to delegates. All submissions will undergo a double-blind review process.

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Paper Submission 1 June 2023

Notification of Acceptance 1 September 2023

Final Paper Submission 1 November 2023

Conference Date 27-28 February 2024

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Abstract Submission 14 April 2023

Notification of Abstract Acceptance 1 May 2023

> Presentation Submission 1 June 2023

Notification of Presentation Acceptance 1 August 2023

Final Presentation Submission

1 October 2023

Conference Date 27-28 February 2024

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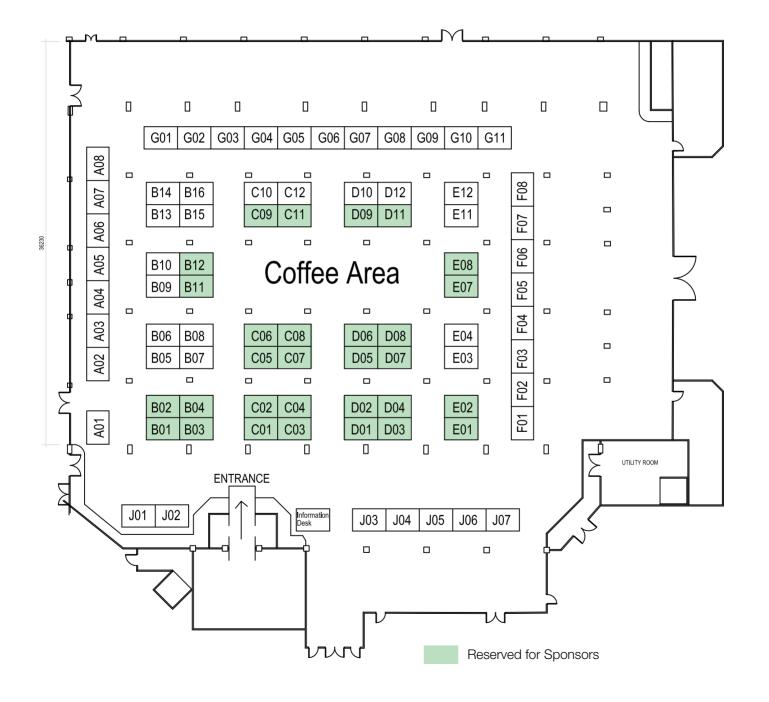
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