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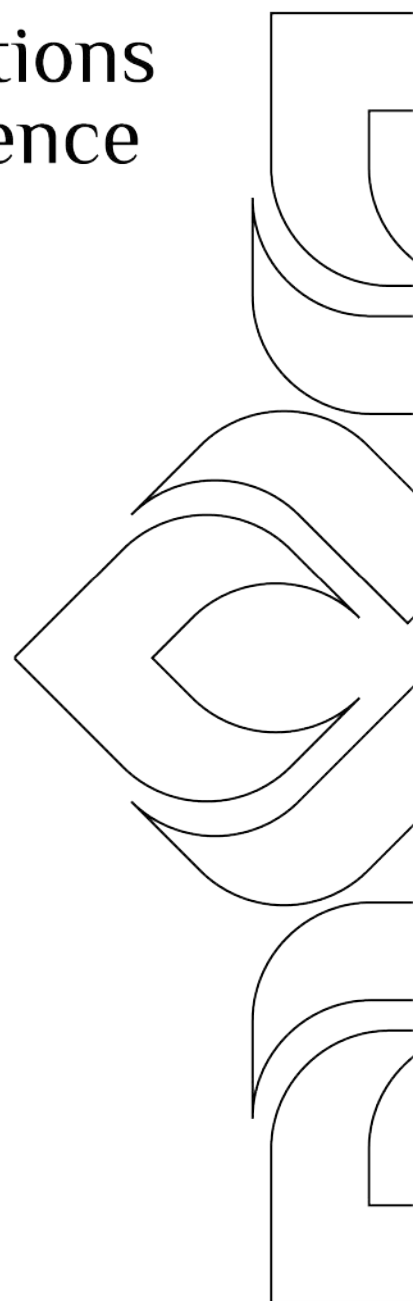
3rd International Dialogue of Civilizations & Tolerance Conference

REPORT

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3 - 5 JUNE, 2026

ABU DHABI - UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



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OVERVIEW

REPORT FOR SCIENTIFIC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Third Edition
International Dialogue of Civilizations & Tolerance Conference
IDCT 2026
The Impact of New Media and Ai on Family and Community

June 3–5, 2026 · Space Arena 42 · Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
 As Part of the UAE's "Year of the Family 2026" Initiative

Proud of UAE	Ai & Media	Family and Community
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Three Parallel Dialogue Platforms

Emirates Scholar Center for Research and Studies	Presented and Hosted by
Abrahamic Family House	Hosting Partner
Mohamed Bin Zayed University for Humanities	Knowledge Partner
Abu Dhabi Convention and Exhibition Bureau	Supported by

Presented by Emirates Scholar Center for Research and Studies

Emirates Scholar Center for Research & Studies · Abu Dhabi · June 2026

The third edition of the International Dialogue of Civilizations & Tolerance Conference is held as part of the UAE's "Year of the Family 2026" initiative.

Reaffirming the UAE's firm commitment to entrenching the values of tolerance and coexistence, and to building cohesive communities capable of keeping pace with the transformations of the digital age, in a way that protects the family and strengthens civilizational communication between peoples.

June 3–5, 2026 · Space Arena 42 · Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates



Board of Trustees Message

FOREWORD · MESSAGES FROM THE LEADERSHIP



"The third edition of the International Conference on Dialogue of Civilizations and Tolerance reflects our commitment to promoting the values of tolerance and coexistence as a genuine civilizational approach. At the Emirates Scholars Center for Research and Studies, we have always believed that tolerance should not remain merely a slogan; rather, it should evolve into a field of knowledge grounded in research and scholarship, contributing to the development of practical policies and initiatives. The remarkable global participation and distinguished outcomes achieved in this edition affirm Abu Dhabi's position as a leading international platform for dialogue among civilizations.

H.E. Dr. Abdullah Belhaif Al Nuaimi

Chairman of the Board of Trustees
 Emirates Scholars Center for Research and Studies



"Scientific research represents a fundamental pillar for building societies and achieving sustainable development, and this cannot be fully realized without the pivotal role of family and education in preparing future generations and empowering them to keep pace with the rapid transformations taking place around the world. In its third edition, the conference sought to connect this vision with issues related to new media and artificial intelligence and their impact on family and society, thereby fostering intellectual dialogue and the exchange of knowledge and expertise among diverse cultures and civilizations.

H.E. Sheikh Ammar bin Nasser Al Mualla

Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees
 Emirates Scholars Center for Research and Studies



"The third edition marked a significant milestone in the conference's journey, bringing together more than two hundred speakers from one hundred and twenty countries on a single platform to discuss an issue that concerns the future of humanity: the impact of new media and artificial intelligence on family and society. We worked to ensure that the conference would serve as a space for meaningful, science-based dialogue, bringing together decision-makers, thinkers, religious representatives, and experts to produce outcomes and recommendations that contribute to harnessing technology for the benefit of humanity and the protection of the social fabric.

Dr. Fawaz Habbal

Secretary-General and Member of the Board of Trustees
 Emirates Scholars Center for Research and Studies



"As we reflect on the achievements of this edition, we look to the future with confidence. The conference generated rich scientific and intellectual discussions, along with recommendations that strengthen the role of academic and research institutions in studying the impact of artificial intelligence on family and society and in developing ethical frameworks for the use of modern technologies. In this context, we are pleased to announce the launch of the fourth edition in 2027 under the title 'The Fourth International Conference on Dialogue and Humanity,' continuing a mission we deeply believe in and a commitment that never ceases. Our sincere gratitude goes to our wise leadership, as well as to all partners and participants.

Dr. Firas Habbal

President of the Center and Member of the Board of Trustees
 Emirates Scholars Center for Research and Studies

Executive Summary

Sponsorship · Presented by · Executive Summary · Dashboard · Report Guide

The third edition of the International Dialogue of Civilizations & Tolerance Conference 2026 concluded in Abu Dhabi, organized by the Emirates Scholar Center for Research and Studies from June 3 to 5, 2026, under the theme “The Impact of New Media and Artificial Intelligence on Family and Community,” as part of the UAE’s “Year of the Family 2026” initiative. The conference reaffirmed its position as a leading global platform for civilizational dialogue and coexistence in the digital age.

It gathered over 206 speakers from 120 countries, with more than 3,165 participants (1,245 local and 1,920 international), across 27 sessions on three platforms: “Proud of the UAE,” “Artificial Intelligence and Media,” and “Family and Community.”

The event produced 127 contributions and 80 research papers, along with 5 MoUs and 3 book signings. Tolerance

Awards were given to H.E. Dr. Khalifa Al Dhaheri and the BAPS Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi, while the Best International Research Award went to H.E. Alessandro Bertoldi.

The conference received around 760 media coverages and 212 press releases across local and international platforms, strengthening Abu Dhabi’s global presence.

It concluded with recommendations to support academic and ethical frameworks for emerging technologies, and announced the fourth edition in 2027 under the title “The Fourth International Conference on Dialogue and Humanity,” further reinforcing Abu Dhabi’s role as a hub for coexistence and dialogue.

Dashboard — The Conference in Numbers

KEY METRICS · IDCT 2026 AT A GLANCE

The third edition of the International Dialogue of Civilizations & Tolerance Conference reflected broad global participation and high-quality scientific and institutional outcomes, reinforcing Abu Dhabi’s position as a leading platform for civilizational dialogue and coexistence in the digital age. This dashboard summarizes the key indicators in numbers.

120 Participating country	206 Speakers and Experts	27 Dialogue and Scientific Session
760 Media coverage	127 Scientific contribution	3,165 Total attendance
%61 International attendance rate	3 Tolerance and Research Awards	5 Memoranda of Understanding

260 Hotel bookings	212 Press release	1,920 International attendance	1,245 Local attendance
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80 full research papers · 3 book signings · 3 dialogue platforms · 120 countries from all continents



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120 Participating countries	760 Media coverage	205 Speakers from around the world
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A national investment with global returns — selected indicators linking cost to impact.





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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Themes and Objectives

The conference selected a theme that addresses the core of contemporary transformations: “The Impact of New Media and Artificial Intelligence on Family and Community.” The world is experiencing a pivotal moment in which smart technologies and new media platforms are reshaping human relationships, communication patterns, and societal values, presenting both vast opportunities and profound challenges.

While these technologies offer unprecedented opportunities in education, communication, creativity, and cultural exchange, they also raise fundamental questions about privacy, values, identity, and family cohesion. Hence, the importance of this theme lies not only in observing transformation, but in guiding it in a way that serves humanity and preserves society.

To frame this discussion, the conference was organized around three specialized platforms that form its intellectual structure and complement each other to present a comprehensive vision:

Family and Community Protecting social cohesion and empowering the family in the face of the transformations of the digital age.	AI and Media Anticipating the impact of technology and new media and developing ethical frameworks for their use.	Proud of UAE Highlighting the UAE’s leading experience in tolerance, coexistence, and civilizational leadership.
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“Proud of UAE” Platform: Celebrates the UAE’s leading experience in tolerance, coexistence, and building a cohesive society, and showcases the national model in applying civilizational values and leadership in serving humanity.

“AI and Media” Platform: Explores the impact of smart technologies and new media platforms on individuals and societies, and examines opportunities, challenges, and ways to develop ethical and responsible frameworks for their use.

The “Family and Society” platform places the family at the heart of the discussion, addressing ways to empower it and protect its social fabric and values amid accelerating digital transformations, in alignment with the “Year of the Family 2026.”



Conference Objectives

The conference objectives were formulated into five integrated strategic directions, translating its vision into measurable and practical goals, and linking the intellectual dimension with the applied dimension.:

1	Promoting civilizational dialogue and mutual understanding between cultures and religions, and fostering a culture of tolerance and coexistence.
2	Studying the impact of new media and artificial intelligence on family and community through an in-depth scientific, research-based perspective.
3	Developing ethical and reference frameworks for the use of modern technologies in a way that serves humanity and preserves social cohesion.
4	Supporting educational and media initiatives that promote understanding, coexistence, and the building of societal awareness.
5	Consolidating Abu Dhabi’s position as a global platform for civilizational dialogue and digital coexistence, and linking scientific research with policymaking.

These objectives together form a coherent framework that moves tolerance from general values into actionable policies and initiatives, in line with the Center’s mission and the nation’s vision.

Conference Methodology & Structure

The conference adopted a clear scientific methodology in designing its program, starting from inviting and peer-reviewing academic contributions according to rigorous scholarly standards, passing through structuring the program around three parallel specialized platforms, and ending with distributing sessions over three days to achieve a balance between academic depth and interactive dialogue.

The total number of sessions reached 27, distributed between the opening and closing ceremonies, two high-level dialogue sessions, and a series of scientific and dialogue sessions across the three platforms, ensuring comprehensive coverage of the conference themes and objectives:

2 High-level dialogue sessions	27 Session	3 Parallel platforms	3 Days
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Program structure: 3 days · 3 parallel platforms · 27 sessions.

The proceedings and the scientific and dialogue content of these sessions are detailed in Volume Three, “Conference Proceedings,” while this volume focuses on the strategic framework within which they were organized.



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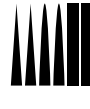
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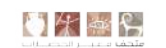
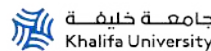
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IMPACT & REACH

Impact & Reach

A global elite across 27 sessions · Speakers representing institutions and governments from all six continents

This volume documents the tangible impact of the third edition of the International Dialogue of Civilizations & Tolerance Conference, and its local, regional, and global reach. It provides an analytical reading supported by data, maps, and charts, covering participation scale and composition, geographical spread across continents, media and digital coverage, and the strategic and economic return on the UAE and its capital, Abu Dhabi.

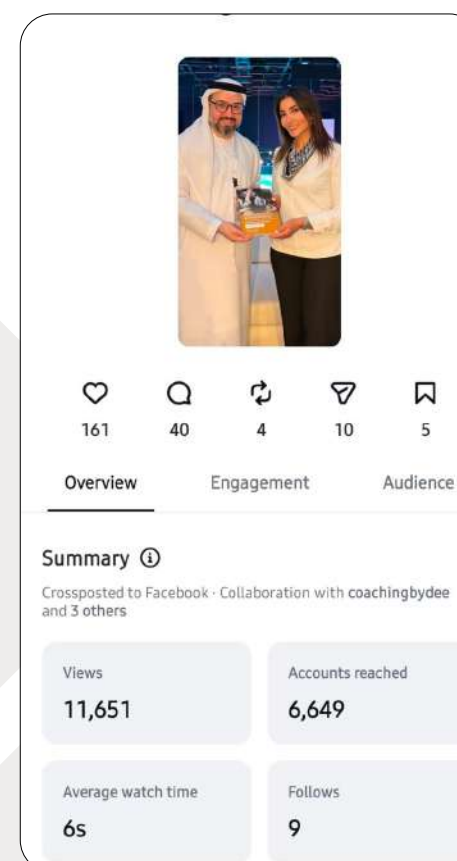
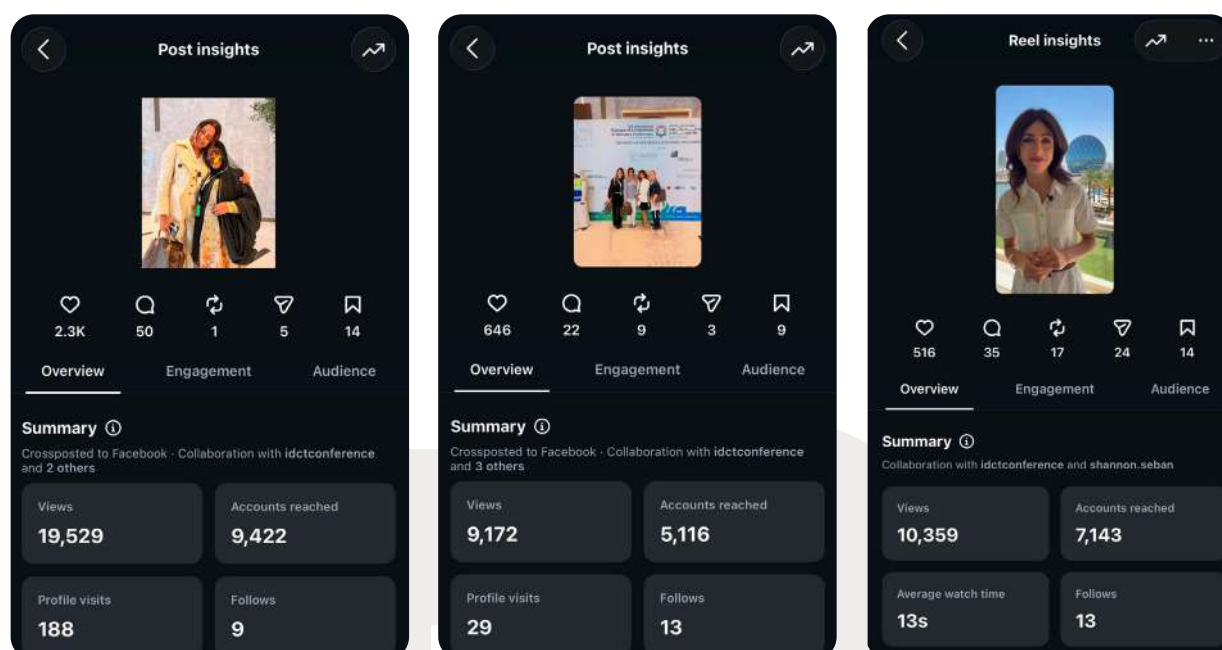
The data presented are based on official registration records, media monitoring, and the conference's organizational documentation, with clear indication of estimated indicators where applicable. Emirates Scholar Center for Research and Studies led this achievement as an independent research institution capable of hosting major international platforms, turning Abu Dhabi into a meeting point for global elites—an impact that extends beyond the event to the image and global standing of the nation.

3,165 participants · 120 countries · 760 media coverages

Overview of Participation

The conference attracted a broad and diverse attendance of 3,165 participants, including 1,245 local participants and 1,920 international participants, reflecting its ability to combine national depth with global reach. International attendance accounted for around 61% of the total, highlighting the platform's global standing and its appeal to elite participants from across continents.

This scale of participation is particularly notable given the quality of attendees, who represented government entities, academic institutions, international organizations, religious leaders, media professionals, and experts in media and artificial intelligence, enriching the discussions with diverse perspectives and depth.

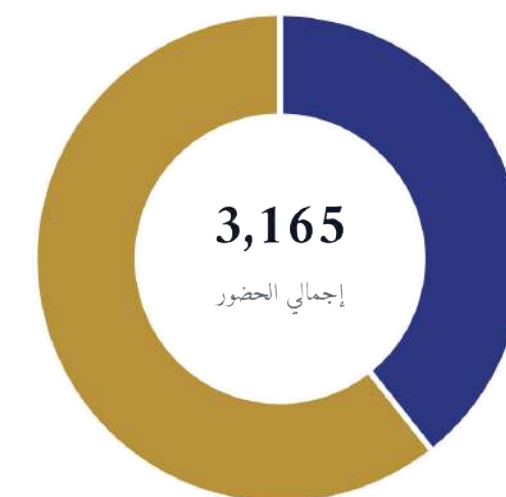


120

Participating Countries

3,165

Total Attendance



1,245

Local attendance

3,165

Total attendance

%61

International attendance rate

1,920

International attendance

Audience composition

The audience composition was distinguished by its diversity and richness, bringing together on a single platform elite participants from key sectors that rarely converge in one space, thereby enhancing the exchange of expertise and cross-pollination of ideas among policymakers, researchers, and opinion leaders.

Academics and researchers	Governments and official entities
Youth and Youth Councils	Media professionals and content creators
Private sector and technology companies	Religious leaders and faith-based institutions

This diversity enabled the conference to address its issues from multiple perspectives, combining the governmental and policy dimension, the academic and research dimension, the religious and value-based dimension, and the media and technological dimension, making its outcomes more comprehensive and applicable.

Dr. Anas Najdawi • 1st
Director of Abu Dhabi University's Dubai Campus | ...
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Yesterday, I had the pleasure and honor of participating in the 3rd International Conference Dialogue of Civilizations & Tolerance — IDCT 2026 in Abu... more



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Broadcast and Digital News Professional
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Cultures and national identities are not just preserved by museums.. they are preserved by telling stories.... more



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AI Consultant & Advisor | UAE Government & ...
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I misled my audience. And I confessed.... more



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In the United Arab Emirates, #coexistence and #Abrahamism are not hollow concepts but real diplomatic levers. And the foundation on which ... more



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Honored to have served as a Session Chair and Featured Speaker for the panel discussion "Preserving Cultural Identity in a Digitally Connected World" at the... more



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Joining fellow international experts at the roundtable Civilizations in Dialogue: International Voices for the Digital Era. I leave the second half of IDCT2026... more



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"A rabbi, an imam and a priest walk into a room..."
It sounds like the start of a joke.... more



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Former UAE Minister of Climate Change and ...
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Honored to address the 3rd International Dialogue of Civilizations & Tolerance Conference in Abu Dhabi, bringing together distinguished leaders... more



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Attendance and Impact on social Media Platforms

Global communication campaigns reinforced the conference's impact and its message of tolerance and civilizational dialogue.

Within its vision to consolidate its position as a leading global platform, the third International Dialogue of Civilizations & Tolerance Conference 2026 strengthened its digital presence through an integrated and well-structured communication campaign. The campaign targeted audiences engaged with civilizational dialogue and tolerance, as well as the impact of new media and artificial intelligence on family and community across the world. It was built on a clear content strategy, leveraging multiple digital channels and social media platforms to deliver the conference's message to the widest possible international audience.

The campaign unfolded in three integrated phases: a pre-event phase focused on anticipation and awareness-building around the conference themes and objectives; real-time coverage of sessions, activities, and outputs

during the event; and a post-event phase highlighting key outcomes, findings, and landmark moments. This structured progression ensured narrative consistency, message alignment, sustained engagement, and maximum visibility across all digital platforms.

Through close collaboration with partners, participating entities, speakers, and opinion leaders across the sector, efforts were unified to amplify the conference's reach beyond geographical boundaries, engaging audiences in more than 120 countries worldwide. In doing so, the conference reinforced its position as a leading global platform for constructive dialogue, civilizational exchange, and responsible innovation in the service of tolerance and intercultural communication—affirming Abu Dhabi and the United Arab Emirates as a global destination for meaningful dialogue and human understanding.

1.8 M+
Linkedin Impressions
مشاهدات لينكد ان

269 K+
Facebook Impressions
تفاعل فيسبوك

3.6 M+
Instagram Impressions
مشاهدات انستغرام

2.4 M+
YouTube Impressions
مشاهدات يوتيوب

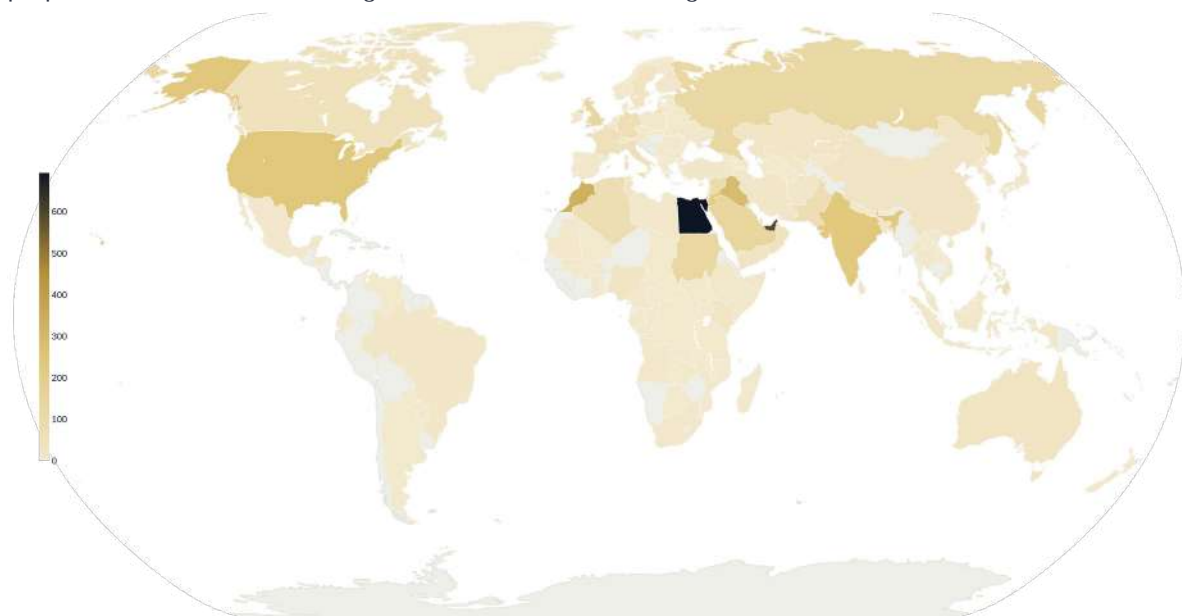
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13.5 M+
Google Impressions
مشاهدات واخبار جوجل

Global reach

The conference's presence extended to 120 countries across all six continents, confirming its global character and reflecting the breadth of international engagement with its themes. The global impact map illustrates the density of participation worldwide, with the United Arab Emirates and the Middle East emerging as a central hub for dialogue, alongside strong representation across Europe, Asia, North America, Africa, and Latin America.

This wide geographical spread represents one of the most significant indicators of the conference's success. It reflects not only the appeal of its academic agenda, but also Abu Dhabi's ability to host a global platform that brings together peoples of diverse cultures and religions around the values of dialogue and coexistence.

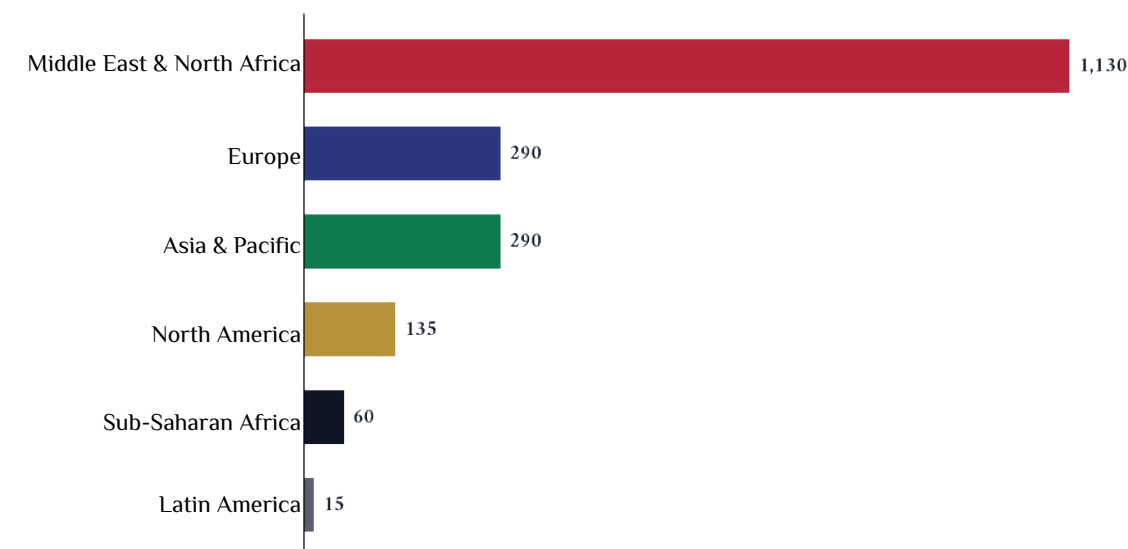


Global Impact Map — Participation density by country.

120 countries · 6 continents · 1,920 international participants — a presence reaching the farthest corners of the world.

Regional distribution of international attendance

The conference extended to 120 countries across all six continents, confirming its global nature and reflecting the wide international engagement with its agenda. The global impact map illustrates participation density worldwide, with the United Arab Emirates and the Middle East emerging as a central hub for dialogue, alongside continued expansion across Europe, Asia, North America, Africa, and Latin America.



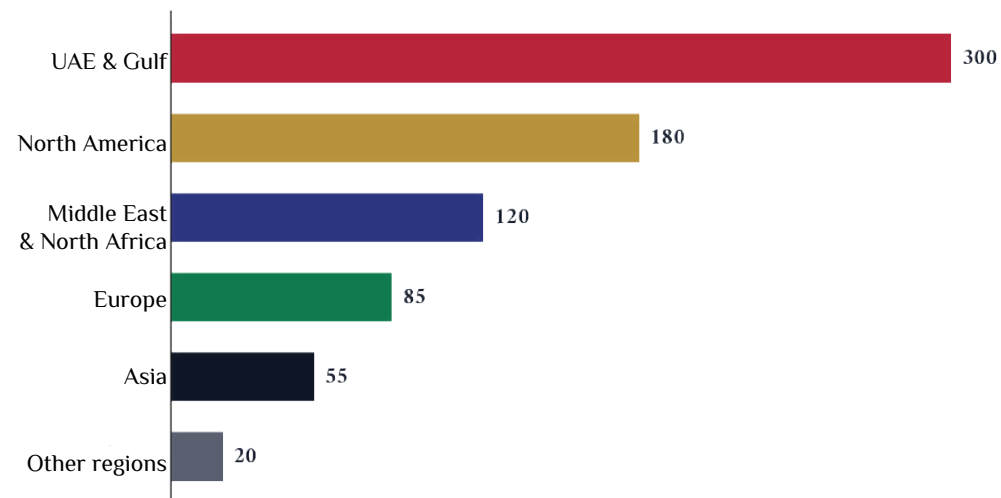
Source: estimates derived from registration data and applied to the total verified international attendance (1,920 participants) — figures are approximate and reflect relative distribution.

This reading reveals a concentration of attendance in the Arab region as the natural sphere of the conference, alongside a strong international presence from Europe and Asia that reflects the platform's global reach, as well as qualitative participation from other continents, completing a comprehensive geographical representation.



Regional Media Reach

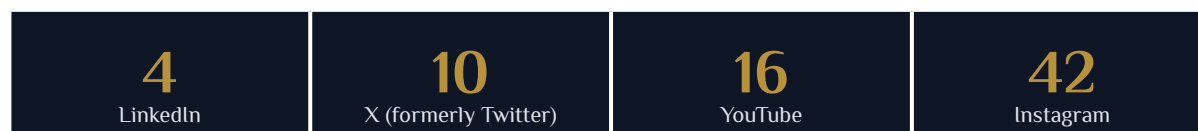
The conference's media impact extended across all regions; alongside strong national and Gulf coverage, it gained notable visibility in North America through syndication networks, as well as in Europe, Asia, and the broader Middle East, reinforcing the global reach and resonance of the conference.



Regional distribution of media coverage (total: 760) — estimates based on media monitoring.

Digital & Social Amplification

The conference's resonance extended across social media platforms through contributions from speakers, partners, and attendees, enhancing digital reach and global audience engagement with its messages and outcomes.



Key digital platforms included in the conference media monitoring.

National investment and return

The conference was not a cost as much as it was a high-return national investment; a strategic outcome that far exceeded its expenses, reflected in global participation, scientific outputs, and media and reputational value that reinforced Abu Dhabi's standing.



National investment

Strategic outcome

206
Speaker

3,165
Participant

120
Country

760
Media coverage

For every dirham spent, the conference achieved representation from 120 countries, approximately 760 media outputs, and intangible reputational and symbolic value that cannot be fully captured by numbers alone, in addition to indirect benefits to the hospitality, tourism, and knowledge economy sectors. By this measure, the conference stands as one of the highest-return national initiatives in the field of soft power investment.



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AGENDA

← Back to IDCT 2026

● Day 01 | The Official Opening ^ PROGRAMME

IDCT 2026 · OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Conference *Programme*

ABU DHABI, UAE
3 – 5 JUNE 2026

● 10:00 — 11:15 *Opening Ceremony* SINGLE-TRACK · PROUD OF UAE PAVILION

PROUD OF UAE PAVILION · SINGLE-TRACK
SESSION 1

10:00 — 11:15 AM

WED, 3 JUN · OPENING CEREMONY · 75 MIN

The Official *Opening Ceremony*

Convening of the 3rd IDCT under the patronage of the UAE leadership, in commemoration of the UAE Year of the Family 2026.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM & OPENING VIDEO

Conference opens with the UAE National Anthem followed by the IDCT 2026 Opening Video (5 min).

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WELCOME ADDRESS



H.E. DR.
ABDULLA
BELHAIF AL
NUAIMI

Chancellor · Emirates
Scholar Center for
Research and Studies

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS



H.E. DR. KHALIFA
AL DHAHERI

Chancellor ·
Mohamed Bin Zayed
University for
Humanities

04

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



DR MOHAMMED
ABDULLAH AL-
ALI

CEO Trends Group

05

INTERNATIONAL ADDRESS



ELDER ADILSON
DE PAULA
PARRELLA

Member of the Middle
East/Africa North Area
Presidency of The
Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day
Saints

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Day 01 | The Official Opening ^

RECOGNITION

Presentation of the IDCT Tolerance Award 2026



Honourees to be announced

Recognition of leadership in advancing dialogue, civilizational understanding, and coexistence in the digital era.

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INTERNATIONAL ADDRESS



HIS HOLINESS BRAHMAVIHARI SWAMIJI

Head of BAPS Hindu
Mandir, Abu Dhabi

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Day 01 | The Official Opening ^

INAUGURAL PANEL DISCUSSION

Civilizational Dialogue in the Age of New Media and AI

Soft Power and Global Peacebuilding · Digital Tolerance and Interfaith Narratives



SESSION CHAIR

DR. FAWAZ HABBAL

Director General · Emirates Scholar Center for Research and Studies



H.E. EUAN MACKWAY- JONES

Lead for Intercultural
Dialogue for Peace ·
UNESCO



H.E. LORENZO FANARA

Ambassador of Italy to
the United Arab
Emirates



H.E. ENG. SHAIKHA ALHOSANI

Executive Director of
the Social Monitoring
and Innovation Sector
· Department of
Community
Development



H.E. MAQSOD KRUSE

Special Envoy of the
Minister of Foreign
Affairs for Countering
Extremism &
Terrorism

● **BREAK** Transition & refreshments

11:15 — 11:30 AM · 15 minutes

● **11:30 AM — 12:15 PM** Parallel Sessions

AI & MEDIA PAVILION · FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION · 45 MIN

PROUD OF UAE

SESSION 2

11:30 AM — 12:15 PM

WED, 3 JUN · KEYNOTE SPEAKER · 45 MIN

Soft Power and the Voice of *Civilizational Identity*

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Soft Power and Global Peacebuilding · Preserving Cultural Identity in a Digitally Connected World

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



SESSION CHAIR

DR AHMED AL MANSOORI

Professor and Chairing the Department of Media and Creative Industries · UAE University

Featured Speech



**H.E.
ALESSANDRO
BERTOLDI**

Founder & Executive
Director · AB Group /
Friedman Institute

Keynote Speaker



**H.E. FADEELA
ALMAEENI**

President · UAE
Journalists
Association



**DR BUSHRA
ALBLOOSHI**

Executive Director of
Cybersecurity
Governance and Risk
Management
Department · Dubai
Electronic Security
Center (DESC)



**DR. NIDAL
SHOUKEIR**

Executive Board
Director · ICCEHS

AI & MEDIA PAVILION SESSION 3

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11:30 AM — 12:15 PM

WED, 3 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

AI, Ethics and Empathy: *A New Civilizational Compact*

AI, Ethics and Empathy · AI, Emotional Intelligence and Interpersonal Connections

PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

DR. HEBA ABOUKHOUSA

Assistant Professor · MBZUH

Featured Speech



H.E. GEORGE GUIDO LOMBARDI

President · Republican Liberty Caucus (former President Trump Advisor)

Panel Discussion



DR SAADA KHADRAGY

Assistant Professor CS · UAQU



PROF MEROUANE DEBBAH

Founder and Senior Director of the Digital Future Institute · Khalifa University



MS. TANNYA JAJAL

Founder · AIDEN

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION
SESSION 4

11:30 AM — 12:15 PM

WED, 3 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

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Digital Parenting in the Age of AI: *Raising Resilient Families*

Digital Parenting · Social Media, Identity and Family Values

PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

DR LINA ABU LIBDEH

Assistant Professor / Project Manager · Canadian university Dubai

Featured Speech



DR FATMA ALHAMMADI

social expert · Family Development Foundation

Panel Discussion



DR MARYAM HUSSAIN

Ambassador of Arab Women and Ambassador of Tolerance



DR BRIAN WILLOUGHBY

Professor of Family Life · Brigham Young University



DR. SAED ALRABAE

Director CETLUA · University



MR. DAVID LAZARO

Director, Edraak · Queen Rania Foundation

1:00 PM — 2:00 PM Parallel Sessions PROUD OF UAE PAVILION · 60 MIN

Day 01 | The Official Opening

PROUD OF UAE
SESSION 5

1:00 PM — 2:00 PM

WED, 3 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 60 MIN

Youth Debate: *“The Positive Impact of New Media and Artificial Intelligence Outweighs Their Negative Impact – For or Against?”*

Assessing the Impact of New Media and Artificial Intelligence: Balancing Opportunities and Risks for Society

PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

MR ISSA AL-JADIDIY

Member · Youth Council of the General Command

Panel Discussion



MS SARA AL NEYADI

Youth Council
Member · National
Media Authority



MR SAIF ALMANSOORI

Ambassador ·
National Identity



MS KHADIJA AL MARAR

Vice President ·
National Media
Authority Youth
Council



MR AHMED AL JUNAIBI

Youth Council
Chairman ·
Environment Agency –
Abu Dhabi (EAD)



MR MOHAMED AL SHEZAWI

Member of the Youth
Council · Zayed
Authority for People of
Determination



MR ABDULLAH MUSABAH AL KAABI

Member · Emirates
Youth Council for
Entrepreneurship



MR SULTAN ADEL AL-SIYABI

Member · Zayed
Authority for People of
Determination

2:00 PM — 2:45 PM Parallel Sessions

AI & MEDIA PAVILION · FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION · 45 MIN

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PROUD OF UAE
SESSION 6

2:00 PM — 2:30 PM

WED, 3 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 30 MIN

Reconciliation in the Abrahamic Family: *Promoting Jewish-Muslim Religious Fraternity*

Religious Fraternity as a Foundation for Peace

• PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

DR AHARON ARIEL LAVI

CEO · The Jerusalem Interfaith Center

Panel Discussion



**DR MAJID AL
SARRAH**

Director · Government
of Dubai



**DR YAKOV
NAGEN**

President · Jerusalem
Interfaith Center



**MR IYAD
ZAHALKA**

Qadi · Sharia Court of
Appeals

AI & MEDIA PAVILION
SESSION 7

2:00 PM — 2:45 PM

WED, 3 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

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AI and Society: *Balancing Innovation with Ethical Responsibility*

AI and Society · Inclusive Digital Societies

• PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

DR ZAINAB RASHEED

Academic Professor · Emirates Aviation University, UAE

Featured Speech



MR JEAN-DAVID BENICHO

Founder & President · Abraseed & Abramundi and Tech Entrepreneur

Panel Discussion



DR JASSIM AL AWADHI

Executive Director Enterprise Platforms · Emirates NBD



DR ALIA MOHAMMED AL JASMI

Head · Emirates Association for the Talent



DR SHEIKHA NOORA AL SHAMSI

Board Member · UAE Youth Program

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION
SESSION 8

2:00 PM — 2:45 PM

WED, 3 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

Day 01 | The Official Opening

Social Media, Identity and Family Values: *The Algorithm in the Living Room*
(Arabic Session)

Social Media, Identity and Family Values · Youth Inclusion

PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

DR SAADA KHADRAGEY

Assistant Professor CS · UAQU

Featured Speech



DR RICH OSGUTHORPE

Associate Academic Vice President and School of Education · Brigham Young University

Panel Discussion



MS DIANA MAHMOUD

Co-Founder & Chief Communication Officer · AHL Global Corporate Wellbeing Coach & Communication Specialist



MR HESHAM SALAH

Chief Editor · Al Mashhad



H.E. HAITHAM ALRAEESI

Chairman of the Board of Directors · Safety and Emergency Security Association

AI & MEDIA PAVILION · FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION · 45 MIN

Day 01 | The Official Opening

AI & MEDIA PAVILION

SESSION 9

2:45 PM — 3:30 PM

WED, 3 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

Combatting Digital Misinformation: *Protecting Families and Communities*

Combatting Digital Misinformation · Biases in Digital Media

PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

MS NATALIE SANANDAJI

Public affairs officer · Combat antisemitism movement

Featured Speech



H.E. GIUSEPPE PETRELLA

General · Italy Government

Panel Discussion



MR LARRY HUCH

founding and senior pastor · New Beginnings Church



MR MARK ALBERT

Founder & CEO · Media Advisory Experts



MR JEAN-DAVID BENICHO

Founder & President · Abraseed & Abramundi and Tech Entrepreneur



PROF ASAF ROMIROWSKY

Executive Director · the Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) & Scholars for Peace in the Middle East (SPME)

2:45 PM — 3:30 PM Parallel Sessions

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION

SESSION 10

2:45 PM — 3:30 PM

WED, 3 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

Day 01 | The Official Opening

Youth, Identity and Inclusion in Digital Spaces

Youth Identity · Presence in Virtual Worlds

PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

DR MAXIME JAFFRE

Assistant Professor · UAE University

Panel Discussion



MR. MANPREET SINGH NAGI

President · Indian Chamber of International Business



DR STERLING JENSEN

Associate Professor of Tolerance and Coexistence Section · Mohamed bin Zayed University for Humanities



DR. NESYA SHEMER

Senior Lecturer · Bar Ilan University



MR GEORGE STEVENS

Cofounder & Managing Director · WeAreMENA

AI & MEDIA PAVILION · FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION · 45 MIN

Day 01 | The Official Opening

AI & MEDIA PAVILION

SESSION 11

3:30 PM — 4:15 PM

WED, 3 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

Religion in Digital Media: *Representation, Respect and the Public Square*

Misrepresentation of Religions in Digital Media · Freedom of Expression

PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

DR AVNI CHAG

Research Specialist · Abrahamic family house

Panel Discussion



DR. NIDAL SHOUKEIR

Executive Board Director · ICCEHS



MS SHANNON SEBAN

Executive Director of European Affairs · Combat Antisemitism Movement

● 3:30 PM — 4:15 PM *Parallel Sessions*

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION
SESSION 12

3:30 PM — 4:15 PM

WED, 3 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

Day 01 | The Official Opening

Bridging Communities: *Family, Faith and Cultural Identity Across Borders*

Digital Tolerance and Interfaith Narratives · Preserving Cultural Identity

PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

DR ROEIA THABET

Representative · Office of Public Affairs of the Bahá'is in the United Arab Emirates

Featured Speech



MS. EINAT LEVI

Consultant & Partnership Builder · Independent

Panel Discussion



MRS ELAH ALKALAY

Chairperson · IBI Mutual Funds



MRS MAS WATAD

President and founder · Dawsat



MR PRANAV DESAI

Director · BAPS Hindu Mandir



DR LISA SPRINGER

Dean of the Division of Lifelong and Professional Studies (DLPS) and Associate Provost for Continuing and Digital Learning · The Jewish Theological Seminary

2:30 PM — 3:45 PM ★ Dialogue Roundtable · Marquee Session

PROUD OF UAE · SINGLE-TRACK · 75 MIN

★ DIALOGUE ROUNDTABLE · PROUD OF UAE · SINGLE-TRACK

SESSION 13

2:30 PM — 3:45 PM

WED, 3 JUN · MARQUEE SESSION · 75 MIN

Day 01 | The Official Opening

Digital Tolerance and Interfaith Narratives · Preserving Cultural Identity · Religious Fraternity

Abu Dhabi: *A Global Model for Coexistence in the Digital Age*

DIALOGUE ROUNDTABLE



SESSION CHAIR

DR DALIA MABROUK

Research & Training Manager · Emirates Scholar Center for Research and Studies

Featured Speech



H.E. MUNA
KHALIFA

Member · Federal
National Council
(FNC)

Dialogue Roundtable



DR FATIMA
ALDAHMANI

Head, Tolerance &
Coexistence ·
Mohamed bin Zayed
University for
Humanities



DR EBRAHIM AL
ALKEEM AL
ZAABI

National Risk & Policy
Director, AML & CTF ·
UAE Government



DR RASHED
KARKAIN



MS LEENA AL-
BELOOSHI

Human Rights · Expert
& Interfaith Leader



DR NIR BOMS

research fellow ·
Dayan Institute, Tel
Aviv University



PROF SHERINE
FAROUK



MR MARCUS
SHEFF

CEO · Impact-se



DR MAJID AL
SARRAH

Director · Government
of Dubai



CEO · Sustainable Development Research and Training Institute



Assistant Chancellor for Global Partnership Impact · Abu Dhabi University



MS. HUDA
Independent



MR. AHMED IBRAHIM AHMED MOHAMED
Board Member / Lawyer · Emirates Human Rights Association



MR VISHAL MISHRA
Chief AI Officer · IDC Technologies

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EMIRATES SCHOLAR CENTER FOR RESEARCH & STUDIES · ABRAHAMIC FAMILY HOUSE

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Day 02 | Main Programme

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Conference Programme

ABU DHABI, UAE
3 – 5 JUNE 2026

10:00 — 11:15 Opening Session SINGLE-TRACK · PROUD OF UAE PAVILION

PROUD OF UAE PAVILION · SINGLE-TRACK
SESSION 14

10:00 — 11:15 AM

THU, 4 JUN · OPENING SESSION · 75 MIN

High-Level Opening Session

Day 2 plenary: senior keynote voices and an international diplomatic panel framing the day's parallel programme.

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KEYNOTE SPEECH



**H.E. SHEIKH
 ABDULLA BIN
 BUTTI AL HAMED**
 Chairman · National
 Media Authority

02

Day 02 | Main Programme ^

KEYNOTE SPEECH



**H.E. ZAKI ANWAR
NUSSEIBEH**

Cultural Advisor to the
President of the UAE ·
Chancellor of UAE
University

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WELCOME ADDRESS



**H.E. DR.
ABDULLA
BELHAIF AL
NUAIMI**

Chancellor · Emirates
Scholar Center for
Research and Studies

04

HIGH-LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION

Civilizational Dialogue, Diplomacy & the Digital Age

Soft Power · Digital Tolerance and Interfaith Narratives · Civilizational Dialogue



SESSION CHAIR

DR. SEPPE VERHEYEN

Director of Education and Outreach · Abrahamic Family House



**H.E. DR.
MOHAMMED
JABER BIN JABR**

Vice Chairman of the
Board · Emirates
Human Rights
Associations



**H.E. DR. ETIENNE
BERCHTOLD**

Ambassador ·
Republic of Austria to
the United Arab
Emirates



**H.E. SEN. CINZIA
PELLEGRINO**

Member of the
European Policies
Commission

● BREAK Transition & refreshments

Day 02 | Main Programme ^

● 11:30 AM — 12:15 PM Parallel Sessions

AI & MEDIA PAVILION · FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION · 45 MIN

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SESSION 15

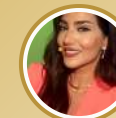
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THU, 4 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

The UAE's Civilizational Voice: *From National Identity to Global Influence*

Soft Power · Preserving Cultural Identity in a Digitally Connected World

● PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

MS DIANA MAHMOUD

Co-Founder & Chief Communication Officer · AHL Global Corporate Wellbeing Coach &
Communication Specialist

Featured Speech



**DR SHEIKHA
NOORA AL
SHAMSI**

Board Member · UAE
Youth Program

Panel Discussion



**PROF. KHALED
ASSALEH**

Vice Chancellor
Academic Affairs ·
Ajman University



**H.E. CINZIA
PELLEGRINO**

Member, European
Policies Commission ·
Italy Government



**DR. HAMAD
ODHABI**

Vice Chancellor AI ·
Abu Dhabi University



**DR OMAR
BORTOLAZZI**

Associate Professor /
Director of the Master
of International Affairs
· American University
in Dubai

AI & MEDIA PAVILION
SESSION 16

Day 02 | Main Programme ^

11:30 AM — 12:15 PM

THU, 4 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

AI, Emotional Intelligence and Interpersonal Connections: *The Human Side of Machines*

AI Emotional Intelligence · AI, Ethics and Empathy

PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

DR AVRAHAM WEBER

Adjunct Assistant Professor · Yeshiva University, NY Reichmann University, Israel Marburg University, Germany

Featured Speech



DR ANAS NAJDAWI

Director of Abu Dhabi University's Dubai Campus · Abu Dhabi University

Panel Discussion



MS LEENA AL-BELOOSHI

Human Rights · Expert & Interfaith Leader



MR LUÍS RODRIGUES

CPO & Regional Head · Middle East Lab49



DR JEFFREY M. BRADSHAW

Senior Research Scientist · Institute for Human and Machine Cognition (IHMC)

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION
SESSION 17

Day 02 | Main Programme ^

11:30 AM — 12:15 PM

THU, 4 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

Communities in the Connected Age: *Belonging, Resilience and Digital Identity*

Social Media, Identity and Family Values · Presence in Virtual Worlds

PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

MS SHAMA AL ALI

Coordination and Engagement Executive, Youth Engagement Department, Youth Councils System · Federal Youth Authority – UAE

Featured Speech



DR BRETT SCHARFFS

Professor of Law and Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies · Brigham Young University Law School

Panel Discussion



MR. STEVE BAMBURY

Head Digital Learning · JESS Dubai



MR DANNY HAKIM

Founder · Women Champion's for Change



DR LOLOWA ALMARZOOQI

Associate Vice Provost · New York University Abu Dhabi



DR RICH OSGUTHORPE

Associate Academic Vice President and School of Education · Brigham Young University

● 12:15 PM — 1:30 PM *Parallel Sessions* PROUD OF UAE PAVILION · 75 MIN

● Day 02 | Main Programme ^

PROUD OF UAE SESSION 18

12:15 PM — 1:30 PM

THU, 4 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 75 MIN

Book Signing

| 6 Secrets to Success

● PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

CHAIR TO BE ANNOUNCED

Panel Discussion



**DR FIRAS
HABBAL**

President · Emirates
Scholar Research
Center



**DR. FAWAZ
HABBAL**

Director General ·
Emirates Scholar
Center for Research &
Studies



DR YOSIF AL ALI

Board Member - Head
of Strategic
Committee · Emirates
Scholar Center for
Research & Studies

● 1:30 PM — 2:15 PM *Parallel Sessions* PROUD OF UAE PAVILION · 45 MIN

● Day 02 | Main Programme ^

PROUD OF UAE SESSION 19

1:30 PM — 2:15 PM

THU, 4 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

AI Governance and the Future of Digital Trust (Arabic Session)

| Policy frameworks for AI · Digital trust · Cross-border regulation

● PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

DR FATIMA ALDAHMANI

Head, Tolerance & Coexistence · Mohamed bin Zayed University for Humanities

Featured Speech



**H.E. AHMED AL
DEBANI AL
NUAIMI**

Board Member and
the General Secretary
· Emirates Association
for the Talent

Panel Discussion



**DR MOHAMED
ALHASAN**

Founder · CyberTec
Dubai



**DR HIND YOUSIF
SAHOO AL
SUWAIDI**

Chief Executive
Officer · Safety and
Emergency Security
Association (SESA)



**H.E. ABDUL
QUDDUS AL
OBAIDLI**

Chairman of the
Board of Directors ·
Emirates Intellectual
Property Association

● 2:00 PM — 2:45 PM *Parallel Sessions*

AI & MEDIA PAVILION · FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION · 45 MIN

Day 02 | Main Programme ^

AI & MEDIA PAVILION

SESSION 20

2:00 PM — 2:45 PM

THU, 4 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

AI Bias and the Algorithmic 'Other': *Building Inclusive Digital Societies*

Biases in Digital Media · Inclusive Digital Societies

● PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

PROF AHMED DABBAGH

Managing Director of the AI Academy · The AI Academy

Featured Speech



MR MARK ALBERT

Founder & CEO · Media Advisory Experts

Panel Discussion



MR. MUSTAFA AL-AMMAR

Security & Terrorism Expert · Media Analyst



MR. RICHARD FITZGERALD

CEO · Augustus Media



MR SAOUD SAQER

Engineer · -

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION

SESSION 21

2:00 PM — 2:45 PM

THU, 4 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

Day 02 | Main Programme ^

Preserving Cultural Identity in a Digitally Connected World

Preserving Cultural Identity · Social Media, Identity and Family Values

● PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

PROF SHERINE FAROUK

Assistant Chancellor for Global Partnerships and Impact · Abu Dhabi University

Featured Speech



PROF SHERINE FAROUK

Assistant Chancellor for Global Partnerships and Impact · Abu Dhabi University

Panel Discussion



MS. LENAH HASSABALLAH

Editor · CNN Business Arabic



DR ANAS NAJDAMI

Director of Abu Dhabi University's Dubai Campus · Abu Dhabi University



H.E. MARC J. SIEVERS

former U.S. Ambassador · Sultanate of Oman

● 2:45 PM — 3:30 PM *Parallel Sessions*

AI & MEDIA PAVILION · FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION · 45 MIN

Day 02 | Main Programme ^

AI & MEDIA PAVILION

SESSION 22

2:45 PM — 3:30 PM

THU, 4 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

Freedom of Expression and Respect for Beliefs in the Digital Public Square

Freedom of Expression · Combatting Misinformation

PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

MS. JEAN CANDIOTTE

UAE Representative · TOM

Panel Discussion



MR ARI MATITYAHU

Chairman · Wafa Global



DR. YIGAL BEN-SHALOM

President · Yemenite Society Association



DR BRETT SCHARFFS

Professor of Law and Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies · Brigham Young University Law School



MR LARRY HUCH

founding and senior pastor · New Beginnings Church



MS REVA GORELICK

Interim Director · AJC Abu Dhabi

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION

SESSION 23

2:45 PM — 3:30 PM

THU, 4 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

Day 02 | Main Programme ^

AI in the Family: *Ethics, Safety and the Next Generation*

Digital Parenting · AI Emotional Intelligence

PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

DR RAHAF AJAJ

Associate Professor, College of Engineering · Abu Dhabi University

Panel Discussion



MS. HUDA RAPHAEL

Researcher · Independent



MS SHANNON SEBAN

Executive Director of European Affairs · Combat Antisemitism Movement



DR NAHYAN HELAL

President · Emirates Association for Community and Occupational Health



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● 3:30 PM — 4:15 PM Parallel Sessions FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION · 45 MIN

● Day 02 | Main Programme ^

PROUD OF UAE SESSION 24

3:30 PM — 4:15 PM

THU, 4 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

The Family in the Digital Age: *Raising Capable, Responsible, and Connected Individuals as a Foundation for Coexistence*

Families in the Age of AI: Building Resilient, Ethical, and Connected Communities

● PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

DR ROEIA THABET

Representative · Office of Public Affairs of the Bahá'ís in the United Arab Emirates

Featured Speech



**MR. MUSTAFA
AL-AMMAR**

Security & Terrorism
Expert · Media Analyst

Panel Discussion



**MRS ROYA
HASSAN**

Representative ·
Office of Public Affairs
of the Baha'is in UAE



**DR NAJIA AL
KETBI**

Assistant Professor ·
Mohamed Bin Zayed
University for
Humanities



DR SAMA TABRIZI

Social Actor · Baha'i
Community in the
UAE



**DR AYSHA
ABDUNOUR AL
JANAHI**

Author and Trainer
Specializing in Family
Affairs



**H.E. TAHNOUN
ALAMEEMI**

Secretary-General ·
Arab Center for
Electronic Media



**MS SHAMA AL
ALI**

Coordination and
Engagement
Executive, Youth
Engagement
Department, Youth
Councils System ·
Federal Youth
Authority – UAE

**MR HATEM EL-
HADY**



Representative to
Arab World · Bahá'í
International
Community

● Day 02 | Main Programme ^

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PAVILION SESSION 25

3:30 PM — 4:15 PM

THU, 4 JUN · PANEL DISCUSSION · 45 MIN

Women's Voices in Civilizational Dialogue: *Leadership Across Communities*

Inclusive Digital Societies · Social Media, Identity and Family Values

● PANEL DISCUSSION



SESSION CHAIR

MRS AYELET MAVOR

Co-Creator · Women Champions for Change (WCC)

Panel Discussion



MRS RINA NAOR

Co Founder and leader · Gaza Women Center of Hope @ GCV



MRS HANAN ALSANAH

Co-Executive Director & Steering Committee · Itach-Maaki & WCC - Women Champions for Change



MS. EINAT LEVI

Consultant & Partnership Builder · Independent



DR MARIAM KETAÏT

founder · Ebb and flow

● 2:15 PM — 3:30 PM ★ Dialogue Roundtable · Marquee Session

PROUD OF UAE · SINGLE-TRACK · 75 MIN

★ DIALOGUE ROUNDTABLE · PROUD OF UAE · SINGLE-TRACK
SESSION 26

2:15 PM — 3:30 PM

THU, 4 JUN · MARQUEE SESSION · 75 MIN

Day 02

Main Programme

Soft Power · Digital Tolerance and Interfaith Narratives · AI, Ethics and Empathy

Civilizations in Dialogue: *International Voices for the Digital Era*

• DIALOGUE ROUNDTABLE



SESSION CHAIR

DR DALIA MABROUK

Research & Training Manager · Emirates Scholar Center for Research and Studies

Featured Speech



H.E. JASON ISAACSON

Chief Policy and
Political Affairs Officer
· American Jewish
Committee

Dialogue Roundtable



MR RIYAD ZAHALKA

Qadi · Sharia Court of
Appeals



DR YAKOV NAGEN

President · Jerusalem
Interfaith Center



DR LISA SPRINGER

Dean of the Division
of Lifelong and
Professional Studies
(DLPS) and Associate
Provost for Continuing
and Digital Learning ·
The Jewish
Theological Seminary

2:15 PM — 3:30 PM

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Day 02

Main Programme

Soft Power · Digital Tolerance and Interfaith Narratives · AI, Ethics and Empathy

Civilizations in Dialogue: *International Voices for the Digital Era*

• DIALOGUE ROUNDTABLE

MR MOHAMED AL SHEZAWI
Member of the Youth Council · Zayed Authority for People of Determination

MS SHAILY MAJMUDAR
Women Leader · BAPS Hindu Mandir, Abu Dhabi

MR HAMED ALBASTAKI
Member · Sharjah Youth Council

MR MANSOOR ALHOSANI
Member · Emirates Youth Council for Agriculture

MR SAIF ALMANSOORI
Ambassador · National Identity

DR AHARON ARIEL LAVI
CEO · The Jerusalem Interfaith Center

MR ARAM AQIL
Co-Founder · Yekmal Association

MS AYSHA AL BLOOSHI
Member of the Youth Council · Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi

MR HATEM EL-HADY
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MR PRANAV DESAI
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MR JUNAIBI
Youth Council Chairman · Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD)

MS SALWA ABU KASHEF
Arab Community Leader · NOAL

— End of Conference Programme —

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10:00 — 11:30 Closing Ceremony SINGLE-TRACK · PROUD OF UAE PAVILION

PROUD OF UAE PAVILION · SINGLE-TRACK
 SESSION 27
 10:00 — 11:30 AM
 FRI, 5 JUN · CLOSING CEREMONY · 90 MIN

The Conference Closing Ceremony

Day 03 | Closing Ceremony

CLOSING PANEL DISCUSSION

The Road Ahead: A Global Compact for Coexistence in the AI Era

All conference themes synthesized · AI, Ethics and Empathy · Soft Power · Digital Tolerance



SESSION CHAIR

MS. HUDA RAPHAEL
 Researcher



DR. NIDAL SHOUKEIR
 Executive Board
 Director · ICCEHS



DR AVRAHAM WEBER
 Adjunct Assistant
 Professor · Yeshiva
 University, NY
 Reichmann University,
 Israel Marburg
 University, Germany



DR BRIAN WILLOUGHBY
 Professor of Family
 Life · Brigham Young
 University



XI LIANG
 Head of Artificial
 Intelligence at
 Mashreq Bank



SAMER GEISSAH
 Head of Artificial
 Intelligence, Client
 Executive, Customer
 Team Head at Nokia

02

FEATURED SPEAKER

Three Days of Dialogue: A Vision for the Decade Ahead

Reflecting on the conference's themes and projecting forward.



ELDER DAVID A. BEDNAR
 Member of the
 Quorum of the Twelve
 Apostles of the
 Church of Jesus
 Christ of Latter-day
 Saints

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Day 03 | Closing Ceremony ^

CLOSING REMARKS · PARTNER INSTITUTION



**DR. FIRAS
HABBAL**

President - Board
Member Emirates
Scholar Center for
Research & Studies

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CONFERENCE RECAP

IDCT 2026 — Three Days in Review

Conference Recap Video

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RECOGNITION

Trophies & Recognition for Partners and Committees



IDCT 2026 Recognition Awards

Honouring the strategic partners (Abrahamic Family House), programme committee, sponsoring organisations, volunteer committees, and media partners.

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Conference *Programme*

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Scientific *Agenda*

All scientific sessions across the three conference days, presented in chronological order.

WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2026

● 11:30 AM — 11:45 AM *AI and Society Order - Dangers and Opportunities*

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · WED, 3 JUN
SESSION 1

11:30 AM — 11:45 AM

WED, 3 JUN · SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

AI and Society Order - *Dangers and Opportunities*

Featured Speech



DR NIR BOMS

research fellow ·
Dayan Institute, Tal
Aviv University

● 11:45 AM — 12:00 PM *التسامح في عيون الرحالة الغربيين ، قراءة في الوثائق والمذكرات التاريخية*

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

Scientific Scientific Agenda ^

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · WED, 3 JUN SESSION 2

11:45 AM — 12:00 PM

WED, 3 JUN · SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

التسامح في عيون الرحالة الغربيين ، قراءة في الوثائق والمذكرات التاريخية

Featured Speech



**MRS. FATMA
SULTAN
MAZROUEI**

Head, Historical
Archives Section ·
National Library &
Archives UAE

●
12:00 PM — 12:15 PM *A Jewish Appreciation of Muhammad (PBUH) and Its Contemporary Significance for Coexistence in the Middle East*

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · WED, 3 JUN SESSION 3

12:00 PM — 12:15 PM

WED, 3 JUN · SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

A Jewish Appreciation of Muhammad (PBUH) and Its Contemporary Significance for Coexistence in the Middle East

Featured Speech



**DR YAKOV
NAGEN**

President · Jerusalem
Interfaith Center

12:15 PM — 12:30 PM *AI and society: Balancing Innovation with Ethical Responsibility AI-Enhanced Rehabilitation and the Ethics of Tolerance in Healthcare*

Scientific Scientific Agenda ^

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · WED, 3 JUN SESSION 4

12:15 PM — 12:30 PM

WED, 3 JUN · SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

AI and society: *Balancing Innovation with Ethical Responsibility AI-Enhanced Rehabilitation and the Ethics of Tolerance: Building Inclusive Pathways in Healthcare*

Featured Speech



**DR ALEKSANDRA
BRANKOVIC**

Founder / Head of
Commercial and
Project GITEX AI ·
Cultural Center
Taraba / Dubai World
Trade Center

●
12:30 PM — 12:45 PM *Token Economics and Governance Making AI Accountable to Family and Community*

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

Scientific Scientific Agenda ^

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · WED, 3 JUN
 SESSION 5
 12:30 PM — 12:45 PM
 WED, 3 JUN · SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

Token Economics and Governance Making AI Accountable to Family and Community

Featured Speech



MR VISHAL MISHRA
 Chief AI Officer · IDC Technologies

● 12:45 PM — 1:00 PM Scholarship in the Islamic Golden Age

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · WED, 3 JUN
 SESSION 6
 12:45 PM — 1:00 PM
 WED, 3 JUN · SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

Scholarship in the Islamic Golden Age

Featured Speech



DR. AYMAN AL HENDY
 Professor / Chair · Khalifa University

● 2:00 PM — 2:15 PM From Artificial Intelligence to Artificial Understanding: Ensuring Equitable Dialogue in an Energy-Driven Digital World” “من الذكاء الاصطناعي إلى الفهم” “الاصطناعي: نحو حوار عادل في عالم رقمي تقوده الطاقة

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · 15 MIN

Scientific Scientific Agenda ^

SCIENTIFIC SESSION · WED, 3 JUN
 SESSION 7
 2:00 PM — 2:15 PM
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From Artificial Intelligence to Artificial Understanding: *Ensuring Equitable Dialogue in an Energy-Driven Digital World*” “من الذكاء الاصطناعي إلى الفهم” “الاصطناعي: نحو حوار عادل في عالم رقمي تقوده الطاقة

Featured Speech



DR. AMEENA AL-SUMAITI
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● 2:15 PM — 2:30 PM Multimodal AI for Early Emotional Distress Detection

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Multimodal AI for Early Emotional Distress Detection

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DR HAMDAN HAMDAN
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● 2:30 PM — 2:45 PM Faith in Transition: Shifting from Conflict to Peace

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Faith in Transition: *Shifting from Conflict to Peace*

Featured Speech



2:45 PM — 3:00 PM *AI, New Media, and Societal Resilience: Protecting Families, Countering Online Recruitment, and Learning from the UAE Model of Coexistence*

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AI, New Media, and Societal Resilience: *Protecting Families, Countering Online Recruitment, and Learning from the UAE Model of Coexistence*

Featured Speech



3:00 PM — 3:15 PM *From Polemic to Partnership: Accessible Islamic Texts, AI Research, and the Recovery of Muslim-Jewish Covenant Dialogue*

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 SESSION 11
 3:00 PM — 3:15 PM
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From Polemic to Partnership: *Accessible Islamic Texts, AI Research, and the Recovery of Muslim-Jewish Covenant Dialogue*

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3:15 PM — 3:30 PM *السيادة المعلوماتية: تحصين المجتمعات في عصر التظليل الرقمي*

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السيادة المعلوماتية: *تحصين المجتمعات في عصر التظليل الرقمي*

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THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2026

11:30 AM — 11:45 AM *الاستثمار في العلوم الإنسانية ودور جامعة محمد بن زايد في ترسيخ التسامح والتنمية الوطنية*

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الاستثمار في العلوم الإنسانية ودور جامعة محمد بن زايد في ترسيخ التسامح والتنمية الوطنية

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11:45 AM — 12:00 PM

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الهوية الإماراتية والتسامح الرقمي : قراءة في فكر الشيخ زايد لمواجهة تحديات الإعلام الجديد والذكاء الاصطناعي

Featured Speech

DR ASMA AL-
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12:00 PM — 12:15 PM Tolerance in Islam in Comparison with Western Tolerance
"Transformations of the Concept of Tolerance and Its Foundations"

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Tolerance in Islam in Comparison with Western Tolerance “Transformations of the Concept of Tolerance and Its Foundations

Featured Speech

DR HASNA'A AL-KARBI



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12:15 PM — 12:30 PM الأمن الفكري للأسرة في البيئة الرقمية: تحديات الذكاء الاصطناعي وآليات المواجهة

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12:15 PM — 12:30 PM

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الأمن الفكري للأسرة في البيئة الرقمية: تحديات الذكاء الاصطناعي وآليات المواجهة

Featured Speech

DR MARIA AL-HATHALI



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12:30 PM — 12:45 PM الهلوسة الرقمية وصناعة القنوات الأسرية دراسة سوسيولوجية لأثر المحتوى المولد بالذكاء الاصطناعي في الثقة والوعي الجمعي

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12:30 PM — 12:45 PM

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الهلوسة الرقمية وصناعة القنوات الأسرية دراسة سوسيولوجية لأثر المحتوى المولد بالذكاء الاصطناعي في الثقة والوعي الجمعي

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DR HAITHAM DHANHUM



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12:45 PM — 1:00 PM المؤتمر الدولي الثالث للحوار بين الحضارات والتسامح

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12:45 PM — 1:00 PM

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المؤتمر الدولي الثالث للحوار بين الحضارات والتسامح

Featured Speech

**DR MARIAM
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Assistant Professor -
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- 1:00 PM — 1:15 PM (أثر وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي في تشكيل الهوية والقيم الأسرية)

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1:00 PM — 1:15 PM

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(أثر وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي في تشكيل الهوية والقيم الأسرية)

- 1:15 PM — 1:30 PM تحولات الوعي الأسري في البيئة الرقمية: الأمن الفكري والتربية الرقمية في عصر الذكاء الاصطناعي - دراسة في النموذج الإماراتي

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1:15 PM — 1:30 PM

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تحولات الوعي الأسري في البيئة الرقمية: الأمن الفكري والتربية الرقمية في عصر الذكاء الاصطناعي - دراسة في النموذج الإماراتي

Featured Speech

**DR SHAIKH
ALKARBI**

Head of Education
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- 1:30 PM — 1:45 PM التربية الرقمية في عصر الذكاء الاصطناعي (نحو نموذج إماراتي لحماية الهوية الأسرية وتعزيز التماسك المجتمعي)

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SESSION 21

1:30 PM — 1:45 PM

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التربية الرقمية في عصر الذكاء الاصطناعي (نحو نموذج إماراتي لحماية الهوية
الأسرية وتعزيز التماسك المجتمعي)

Featured Speech

DR WADIMA AL-
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1:45 PM — 2:00 PM The Impact of Artificial Intelligence and Social Media on Family Values
and the Development of Emirati Adolescents: Evidence from Emirati Families

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SESSION 22

1:45 PM — 2:00 PM

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The Impact of Artificial Intelligence and Social Media on Family Values and the
Development of Emirati Adolescents: Evidence from Emirati Families

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CIVILIZATIONAL DIALOGUE, DIPLOMACY & THE DIGITAL AGE

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CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

Conference outputs

Vision & Leadership · Conference Journey · National Alignment · Theme & Objectives · Partnerships

This volume presents the outputs and recommendations of the third edition of the International Dialogue of Civilizations & Tolerance Conference, and looks ahead to its future trajectory. After the previous volumes documented the strategic framework, impact and reach, and proceedings of the conference, this volume addresses a fundamental question: what comes after the conference, and how can its three days be transformed into a sustained and lasting impact?

The volume presents the main outputs at the knowledge, dialogue, institutional, and global levels, followed by the recommendations reached by the conference and the mechanisms for translating them into tangible impact, culminating in the announcement of the fourth edition in 2027, through which Emirates Scholar Center for Research and Studies continues to consolidate Abu Dhabi's position as a global platform for civilizational dialogue.

From dialogue to impact: scientific, institutional, and global outputs translated into recommendations, partnerships, and a sustained trajectory toward 2027.

Key outputs

The conference was not a transient event, but a milestone that produced an integrated set of outcomes whose impact extended beyond its convening. Its outputs are distributed across four main tracks, whose interconnection embodies the Center's mission of transforming tolerance into knowledge, dialogue, and global impact.

Institutional outputs

Institutional outputs: 5 Memoranda of Understanding and strategic partnerships, expanding the institutional cooperation network on coexistence issues.

Dialogue outputs

27 sessions and 206 speakers from 120 countries established a rare and highly diverse civilizational and interfaith dialogue on a single platform.

Knowledge outputs

127 scientific contributions and 80 peer-reviewed papers formed an evidence-based knowledge base on tolerance, artificial intelligence, and family studies.

The fourth track—considered the most significant from a leadership perspective—relates to the strategic and global impact. The conference positioned Abu Dhabi as a meeting point for global elites from all six continents and generated media resonance exceeding 760 coverage outputs, reinforcing the Emirate and the UAE as a global capital for civilizational dialogue and an influential soft power hub.

760

Media coverage

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Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)

120

Country

80

Peer-reviewed paper

As an independent research institution, Emirates Scholar Center for Research and Studies transformed these outputs into a global impact for Abu Dhabi and the United Arab Emirates that extends beyond the boundaries of the event.

Success Factors: The Ideal Host

The success of the conference in achieving these outputs is primarily attributed to the nature of the organizing entity. Emirates Scholar Center for Research and Studies, as an independent research institution, brings together the essential components that make it the ideal environment to host an event of this scale and ambition:

Knowledge Mission

A vision that transforms tolerance into an applied, evidence-based discipline in service of the family and society.

Scientific rigor

A peer-review system and academic standards ensuring the quality and credibility of knowledge outputs.

The capacity to host platforms.

Accumulated experience across three editions in organizing and effectively managing major international conferences.

With these capabilities, the Center succeeded in bringing together a global elite in Abu Dhabi and delivering the conference in a manner befitting the nation's stature, reaffirming that a national research institution is capable of creating global impact that strengthens the soft power of Abu Dhabi and the United Arab Emirates.

Conference recommendations

The conference concluded—through its scientific sessions, dialogue panels, and high-level roundtables—with a set of recommendations that translate its discussions into future-oriented action pathways, serving the family, society, and decision-makers, while reinforcing the UAE's leadership in this field.

1

Strengthening the role of independent research institutions in studying the impact of artificial intelligence and new media on family and society, and empowering them to produce evidence-based knowledge.

2

Developing ethical frameworks and governance standards for artificial intelligence and digital media that safeguard family values, promote coexistence, and protect the public sphere.

3

Launching digital literacy and media literacy initiatives targeted at families and youth, enhancing awareness and resilience against misinformation.

4

Consolidating platforms for civilizational and interfaith dialogue and transforming them into sustainable programs that go beyond seasonal events.

5

Translating the conference's scientific outputs into actionable policies and recommendations for implementation by government entities and decision-makers.

6

Expanding international and institutional partnerships to build a global network for digital coexistence that shares expertise and best practices.

7

Continuing investment in rigorous scientific research to transform tolerance from a general concept into an applied, evidence-based discipline.

8

Consolidating Abu Dhabi's position as a permanent global platform for civilizational dialogue and coexistence in the digital age.

From Dialogue to Impact

Emirates Scholar Center for Research and Studies is committed to ensuring that the conference outputs do not remain confined to its halls; instead, they are translated into sustained impact through clear workstreams that connect scientific production with decision-making and activate the signed partnerships.

Sustainable partnerships

Activating memoranda of understanding and transforming them into practical and evolving cooperation programs.

Engaging decision-makers

Elevating the recommendations to relevant authorities and linking them to national policies and initiatives.

Scientific publication

Publishing peer-reviewed papers and disseminating them to enrich the knowledge base on tolerance, artificial intelligence, and family studies.

Through this approach, the Center ensures that each edition of the conference generates cumulative impact, with every cycle building upon the previous one, transforming the conference series into an integrated knowledge and institutional ecosystem in service of coexistence.

Closing Session: The Way Forward

Closing Session

The Way Forward: A Global Charter for Coexistence in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

The conference concluded with a comprehensive closing session titled “The Way Forward: A Global Charter for Coexistence in the Age of Artificial Intelligence,” which reviewed...

the key takeaways from the three-day conference and connected its themes into a unified vision that looks toward the future, with the participation of a select group of experts in artificial intelligence, family studies, and dialogue.

His Holiness Elder David A. Bednar, member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, delivered a distinguished address titled “Three Days of Dialogue: A Vision for the Next Decade,” in which he emphasized the importance of interfaith and intercultural dialogue in addressing the

challenges of the digital age.

The event concluded with a closing address by the Center’s President and Board of Trustees member, Dr. Firas M. Habbal, in which he commended the success of the conference and the contributions of its partners and participants, reaffirmed the Center’s commitment to continuing this journey, followed by an award ceremony honoring partners, committees, and sponsors, and a visual presentation documenting three days of dialogue.

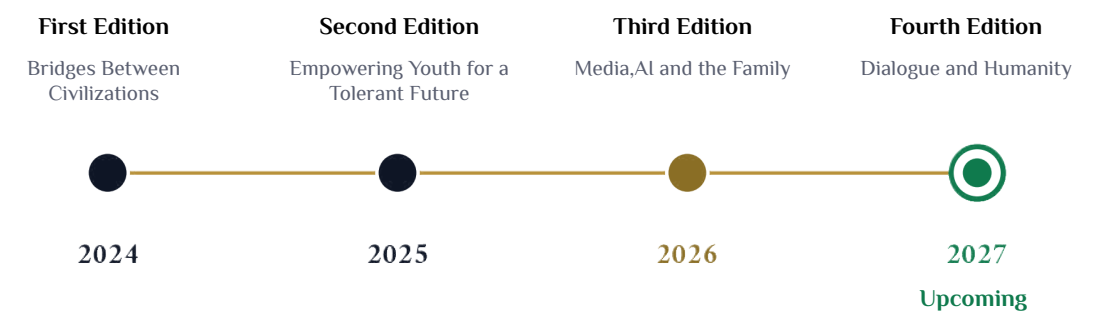
“From Dialogue to a Global Charter for Coexistence” — a conclusion that encapsulates the conference’s message and opens the door to a new phase.



Toward the 4TH Edition 2027

The conclusion of the conference was not the end of the journey, but a milestone toward a new edition. The fourth edition was announced at the closing ceremony for 2027 under the title “The Fourth International Conference on Dialogue and Humanity,” continuing to build on what has been achieved and expanding the scope of its impact.

Emirates Scholar Center for Research and Studies—led by its Secretary-General and Conference President, Dr. Fawaz M. Habbal, and the Center’s President, Dr. Firas Habbal—continues to develop this platform year after year, reinforcing its continuity and deepening its global impact for Abu Dhabi and the United Arab Emirates. The following chart illustrates the conference’s journey from its inception to its upcoming fourth edition.



Conference Journey: From 2024 to the Anticipated Fourth Edition in 2027.

This continuity confirms that the conference is no longer merely an annual event; it has become a continually evolving knowledge institution and a permanent global platform, emerging from Abu Dhabi to engage the world on some of its most pressing issues.

For its fourth edition, the Center looks forward to deepening its impact through several key areas of development:

- Expanding the international reach and increasing the diversity of participating countries and institutions.
- Strengthening the research track and increasing the volume of peer-reviewed scientific output.
- Implementing the recommendations of previous editions and linking them to policies and initiatives**.
- Expanding youth engagement and amplifying women’s voices in civilizational dialogue.
- Building new international partnerships and strengthening existing networks.

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A large group of people, including men and women in various attire (some in traditional Middle Eastern clothing like thobes and ghutras, others in business suits), are seated in a large hall. They are arranged in rows, facing towards the right side of the frame. In the center of the seating area, there are several small, round, white wire mesh tables, each holding a small bouquet of flowers and some bottles. The background shows a large screen displaying a presentation with text and images. The overall scene is a professional conference or seminar.

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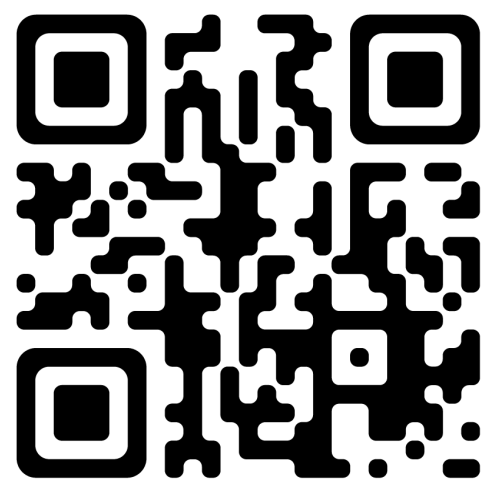












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