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REGIONS

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Program

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09:00-09:05 **National Anthem**

09:05-09:10 **Recitation of the Holy Qur'an**

09:10-09:30 **Screening a documentary:** University of Technology and Applied Sciences- UTAS

Screening a documentary: The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization- ICESCO

09:30-09:45 **High-Level Opening Ceremony Attended by Royal Highnesses, Ministers, and Dignitaries**
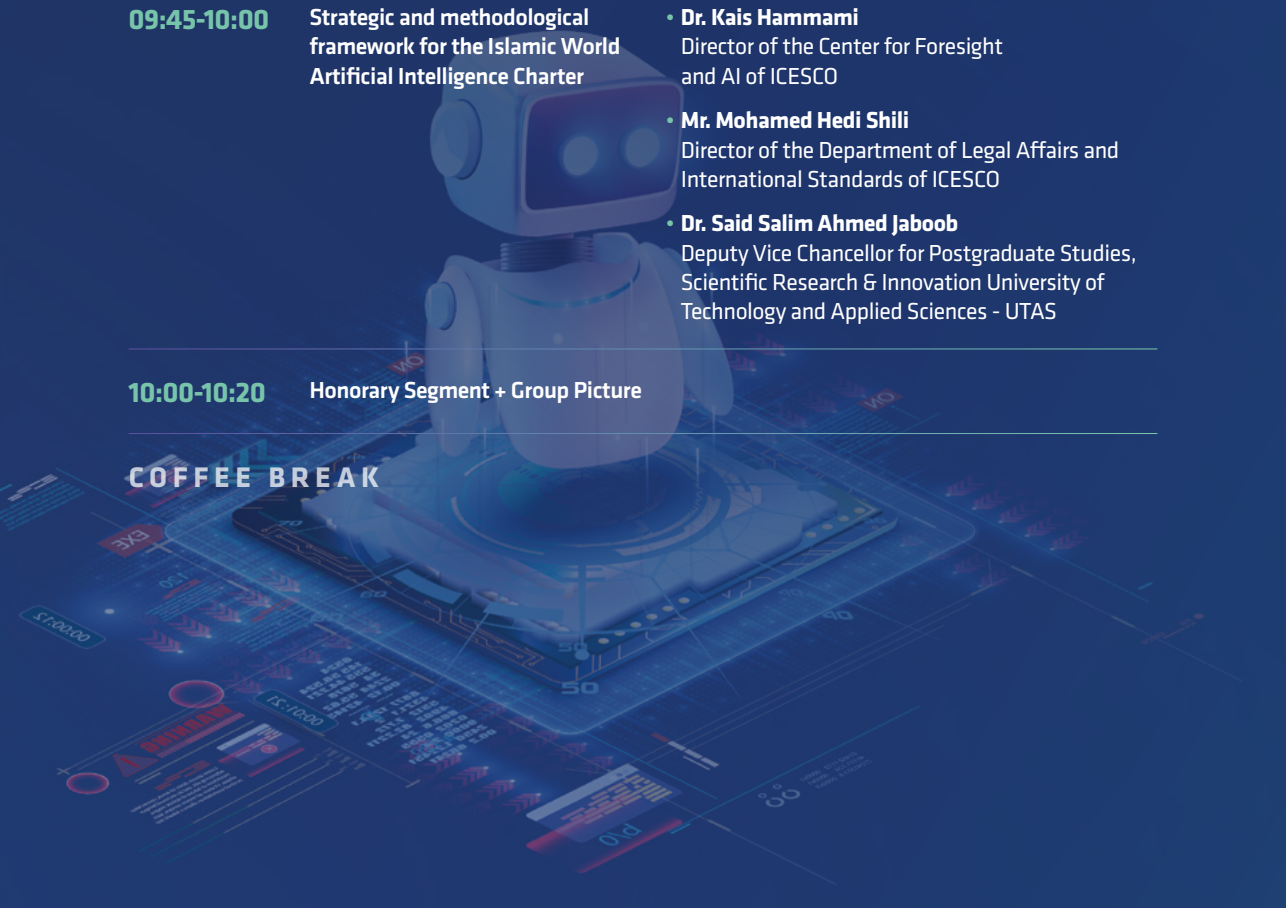
- **H.E Dr. Saeed Bin Hamad Al-Rubaie**
Vice Chancellor of the University of Technology and Applied Sciences- UTAS

- **H.E Dr. Salim M. AlMalik**
Director General of The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization- ICESCO

09:45-10:00 **Strategic and methodological framework for the Islamic World Artificial Intelligence Charter**

- **Dr. Kais Hammami**
Director of the Center for Foresight and AI of ICESCO

- **Mr. Mohamed Hedi Shili**
Director of the Department of Legal Affairs and International Standards of ICESCO

- **Dr. Said Salim Ahmed Jaboob**
Deputy Vice Chancellor for Postgraduate Studies, Scientific Research & Innovation University of Technology and Applied Sciences - UTAS

10:00-10:20 **Honorary Segment + Group Picture**

COFFEE BREAK

REGIONAL INSIGHTS: PERSPECTIVES ON AI IN THE ASIA AND MIDDLE EAST **REGIONS**

10:30-11:15 **Panel 1**
Arabian Peninsula
Gulf States

Moderated by: **Dr. Said Salim Ahmed Jaboob**
Deputy Vice Chancellor for Postgraduate Studies, Scientific
Research & Innovation University of Technology and Applied
Sciences - UTAS, Sultanate of Oman

- **Mr. Hassan Fida Hussain Al Lawati**, National Program Head for
  Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Technologies, Ministry of
  Transport, Communications and Information Technology,
  Sultanate of Oman

- **Mr. Saleh Alnosiaan**, Strategic partnerships expert at Saudi Data
  an AI Authority, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- **Mr. Khalid Alnuaimi**, Project Manager, Strategy Department AI
  Office at Prime Minister's Office ,United Arab Emirates

- **Dr. Jassim Haji**, President, International Group of Artificial
  Intelligence, Kingdom of Bahrain

- **Dr. Khaled Alkhaledi**, College of Engineering and Petroleum -
  Kuwait University, State of Kuwait

11:15-12:00 **Panel 2**
Middle Eastern
Arab States

Moderated by: **H.E Dr. Abdulssalem Al Jawfi**
Former Minister of Education Yemen , Advisor of the Arab Bureau
of Education for the Gulf States

- **Eng. Lama Arabiat**, Director of Artificial Intelligence and Advanced
  Technologies Directorate at the Ministry of Digital Economy and
  Entrepreneurship, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

- **Dr. Pierre Baz**, Advisor to the Minister of Social Affairs for
  Administrative Affairs, Public Policies, and Strategies, Head of the
  Social Protection Sector at the Ministry of Social Affairs,
  Republic of Lebanon.

- **Dr. Nour Yousef Nassar**, General Manager of Information
  Technology at the Ministry of Telecommunication and Digital
  Economy- Palestine, Head of the National Artificial Intelligence
  Team, Vice President of the Unified Arab AI Team under the Arab
  League, State of Palestine.

- **Dr. Hamid Shimal Aldulaimi**, General Manager of Information
  and Communication Technology at the Ministry of Sciences and
  Technology, Republic of Iraq

- **Mr. Mohamed Farahat**, Legal Consultant and Researcher,
  member of UN AI Advisory Body Member & Co-chair of Human
  rights, rule of law and democracy working group.
  The Arab Republic of Egypt

12:00-12:25

Panel 3
Central Asian States

Moderated by: **Prof. Marc-Antoine Dilhac:** Professor of Philosophy at Université de Montréal, Director of Algora Lab, CIFAR Chair in AI Ethics at Mila, Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute

- **Dr. Ruslan Zeynalzada**, Project Lead at C4IR Azerbaijan, Ministry of Economy, Republic of Azerbaijan

- **Mr. Fazliddin Anvarov**, Chief Specialist, Department of Introduction and development of Artificial Intelligence technologies, Ministry of digital technologies, the Republic of Uzbekistan

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12:25-13:45

Panel 4
South Asian States

Moderated by: **Dr. Hosni Ghedira**, Director of Engagement Services, Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence

- **Dr Abdul Mateen Samsor**, Head of Innovation Unit under Research and Innovation Directorate at Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan

- **Dr. Ehsan Toofaninejad**, Assistant Professor of Educational Technology, Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences (SBMU), Vice Dean for Research, School of Medical Education and Learning Technology (SMELT), Head of the AI in Education Committee at the Educational Research Institute, Visiting Researcher at the University of South Australia (UniSA) and California State University, Fullerton (CSUF), Islamic Republic of Iran

- **Prof. Sohail Asghar**, Professor of Computer Science and Principal Investigator of Medical Imaging and Diagnostics Lab under National Center for Artificial Intelligence at COMSATS University Islamabad, Department of Computer Science, Comsats University Islamabad, Islamabad Campus, Islamic Republic of Pakistan

- **Prof. Mohammad Sohel Rahman**, Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), People's Republic of Bangladesh

13:45-14:45	**LUNCH BREAK**	

14:45-15:25	**Panel 5** **Southeast Asian States**	Moderated by: **Prof. Emmanuel R. Goffi**, Philosopher and Applied Ethics Expert
		• **Dr. Mohamed Farish**, Project Coordinator, National Centre for Information Technology, The Republic of Maldives
		• **Prof. Dr. Mohd Naz'ri Mahrin**, Senior Lecturer at the Razak Faculty of Technology and Informatics (RFTI), Faculty of Artificial Intelligence, Universiti Teknologi, Malaysia
		• **Dr Mohammad Tazli Azizan**, Associate Professor, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Negara Brunei Darussalam

15:25-15:40	**Panel 6** **The future of AI:** **Responsible & Ethical AI**	Moderated by: **Dr. Musab Alrawi**, Director of the ICESCO Chair on Artificial Intelligence Ethics at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences- UTAS.
		• **Prof. Marc-Antoine Dilhac,** Professor of Philosophy at Université de Montréal, Director of Algora Lab, CIFAR Chair in AI Ethics at Mila, Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute.
		• **Prof. Emmanuel R. Goffi,** Director of Algora Lab, CIFAR,Université de MontréalChair in AI Ethics at Mila, Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute.
		• **Dr. Abrar Abdulnabi**, Director of Artificial Intelligence Saal.ai, UAE

15:40-15:55	**General Restitution of** **Key Findings**	The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization- ICESCO University of Technology and Applied Sciences- UTAS

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09:00-09:30	IWAIC's Regional Workshop	Methodology, objectives, and outlining the session's flow

- **Dr. Kais Hammami**
  Director of the Center for Foresight and AI of ICESCO

Facilitated by:

- **Dr. Musab Alrawi**, Director of the ICESCO Chair on Artificial Intelligence Ethics at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences- UTAS

- **Prof. Dr. Marc-Antoine Dilhac**, Associate Prof. Dept of philosophy, Université de Montréal Canada CIFAR Chair in AI Ethics @Mila (Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute), Director of Algora Lab @ Université de Montréal Mila, Director for Governance and International cooperation, International Observatory on the Societal Impacts of AI, AI Advisory Council, Government of Canada | Co-chair of the Public Awareness Working Group

- **Ms. Rana AlAsbahi**, Department of Legal Affairs and International Standards

- **Dr. Asmaa Mehdioui**, Department of Legal Affairs and International Standards

- **Mr. Omar Oudghiri Mesbahi**, Center for Foresight and AI of ICESCO

- **Ms. Ouiam Chafik**, Center for Foresight and AI of ICESCO

- **Dr Nasser Mohammed Al-Fannah**, Director of Technology Programs, Ministry of Transport, Communication and Information Technology

09:30-12:00

Deliberation: Proposals of Ethics and Governance Mechanisms
Facilitated by ICESCO and UTAS

During this phase, participant experts will engage in a comprehensive deliberation process. The focus will be on proposing robust ethics and governance mechanisms that can effectively address the multifaceted challenges in the field. This deliberation will involve in-depth discussions, critical analysis, and collaborative efforts to ensure that the proposed mechanisms are both practical and aligned with the regions ethical standards.

BREAK

12:30-14:00

Elaboration of the "Working" IWAIC: Drafting the Preamble and Global Document
Facilitated by ICESCO and UTAS

Following the deliberation phase, the workshops will proceed to the elaboration phase. In this phase, participants will work on drafting the preamble and the "Working Charter". This involves articulating a clear and compelling preamble that encapsulates the core values and objectives of the IWAIC. Subsequently, participants will collaborate to draft a comprehensive global document that outlines the framework, guidelines, and operational strategies for inclusive cooperation on a regional scale.

LUNCH BREAK

15 :00-15 :30	Closing Remarks	• **ICESCO Representative**

- **Dr. Said Salim Ahmed Jaboob**, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Postgraduate Studies, Research and Innovation at UTAS – Oman