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الرحيم

The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques

King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

May Allah protect him

His Royal Highness

Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

Crown Prince and Prime Minister
May Allah protect him

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01

Foreword

Minister Statement

H.E. Eng. Abdullah Alswaha

Minister of Communications and Information Technology

Foreword: The Kingdom's Leap into the Intelligent Age

Under the wise leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, 2025 stands as a defining chapter in the Kingdom's transformation, a year in which Vision 2030 advanced from ambition to achievement, from strategy to scale, and from national priority to global leadership.

In 2025, Saudi Arabia's digital economy crossed a defining threshold, contributing 16% to GDP, a milestone that places the digital sector at the core of our economic diversification and at the heart of the Kingdom's long-term competitiveness. This is not the outcome of a single year. It is the compound result of regulatory architecture built with foresight, infrastructure deployed at speed, and talent cultivated with intent. Our ICT market reached a record SAR 199 billion, growing 10.5%, consolidating the Kingdom's position as the innovation gravity of the MENA region.

Digital infrastructure is the substrate of national competitiveness. Last year, the Kingdom expanded data center capacity to 440 megawatts, a year-on-year growth rate exceeding 50%. This is more than capacity expansion, it is sovereign capability: a foundation upon which artificial intelligence, advanced cloud services, and the next generation of digital applications can be built within the Kingdom, by the Kingdom, for the world.

2025 was a landmark year for our international partnerships. Under the leadership of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, the Kingdom signed the historic and strategic Agreement on AI with the United States of America. This agreement is an expression of global confidence in the depth, durability, and direction of Saudi Arabia's digital ecosystem and a recognition that the future of the Intelligent Age will be built in partnership with the Kingdom. The same conviction is visible at home in our entrepreneurial economy: venture capital investment reached SAR 6.4 billion in 2025, up 25% year-on-year across more than 250 deals, placing Saudi Arabia first in the region for the third consecutive year.

At the heart of every milestone in this report is a Saudi citizen: a coder, a founder, a builder. Tech jobs grew 8% year-on-year to 411,000, with women now representing 35.2% of the sector's workforce. The Kingdom hosts the largest concentration of digital talent in the region, and that talent is leading the next phase of our transformation.

The story this report tells is not one of incremental progress. It is the story of a Kingdom that has chosen to leap forward to compress the work of generations into a single decade, and to do so with the discipline of a strategy and the confidence of a nation that knows precisely where it is going.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues at the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, I extend my deepest gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, may Allah protect them. Their vision is the source of our trajectory, their support the foundation of our progress, and their leadership the reason Saudi Arabia is not only entering the Intelligent Age but helping to define it.

A Year of Landmark Achievements

2nd Globally

In the GovTech Maturity Index (GTMI)

Issued by the World Bank, reflecting Saudi Arabia's progress in digital transformation and the quality of digital government services.

1st Globally

In the ICT Development Index (IDI) issued by the ITU.

Saudi Arabia has advanced from 65th to 38th globally in the overall index.

2nd Globally

In the Digital Regulatory Maturity, issued by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

+24 Billion SAR

In AI and Technology Investments

8
Unicorns
By the end of 2025, with the addition of two new unicorns, Saudi Arabia will account for 50% of the region's total unicorn companies

411
Thousand Jobs
In the ICT sector, achieving 8% growth compared to 2024

199
Billion SAR
The ICT market size in Saudi Arabia by the end of 2025 recording 10.5% growth compared to 2024

Launch of **4** Custom LLMs
Developed in Saudi Arabia, in addition to 17 AI applications.

+800 Startups and Early-Stage Ventures
Supported through the ecosystem, contributing to the creation of more than 680 jobs within supported startups.

+6.4 Billion SAR
Venture Capital Investments in Saudi Arabia,
representing 56% of total venture capital investment in the region in 2025

Definitions

Where the following terms appear in this document or its annexes, they shall have the meanings assigned to them below, unless the context indicates otherwise.

Communications

Any transmission or reception of signals, signs, text, images, sounds, data, or information of any kind, between persons, devices, or systems, through wired or wireless means.

Information Technology (IT)

Technologies, software, systems, and networks, as well as all processes related to the creation, collection, acquisition, processing, storage, or analysis of data or information, including communications and information technology applications. This does not include the data or information themselves.

License

A document issued by the Communications, Space and Technology Commission (CST) to a natural or legal person authorizing the use of telecommunications or information technology services or equipment, in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws. The license specifies the type of service or equipment, its duration, and the applicable terms and conditions.

Radio Frequency Spectrum

The range of radio frequencies specified in international radio regulations that may be used in telecommunications networks.

Emerging Technologies

Technological innovations that represent an advanced step in a specific field and provide a competitive advantage over existing technologies.

Digital Transformation

The strategic reorganization of business processes based on data, information technology, and telecommunications networks.

Digital Economy

Economic activities enabled by the adoption of digital business models or the use of digital inputs to enhance productivity.

Digital Government

The use of digital technologies to support and advance administrative and regulatory processes across government entities, enabling improved access to information and government services and enhancing efficiency and effectiveness.

E-commerce

An economic activity conducted by a service provider and a consumer -whether wholly or partially- via electronic mediums, with the Intent to finalize the sale of products, provision of services, advertising thereof, or the exchange of related data.

Electronic Service

Services provided electronically by means of communications using information technology.

Urban Areas

Residential clusters with a population of more than (5000) people, according to the classification of the General Authority for Statistics.

Remote Areas

Residential clusters with a population of less than (5000) people, according to the classification of the General Authority for Statistics.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

A discipline of computer science focused on engineering systems capable of sensing their environment and performing complex tasks that typically require human-like cognitive abilities. Artificial intelligence architectures may be purely software-based, such as virtual assistants, or integrated hardware-software solutions, such as autonomous navigation systems in advanced vehicles.

Hackathon

An initiative that brings together programmers and other specialists, such as designers and project managers, to collaborate intensively on software development and optimization projects within a specific theme. Such events typically span one or several days and are organized for educational or social purposes.

Blockchain Technology

A modern technology used to record, verify, and encrypt digital transactions. It consists of a distributed database where records (known as blocks) are stored in a chronological sequence. This technology is characterized by decentralization, making records immutable and highly secure through encryption. It is commonly used in financial transactions, particularly in digital currencies, and can also be applied to serial transactions such as issuing official documents, contracts, and financing chains.

Internet of Things (IoT)

A network consisting of physical objects, devices, and structures connected to the internet, enabling the collection and exchange of data. This network allows physical objects to be sensed and controlled remotely via network infrastructure, creating opportunities for integrating the physical world into computer systems and improving efficiency, accuracy, and economic value.

Executive **Summary**

Executive Summary

In line with MCIT's vision to build a digitally connected present and an innovation-driven future, the Ministry has focused its efforts since 2019 on four strategic pillars: enhancing the ICT market, local content, and the technology sector, advancing national digital capabilities, and promoting institutional excellence.

These efforts have delivered significant progress across the Kingdom, including the expansion of communications networks, the development of digital infrastructure, the upskilling of national talent, the strengthening of international partnerships, and the launch of impactful initiatives that support innovation and digital entrepreneurship.

Supported by strong and wise leadership and collaboration across the digital transformation ecosystem, the Kingdom has achieved advanced global digital rankings. The ICT market continues to grow rapidly, reaching a market value of SAR 199 billion in 2025. This momentum further reinforces the sector's contribution to GDP and supports the realization of Saudi Vision 2030 objectives in advancing the digital economy.

Improving Telecommunications Market Efficiency

83.6 Billion SAR

The Communications Market Value (Compared to SAR 78.5 billion in 2024)

99%

KSA Regions with 4G Coverage (For the third consecutive year across Saudi Arabia)

86%

KSA Regions with 5G Coverage (Compared to 65% in 2024)

440.3 MW

Data Centers Capacity (Compared to 290.5 MW by the end of 2024)

+2.462 Gbps

Average Local Internet Traffic via SAIX (Compared to 948 Gbps in 2024)

Promoting Local Content and Developing the Technology Market

IT Market Value (Compared to SAR 101.5 billion in 2024)

115.4 Billion SAR

Total IT Sector Investment (Compared to SAR 13.72 billion in 2024)

21.71 Billion SAR

Local Content Contribution in IT Sector (Compared to 34.7% in 2024)

36.22%

New Regional Headquarters for Leading Global IT Companies (Bringing the total number of regional HQs in Saudi Arabia to 26)

6 Regional HQs

Total IT Companies Listed on Saudi Exchange (By the end of 2025, compared to 22 companies in 2024)

25 IT Companies

Developing Digital Capabilities

411 Thousand Jobs

Total ICT Workforce (Compared to 380.000 in 2024)

65.57%

Saudization of jobs in Communication and IT sector

100%

Adoption of AI Curriculum in Saudi Arabia’s Schools

35.2%

Women Participation in ICT Sector (Compared to 34.5% in 2023)

Institutional Excellence

Performance in Saudi Vision 2030 KPIs, Initiatives, and National Strategies

VISION رؤية 2030 المملكة العربية السعودية KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

Achievement **95%**

"Great Place to Work (GPTW)" Certified in 2025

GPTW Certified

Great Place To Work. Certified OCT 2024-OCT 2025 KSA

Ranked Third in the Employee Engagement Survey

Ranked **3rd**

Recipient of the "Excellence Award" in Equal Opportunity

Excellence Award

Prominent Digital Summits

MCIT has solidified Saudi Arabia's position as a regional hub for advanced and emerging technologies, Artificial Intelligence, and entrepreneurship through world-class events and specialized forums, including:

LEAP

Launching 4th Edition of LEAP Tech Conference

LEAP 2025

CONNECTED WORLD

Hosting

Connected World KSA Conference


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LEAP

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Detailed **Report**

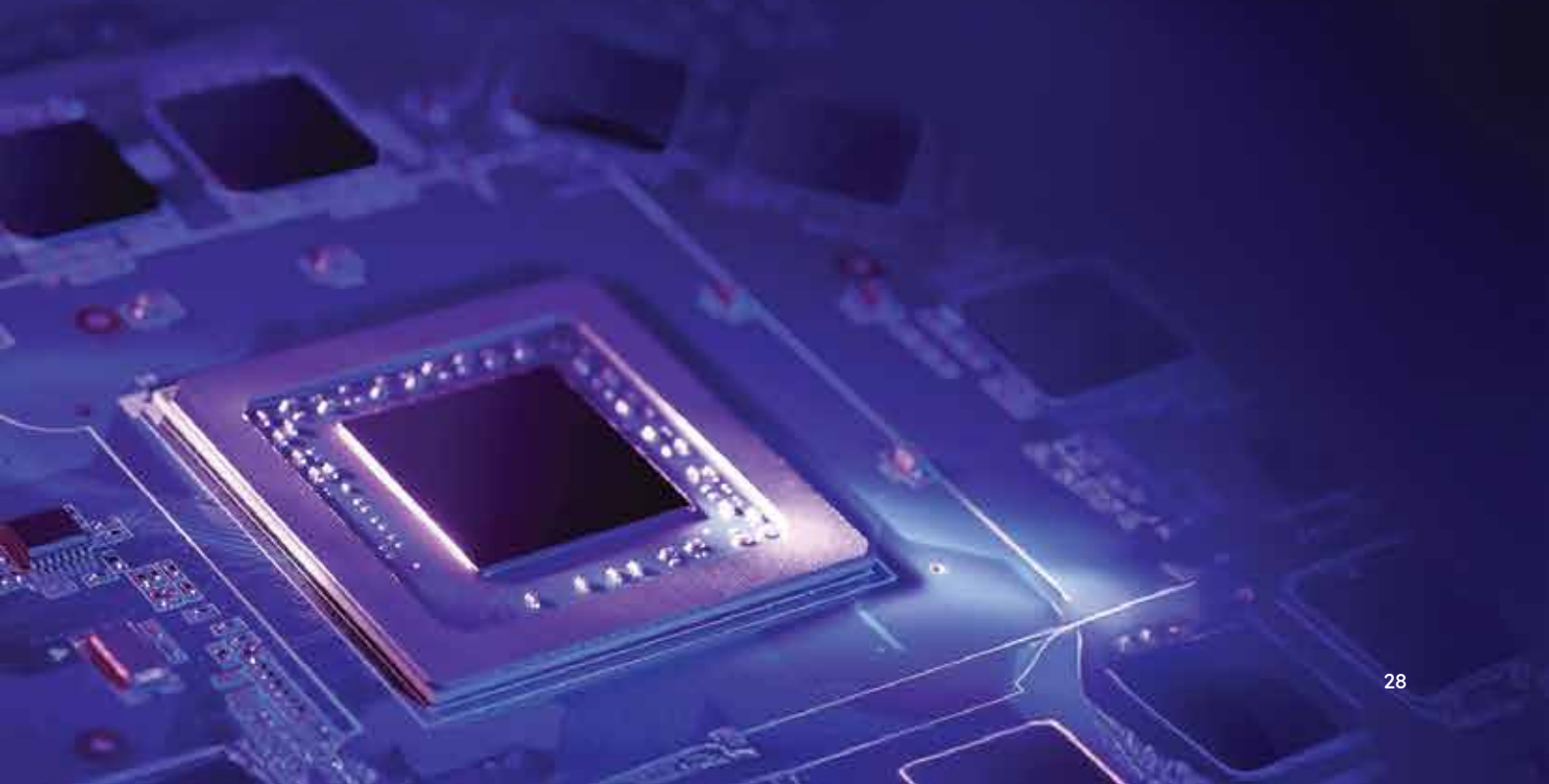
Overview

Ministry of Communications and Information Technology

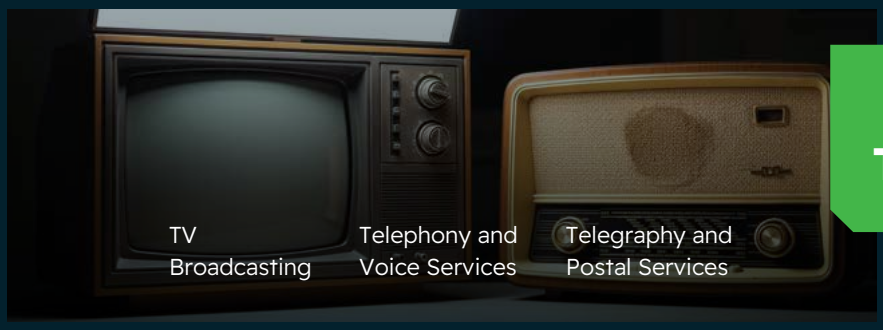
The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) leads the ICT sector in Saudi Arabia. It serves as the key supervisor and enabler of the digital sector and a core driver of growth in the digital economy.

Pursuant to Council of Ministers Resolution No. (133) dated 21/05/1424 AH, MCIT was reorganized to align with its mandate to supervise and develop the ICT sector across Saudi Arabia. In addition, MCIT was assigned to lead digital transformation efforts under Royal Order No. (59028) dated 18/11/1439 AH.

MCIT operates in accordance with the Telecommunications and Information Technology Act issued by Royal Decree No. (M/106) dated 02/11/1443 AH. In its capacity as the authority overseeing the ICT sector, MCIT develops digital infrastructure, ensures user protection, and enables local capabilities. It also promotes innovation, entrepreneurship, and research and development within the ICT sector, while working to create an attractive investment environment. MCIT's scope further includes strengthening digital infrastructure and emerging technologies, as well as enabling digital applications and services across various sectors.

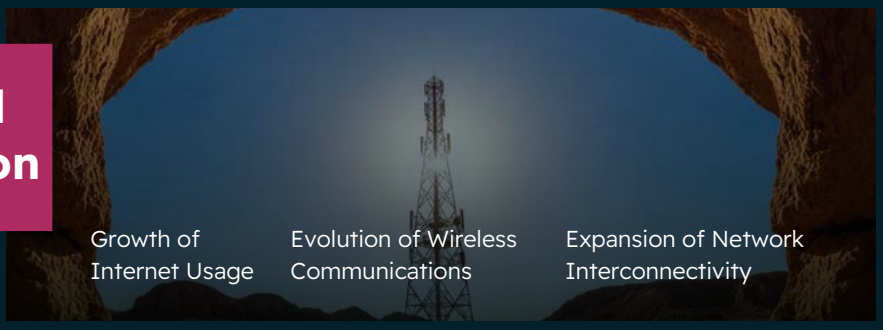


The Global Tech Transformation Journey



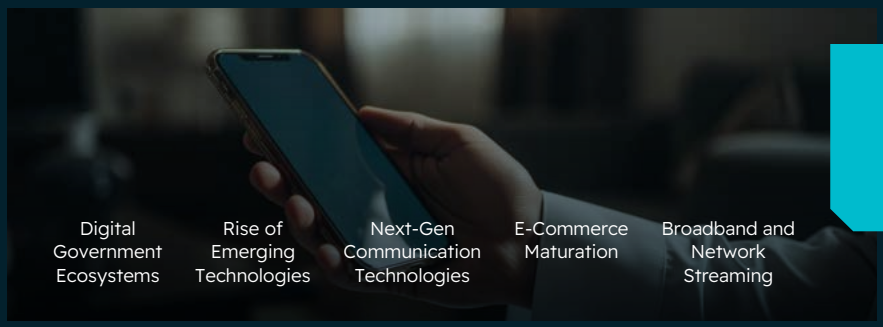
Traditional Technologies

1990 – 2000



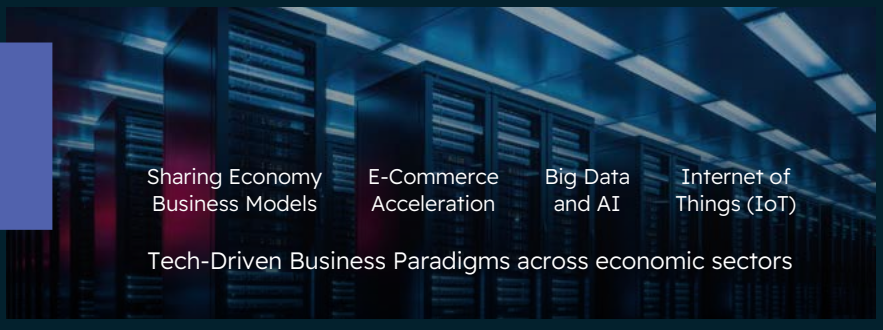
Internet and Communication

2000 – 2010



Digital Innovation

2010 – 2020



Digital Economy

2020 – 2030

The Report Purpose

This report provides a detailed overview of MCIT and its achievements in empowering and advancing the ICT sector throughout 2025. It also highlights the major challenges affecting the achievement of strategic objectives and outlines key future aspirations in support of Saudi Vision 2030.

The MCIT Annual Report 2025 was prepared in accordance with Article (29) of the Law of the Council of Ministers, which stipulates that: "All ministries and other government entities shall submit to the Prime Minister, within ninety (90) days from the start of each fiscal year, a report detailing achievements relative to the General Development Plan during the preceding fiscal year, challenges encountered, and recommendations for operational improvement."

Report Preparation Methodology

MCIT collected data and information through contributions from across the ICT ecosystem, in accordance with the rules, standards, forms, methodologies, and tools outlined in the Annual Reporting Guide for Public Entities, issued by the National Center for Performance Measurement (Adaa).

MCIT fulfilled these requirements by developing data collection forms to ensure accuracy and maintain high standards of credibility and transparency in reporting. MCIT also conducted workshops with its entities to strengthen awareness of professional data collection and processing practices, improve reporting quality, and monitor key indicators related to achievements, challenges, and solutions.

In addition, data collection, review, and verification processes were documented in collaboration with entities across the ecosystem and incorporated into the report in alignment with the MCIT strategy.

The report presents a detailed overview of MCIT's efforts throughout the year to build a robust and advanced digital infrastructure that drives the digital economy and supports the objectives of Saudi Vision 2030. These efforts aim to empower the ICT sector in building a digital society, an innovative digital economy, and a prosperous future for Saudi Arabia.

The report also includes charts and statistical tables to simplify data presentation, improve readability, and support decision-makers in developing plans and programs and making informed decisions that contribute to the sustainable development of the ICT sector.

Data Collection Mechanism

1 **Prepare**
Data Collection Forms

2 **Prepare**
Report Structure

3 **Hold**
Workshops with MCIT Deputyships

4 **Review**
and Audit Data and Documents

5 **Draft**
and Proofread Content

Strategic Direction

Strategic Directions for the ICT Sector 2019-2023

The implementation of the ICT Sector strategy yielded transformative shifts that bolstered Saudi Arabia's digital competitiveness during 2019-2023. ICT strategic directions for 2024–2025 were further completed through three key pillars:

Boosting Telecom Market Efficiency	Strengthening Local Content & Developing the IT Market	Developing Digital Capabilities

Strategic Directions for the Digital Economy 2024-2030

MCIT developed the Strategic Directions for the Digital Economy to outline Saudi Arabia's ambitions and priorities for becoming one of the world's leading countries in the digital economy and digital transformation. This initiative was launched pursuant to Strategic Committee Resolution No. (1-13/43/S) dated 18/08/1443 AH (21/03/2022), which mandated MCIT to develop a National Digital Transformation Strategy, including detailed governance frameworks covering all areas of the digital economy. The components of the digital economy were defined based on the framework published by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and announced during the G20 Riyadh Summit 2020 hosted by Saudi Arabia in 2020. According to the framework presented below, the digital economy consists of three main scopes.

Digital Supply	ICT sector products and services designed to meet demand, establish infrastructure, and provide the necessary technologies.
Digital Demand	Economic sectors benefiting from ICT services and products, such as education, healthcare, and trade, where the adoption of this technology contributes to driving productivity across these industries.

Mission

Building on our position as a regional tech hub, our digital ecosystem will evolve to establish Saudi Arabia as a technological powerhouse among the top 20 global digital economies by 2030.

Vision

Transforming into a global tech hub that catalyzes innovation, investment, and partnerships, empowers digital entrepreneurship, and fosters the prosperity of smart cities and communities.

Values

Strength and Trustworthiness

We believe that leadership requires trustworthiness, and that strength without trustworthiness renders work valueless. The most capable of leading are those who possess both strength and trustworthiness, as stated in the Holy Verse: " Verily, the best of men for you to hire is the strong, the trustworthy."

A Cause Worthy of Sacrifice

We regard every mission that serves our nation's cause as a personal duty, turning every challenge into an opportunity to exert the efforts our country deserves to raise its flag high.

A Commanding Role Model

We strive to be a role model at all levels and to serve as a source of inspiration within our reach and beyond.

Peak competitiveness Fueled by Creativity

We foster a culture of competitiveness and creativity to uncover and empower latent talents, while upholding mutual recognition and respect.

Leaders Collaborating in Trust

We promote a culture of trust and teamwork, recognizing that our success is driven by collective effort and continuous collaboration.

Vision 2030 – Strategic Goals

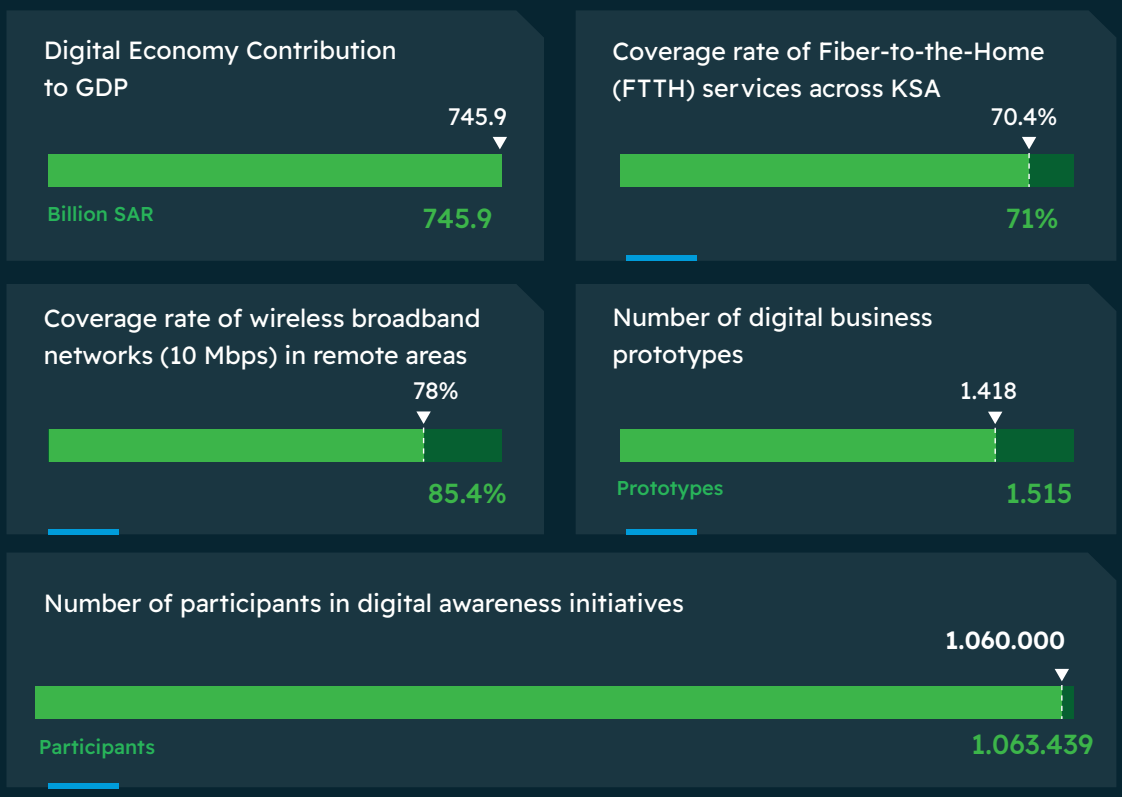
National Transformation Program	Digital Economy Development
Human Capability Development Program	Harmonizing educational outcomes with labor market needs. Developing a holistic educational journey (e.g., clear and comprehensive pathways, and multi-level coherence).
National Industrial Development and Logistics Program	Saudization of promising industries. Optimizing value creation within the mining sector and leveraging its potential.
Privatization Program	Privatization of select government services.
Financial Sector Development Program	Enabling financial institutions to support private sector growth (Secondary Market).

Performance Overview

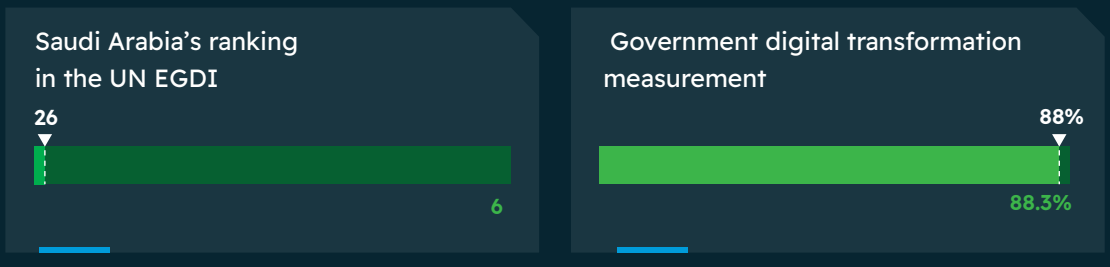
Annual Assessment of KPIs (Updated based on year-end 2025 performance)

First: Saudi Vision 2030 Related Indicators (National Transformation Program)

Digital Economy Development



E-Government Development



Actual Target Surpassed Target

KPIs are monitored by the National Center for Performance Measurement (Adaa).

Second: ICT Strategy Indicators

(Updated based on year-end 2025 performance)

Boosting Local Content Contribution within the IT Sector

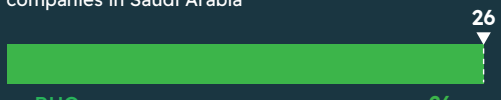
Local content percentage within the IT Sector

Saudization rate in ICT professions.

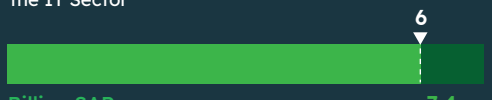
Data center power capacity in Megawatts (MW)

Drawing Leading International Companies in Priority Emerging Technology Fields

Number of regional headquarters (RHQ) for tech companies in Saudi Arabia



Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) volume within the IT Sector



Boosting the Efficiency and Reach of Telecommunications Services in KSA

Mobile broadband subscription penetration rate per capita

Telecommunications services market volume

Actual Target Surpassed Target

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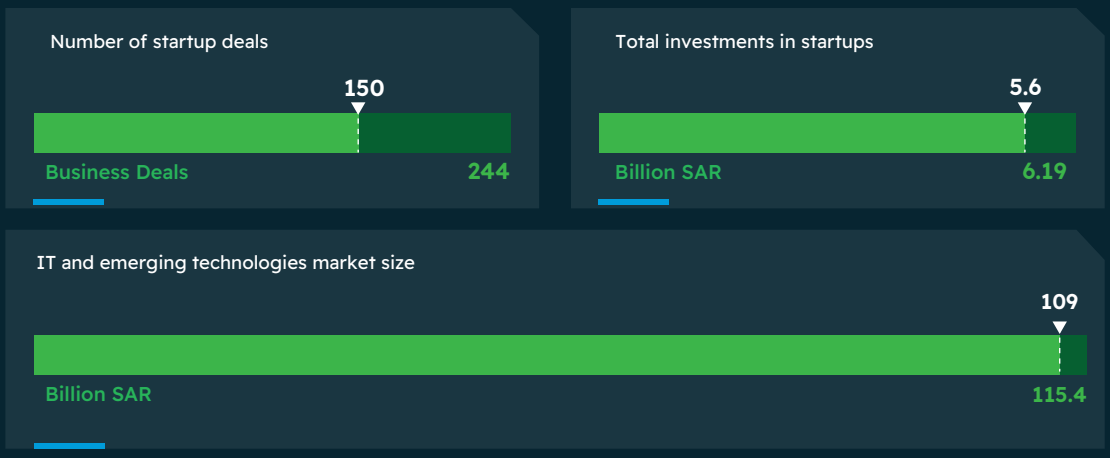
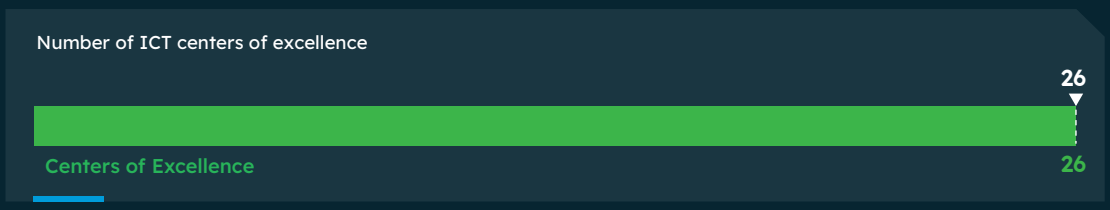
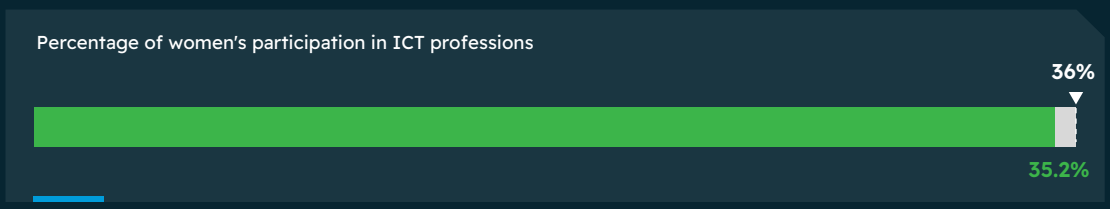
Development of IT and Emerging Technology Sub-Sectors



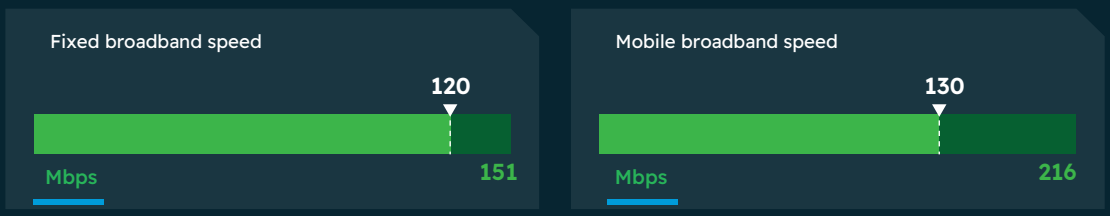
Driving Technological Innovation by Fostering R&D and the Startup Ecosystem in KSA



Increasing Women's Participation in the ICT Sector



Ensuring Telecommunication Infrastructure Readiness to Enable Sectoral Digital Transformation and Technical Advancement



Actual Target Surpassed Target

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Status of Initiatives Approved as per Official Procedures

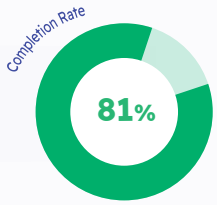
(Updated based on year-end 2025 performance)

Digital Economy Development

National Transformation Program

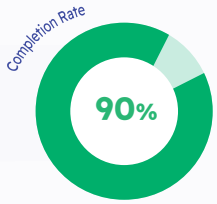
Expanding and enhancing broadband quality across Saudi Arabia

2021/07/01 - 2025/12/31



ICT ecosystem legislation and policies

2021/07/01 - 2025/12/31



Enabling and stimulating digital entrepreneurship

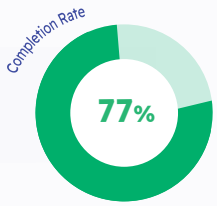
01/01/2024 – 31/12/2027

Harmonizing Educational Outcomes with Labor Market Needs

Human Capability Development Program

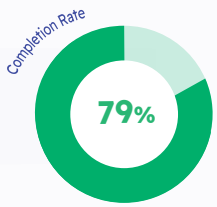
Developing innovation and entrepreneurship skills and supporting startups

2021/06/21 - 2027/12/31



Future skills

2021/08/24 - 2027/12/31



Saudization of Promising Industries

National Industrial Development and Logistics Program

Infrastructure designed to empower the Fourth Industrial Revolution

2019/12/30 - 2025/12/31

Developing use cases for emerging technologies

2021/09/06 - 2025/09/15

Enabling Financial Institutions to Support Private Sector Growth (Secondary Market)

Financial Sector Development Program

Scaling cloud computing implementation for Fintech

2023/04/01 - 2025/06/01

Formulating policies for emerging technologies and business accelerators

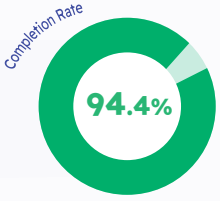
2023/06/04 - 2025/10/01

Privatization of Select Government Services

Privatization Program

The ICT sector privatization strategy (Privatization Plan)

2021/01/01 - 2025/06/30



Global Indicators and Saudi Arabia's Ranking in International Indices

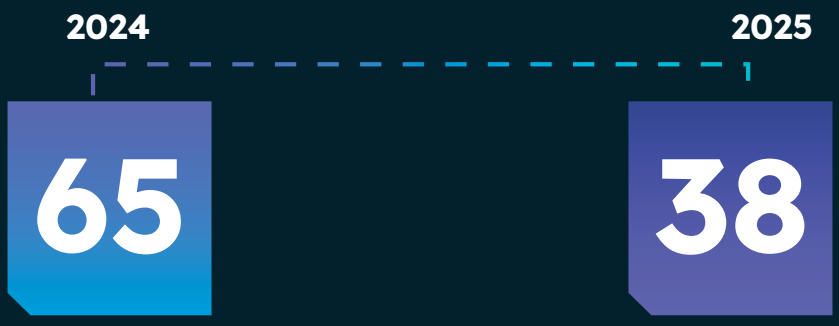
A wide range of international indices are directly or indirectly linked to the ICT sector. MCIT collaborates with various entities to develop policies, implement projects, and exchange expertise and knowledge. These indices include:

STARTUPBLINK GLOBAL STARTUP ECOSYSTEM INDEX

The Global Startup Ecosystem Index, issued by StartupBlink, measures the maturity and competitiveness of startup ecosystems worldwide. It evaluates their ability to support growth, attract investment, and connect entrepreneurs with markets and support entities, which fosters innovation and knowledge-based economic growth. The index ranks the performance of more than 100 countries across three primary pillars: Quantity (the size and activity of ecosystem components), Quality (the value and impact of startup outcomes), and Business Environment (the regulatory and economic readiness for entrepreneurship).

According to the 2025 report, Saudi Arabia ranked first globally in the growth of its innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem and earned the title "Country of the Year 2025," becoming the first country to receive this recognition. Saudi Arabia also ranked first globally in the Tech Startup Ecosystem Index growth rate, recording growth exceeding 200%. In addition, Riyadh entered the top 100 cities worldwide for entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystems, while Saudi Arabia advanced 27 places in the overall ranking, rising from 65th to 38th.

Global Ranking in the Index




Saudi Arabia
The Country of the Year
2025
Saudi Arabia is the Country of the Year and Ranks First Globally in the Growth of the Tech Startup Ecosystem
According to the index of StartupBlink
in insurance and investment technologies 2nd globally
in healthcare technologies 1st globally
in delivery applications and logistics 2nd globally
in digital payments 3rd globally
in online games 5th globally
in education technologies 7th globally
Riyadh records the world's highest growth rate in the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.
2nd globally
in financing technologies
1st globally
in transportation technologies
1st globally
in Nanotechnology

World Digital Competitiveness Index

IMD

The IMD World Digital Competitiveness Index measures countries' readiness to adapt to emerging digital technologies and their preparedness to leverage these technologies in supporting the economic transformation of business, government, and individuals. Countries' readiness and capacity are assessed through three main pillars: Knowledge, Technology, and Future Readiness.

Strengthening its global competitiveness, Saudi Arabia now ranks 22nd among 69 countries. Saudi Arabia experienced notable improvements in sub-indices, climbing 4 spots in Technology, 9 spots in Future Readiness, and 1 spot in Knowledge.

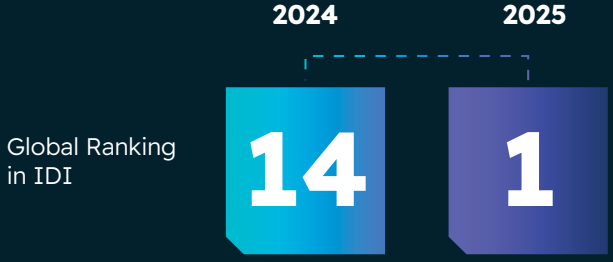
Saudi Arabia's historical ranking in the index.

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
22	27	30	35	36

The ICT Development Index (IDI)

The ICT Development Index (IDI) is an international index published by the ITU. It measures the level of ICT sector development across countries in terms of universal connectivity, effective use, and the development of digital capabilities. The index is published periodically, typically every two years.

In 2025, Saudi Arabia ranked first globally in the IDI among 164 countries. This achievement reflects the Kingdom's progress in developing digital infrastructure, expanding broadband networks, increasing the adoption of ICT services, and advancing digital readiness to accelerate digital transformation and sustainable economic growth.



Improving the **Telecommunications Market Efficiency**

By partnering with public and private sector entities, MCIT is advancing a world-class digital infrastructure to deliver smart solutions across all sectors in Saudi Arabia, which contributes to the growth of the digital economy and the realization of Vision 2030.

Telecommunications Market

Telecommunications marketin Saudi Arabia grew by 6.5%, reaching 83.6 Billion SAR

The telecommunications market recorded growth of 6.5% compared to 2024, increasing from SAR 78.5 billion to SAR 83.6 billion by the end of 2025. This growth was driven by the development of a supportive legislative and regulatory environment that encourages capital investment in telecommunications infrastructure and services. It was also supported by initiatives to empower service providers and expand local and international partnerships and collaborations. This momentum was reflected in the overall performance of the telecommunications market, with telecom companies recording positive revenue growth in 2025.

Impact

- Advancing Saudi Arabia's global leadership in the telecommunications sector.
- ICT sector contribution to GDP increased to SAR 126 billion.
- Attracting investment to expand the telecommunications sector in Saudi Arabia.

Partners

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Increasing investment in the telecommunications & infrastructure sector by more than 7 Billion SAR

Local investments in digital infrastructure exceeded SAR 7 billion in 2025, supported by strategic initiatives and programs that drive sector growth, unlock high-potential markets, strengthen Saudi Arabia's position as a regional hub, and expand fixed and mobile telecommunications services in collaboration with the private sector.

Impact

- ICT sector contribution to GDP increased to SAR 126 billion.
- Expanding the coverage of telecommunications services across Saudi Arabia in alignment with Saudi Vision 2030.
- Strengthening the attractiveness of investment opportunities through diversified government incentives to promote private sector participation.

Partners

برنامج تعزيز الشراكة مع القطاع الخاص Private Sector Partnership Program · شريك

Government Entities

Private Sector

Network Coverage and Telecommunications

Fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) coverage in Saudi Arabia reached

71%

Fiber-optic coverage for homes in Saudi Arabia exceeded its 70.4% target to reach 71% by the end of 2025, covering 5.8 million homes, driven by an attractive investment environment supported by executive and regulatory enablers.

Impact

- Increasing access to fiber-optic services to more than 5.8 million households.
- Advancing internet service quality and reliability while strengthening readiness for future technologies.

Partners

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Communications, Space & Technology Commission

Telecommunications service provider

Telecommunications infrastructure companies

Saudi Arabia's 5G network coverage for the population reached

86%

The ICT ecosystem seeks to expand 5G coverage across Saudi Arabia, which has reached 86%, reflecting sustained progress in strengthening digital infrastructure.

Impact

- Improving the quality of digital services in healthcare and education.
- Empowering companies to innovate in products and services and strengthening their competitiveness in local and regional markets.
- Advancing the digital economy and generating innovative opportunities for startups and SMEs.

Partners

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Network Coverage and Telecommunications

Increasing Data Centers' Capacity to 440.3 MW

Saudi Arabia's data centre capacity increased from 290.5 MW to 440.3 MW by the end of 2025. This growth was driven by an attractive investment environment and government incentives designed to strengthen data centre investments and enable regional and global hosting of cloud computing services.

Key Incentives:

- Allocating land plots exceeding 350.000 square meters.
- Providing support to facilitate procedures and accelerate issuance of permits and licenses.

Impact

- Investments in data centers in Saudi Arabia reached approximately SAR 16.5 billion.
- Allocating four technology zones for investors seeking to develop data centers.

Partners

وزارة البلديات والإسكان
Ministry of Municipalities and Housing
MODON
الهيئة العامة لعقارات الدولة
هيئة الاتصالات والفضاء والتقنية
Communications, Space & Technology Commission
Data Centers Investors

Local internet speed through the National Internet Exchange reached more than 2.462 Gbps

Local internet traffic grew by 52%, increasing from 1.622 Gbps in 2024 to more than 2.462 Gbps in 2025. This growth was supported by the development of reliable digital infrastructure that connected local companies, localized digital content networks, and global services within Saudi Arabia. These efforts improved service quality and reduced reliance on international networks.

Impact

- Increasing interconnection capacities among national operators to reach 1.8 Tbps through the National Internet Exchanges, reflecting a 127% increase.
- Hosting five international video games and two digital platforms, which directly improved the end-user digital experience, with improvements exceeding 80%.
- Localization of 7 core infrastructure services and 15 global content delivery networks.
- Reducing outbound local data traffic.

Partners

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مدينة الملك عبدالعزيز للعلوم والتقنية
Telecommunications Companies

Network Coverage and Telecommunications

Reaching 12 submarine cable landing stations across 6 cities within Saudi Arabia

MCIT contributed to the addition of one new landing station during the year, bringing the total number of submarine cable landing stations to 12 across six cities in Saudi Arabia. MCIT also increased the design capacity of connected submarine cables, advancing digital infrastructure and strengthening Saudi Arabia's role as a regional hub linking East and West.

Impact

- Minimizing the risk of internet service interruptions caused by geographical or technical issues.
- Advancing the stability and reliability of Saudi Arabia's international connectivity.
- Attracting international companies and modern technology investments.

Partners

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Communications, Space & Technology Commission

Telecommunications and Infrastructure Companies

Development Agencies and Mega projects

Activation and launch of the Waqaya DNS service

As part of efforts to strengthen digital protection, public Domain Name System (DNS) resolvers were activated through the Saudi Internet Society in strategic partnership with Salam. Introduced under the "Waqaya DNS" identity, this service is the first of its kind in Saudi Arabia. It uses the Domain Name System to limit access to inappropriate websites for families and provide a safer and more secure browsing experience for individuals and society.

Impact

- Promoting partnerships between the third sector and the private sector to improve public internet services.
- Reducing reliance on foreign DNS service providers.
- Strengthening safe internet usage across Saudi Arabia.

Partners

salam

جمعية الإنترنت
Saudi Internet Society

Network Coverage and Telecommunications

Launching the first gaming and e-sports platform in Saudi Arabia

Sphera

The Sphera platform was launched to host gaming and e-sports competitions within Saudi Arabia. It has successfully met the requirements of several global games, including GTA, Counter-Strike, and Moonton Games. The company is currently expanding its operations to provide its services regionally in Saudi Arabia.

Impact

- Hosting 7 e-sports games within Saudi Arabia.
- Reducing latency for hosted games to less than 25 ms.
- Strengthening Saudi Arabia's role as a digital center for

Partners

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Telecommunications and Infrastructure Companies

Promoting Local Content and Developing the Technology Market

MCIT continued its efforts to support technology companies and expand their operations within Saudi Arabia, strengthening the Kingdom's position as a hub for attracting local and international investors in the technology sector. The Ministry also introduced a range of incentives to localize technology and increase the sector's contribution to GDP, in line with Saudi Vision 2030. MCIT's efforts also contributed to attracting high-value investments in cloud computing and establishing several regional headquarters for leading global technology companies in Saudi Arabia.

IT Market

IT market in Saud Arabia grew by 13.7%, reaching 115.4 Billion SAR

The IT market recorded growth of 13.7% in 2025, increasing from SAR 101.5 billion in 2024 to SAR 115.4 billion. This growth was supported by initiatives aimed at advancing future technologies, strengthening the digital entrepreneurship ecosystem, and enabling companies to adopt innovative solutions in artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and emerging technologies.

As part of MCIT's efforts to advance emerging technologies, the National Technology Development Program (NTDP) provided a range of grants and funding packages to support the technology sector, including the following:

221.8 Million SAR
Total grants provided under NTDP programs.

450 Million SAR
Total financing provided under NTDP programs.

Impact

- Regional headquarters of global technology companies in Saudi Arabia increased from 20 to 26.
- Total revenues of listed companies reached SAR 23.3 billion by the end of Q3 2025.
- Technology exports increased by 27% by the end of Q3 2025 compared to 2024.

Partners

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وزارة الاستثمار Ministry of Investment
الصادرات السعودية هيئة تنمية الصادرات السعودية
KACST مدينة الملك عبدالعزيز للعلوم والتقنية
Digital Cooperation Organization

Telecommunications and Infrastructure Companies

Attracting local and foreign technology investments, amounting to 21.7 Billion SAR

In alignment with Saudi Arabia's ambition to become a regional and global technology hub, MCIT, in coordination with government entities, encouraged local and international technology investments, including venture capital. In 2025, total investments in the technology sector reached SAR +21.7 billion, including SAR 8.3 billion in artificial intelligence, covering domestic and foreign investments as well as public offerings.

Distribution of investments

- SAR +7.6 billion Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).
- SAR +6.45 billion Domestic Direct Investment (DDI)
- SAR +6.4 billion Venture Capital Investments (VC) across 257 transactions.
- SAR +1.26 billion Through Public Offerings (IPOs)

Key investment achievements

- SAR 12.7 billion Total local investments, including strategic partnerships with global companies in AI and digital infrastructure.
- SAR 7.6 billion Foreign direct investments from leading global technology companies to establish data centers, develop AI infrastructure, and expand operations within Saudi Arabia.
- SAR 1.26 billion Public offerings in the main market and the parallel market.

Impact

- Recording the highest venture capital investment in Saudi Arabia's history, totaling SAR 6.4 billion.
- Strengthening Saudi Arabia's global position by ranking 11th globally and first regionally and in the Arab world in the Global AI Index (GAISI)
- Advancing localization of the technology industry, with the start of pilot production at Lenovo's factory in Saudi Arabia by the end of 2025, alongside expansion in investments in AI infrastructure and advanced computing.

Partners

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هيئة الحكومة الرقمية Digital Government Authority
الهيئة الوطنية للأمن السيبراني National Cybersecurity Authority
ntdp
هيئة المحتوى المحلي والمشتريات الحكومية Local Content & Government Procurement Authority
هيئة المدن والمناطق الاقتصادية الخاصة Economic Cities and Special Zones Authority
KACST مدينة الملك عبدالعزيز للعلوم والتقنية
رئاسة أمن الدولة Presidency of State Security
صندوق الاستثمارات العامة PUBLIC INVESTMENT FUND
SDAIA الهيئة السعودية للبيانات والذكاء الاصطناعي Saudi Data & AI Authority
CST هيئة الاتصالات والفضاء والتقنية Communications, Space & Technology Commission
National Incentives Committee

Regional headquarters of major global technology companies in Saudi Arabia reached

26

In 2025, six regional headquarters of leading global technology companies were attracted and granted regional HQ licenses through MCIT's initiatives.

salesforce · ZOHO · ZTE · SUPERMICRO · ByteDance · vmware

Impact

- Increasing the total volume of investments in the technology sector.
- Transfer of technical knowledge and training of national talent.
- Positioning Saudi Arabia as an attractive hub for technology.

Partners

وزارة الاستثمار
Ministry of Investment

الهيئة الملكية لمدينة الرياض
ROYAL COMMISSION FOR RIYADH CITY

هيئة المدن والمناطق الاقتصادية الخاصة
Economic Cities and Special Zones Authority

Entities adopting AI and emerging technology solutions reached more than

+203 Entities

In 2025, Saudi Arabia experienced significant expansion in the adoption of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies across public and private sector entities. Through an integrated support framework, MCIT's initiatives enabled more than 200 entities to adopt practical operational solutions by developing solutions, facilitating market access, providing advisory support, and connecting them with solution providers. Most adoption cases focused on artificial intelligence solutions across 10 priority sectors and enabled more than 70 national and international technology companies. These efforts strengthened sector readiness for more efficient and mature digital operating models.

Impact

- Transforming AI and emerging technologies from pilots and initiatives into scalable, operational applications.
- Improving the efficiency and quality of services in the targeted sectors.
- Supporting and empowering national technology companies and enhancing their participation in the local market.

Partners

برنامج تطوير الصناعة الوطنية والخدمات اللوجستية

وزارة النقل والخدمات اللوجستية
Ministry of Transport and Logistic Services

وزارة الصناعة والثروة المعدنية
Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources

هيئة الحكومة الرقمية
Digital Government Authority

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مركز الثورة الصناعية الرابعة

Emerging Technologies and Entrepreneurship

Two new technology unicorn companies were added, reaching atotal of

8 Unicorns

Two new technology unicorns (Nice One and Ninja) were added in the Saudi market, bringing the total number of unicorns in Saudi Arabia to eight. This comes as part of ongoing efforts and continuous initiatives to accelerate the growth of promising companies through organizing events and investor engagements, including:

- LEAP Tech Event
- Entrepreneurship Council Meetings
- Participation in international programs

Impact

50%
Saudi Arabia's share of unicorn companies in the region

SAR 126 billion by the end of 2025
ICT contribution to GDP

Partners

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Ministry of Investment

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مؤسسة محمد بن سلمان
Mohammed Bin Salman Foundation

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Emerging Technologies and Entrepreneurship

Achieving the highest total venture capital investment in Saudi Arabia's history, totaling 6.4 Billion SAR

Saudi Arabia ranked first regionally in venture capital investment value and number of deals in 2025, recording SAR 6.4 billion across 257 transactions, marking the highest level in the Kingdom's history. This represents a significant increase compared to 2024, when total investments reached SAR 2.8 billion.

This achievement reflects the efforts of an integrated ecosystem that strengthened the attractiveness of the investment environment, stimulated capital inflows, and supported the growth of startups, in line with the objectives of increasing the digital economy's contribution and achieving sustainable growth in venture capital investment.

Impact

- Strengthening Saudi Arabia's position as a leading regional and international hub for venture capital investment, and establishing an attractive environment to attract international investment funds.
- Empowering tech startups and connecting them with local and international investors, which increases opportunities for partnerships and business expansion.
- Expanding Saudi Arabia's presence in major global investment platforms and events, and advancing investor confidence in the national innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Partners

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Venture Capital Funds

Emerging Technologies and Entrepreneurship

Advancing Emerging and Deep Technologies through the Development of 13 Companies

MCIT strengthened the ecosystem of emerging and deep technologies in Saudi Arabia, with the number of companies operating in these fields increasing to 38. This growth was driven by supporting and enabling 13 new companies during 2025 through integrated tracks that included innovation support, market entry, and access to funding.

Participating Companies

novo genomics · SYNERGY QUANTUM · WAKECAP · TASAMA · OMNIOPS · ARABLE · AILA · DataLexing · nexus · simaq

Support Tracks

- Stimulating innovation through the development of new products and the generation of Saudi intellectual property (IP).
- Enabling market entry through contracts and Proof of Concept (PoC) projects.
- Supporting access to finance through investment rounds and grants.

Impact

- Advancing local innovation through launching products and generating intellectual property within Saudi Arabia.
- Empowering national technology companies to enter the market and attract investment.
- Accelerating the adoption of deep technologies in vital sectors and supporting global value chains.
- Strengthening companies' competitiveness through executing contracts and applied projects with both the public and private sectors.

Partners

وزارة البيئة والمياه والزراعة
Ministry of Environment Water & Agriculture

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Research, Development & Innovation Authority

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جامعة الملك عبدالله للعلوم والتقنية
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

Emerging Technologies and Entrepreneurship

Total Number of Supported Startups and Digital MVPs Reaches

847

The Center for Digital Entrepreneurship (CODE) advanced its role in empowering the startup ecosystem and accelerating its growth. During 2025, 847 startups and digital Minimum Viable Products (MVPs) were supported, including 450 startups (150 specializing in AI) and 397 digital MVPs (157 in AI). This support was delivered through incubation and acceleration programs, digital challenges, and a network of 7 CODE labs across 5 regions in Saudi Arabia. Additionally, CODE supported the international expansion of 127 global startups into the Saudi market.

Support Tracks

- Enabling the expansion of local and global startups within Saudi Arabia.
- Digital challenges aimed at developing scalable MVPs.
- Incubation and acceleration programs across diverse technology sectors.

Impact

- Closing 27 investment rounds for beneficiary companies.
- Creating 900 jobs across 450 supported startups.
- Empowering the national entrepreneurship ecosystem through implementing more than 30 programs across 12 regions in Saudi Arabia.
- Converting 60 digital MVPs into registered tech companies.

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Emerging Technologies and Entrepreneurship

The number of locally developed custom large language models (Custom LLMs) in Saudi Arabia reached

4 Models

During 2025, Saudi Arabia achieved a qualitative advancement in developing locally customized LLMs, bringing the total to 8 models following the launch of 4 new models. In parallel, the number of locally developed AI applications reached 58 applications, including 17 new applications introduced during the year, supporting vital sectors and expanding reliance on solutions built on local data.

Impact

- Improving efficiency and quality of services across vital sectors through specialized smart applications (healthcare, education, industry, services, the Two Holy Mosques, and
- Advancing technological sovereignty and data privacy through secure local platforms and operating models.
- Enabling local innovation through high-accuracy Arabic language models and applications built on Saudi data.
- Accelerating adoption of applied AI in analytics, forecasting, computer vision, and interactive assistants.

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Emerging Technologies and Entrepreneurship

The number of innovation labs under the Digital Entrepreneurship Center has reached

28 Labs

The Digital Entrepreneurship Center (CODE) expanded its network of innovation labs, reaching a total of 28 labs across various regions of Saudi Arabia, following the launch of two new labs during 2025 (Visa Innovation Center in Riyadh and an Innovation Center in Hail Region). This expansion strengthens linkages between universities and institutions, enables talent, and supports the advancement of digital entrepreneurial projects within interactive innovation environments.

Impact

- Promoting a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship nationwide through a network comprising 28 innovation labs across various regions.
- Empowering communities and technological talents through 350 events attended by more than 155 thousand participants, and hosting 141 tech communities.
- Supporting the growth of startups and digital ventures by incubating 189 companies and developing 388 digital prototypes.
- Building digital capabilities through more than 18 tech bootcamps, 86 training programs, and 628 mentoring sessions.

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Emerging Technologies and Entrepreneurship

Supporting Game Developers

CODE strengthened its support for the game development ecosystem through specialized incubation and acceleration programs. By 2025, 63 game studios had been supported, including the completion of the Saudi Game Champions Accelerator 1, which supported 15 studios, and the launch of the Saudi Game Champions Incubator 2 following the Game Jam event, where the top 20 studios were selected from among 200 participants. In addition, 45 digital prototypes were supported through the Game by CODE Program, alongside participation in Gaming Box, aimed at empowering young talent.

Impact

- Strengthening the technological and commercial capabilities of game developers through advanced training and mentoring programs.
- Improving game quality and experience by testing products with real audiences.
- Enabling the establishment and development of national game studios capable of competing and scaling.
- Strengthening the readiness of gaming companies for investment, publishing, and commercial expansion, while building sustainable national

Partners

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صندوق التنمية الوطني
NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

National Technology Development Program

The National Technology Development Program (NTDP) seeks to support local tech companies, stimulate innovation, develop technological talents, and increase local content in the sector. This is achieved through providing financial and technological support to position Saudi Arabia as an IT global hub by 2030.

Emerging Technologies and Entrepreneurship

Key Achievements

SAR 22.25 billion
Contribution of NTDP-supported tech companies to GDP.

20.600
Jobs created by companies supported by NTDP.

3.556
Entrepreneurs supported through NTDP.

3.370
Tech companies supported through NTDP.

473
Tech companies established in AI.

212
Global companies attracted.

SAR 10.6 billion
Value of investment rounds achieved by NTDP-supported companies.

Impact

Strengthening economic impact by contributing SAR 22,25 billion to GDP and achieving SAR 10.6 billion in investment rounds.

Establishing Saudi Arabia's global position by being named "Country of the Year for 2025" in entrepreneurship and innovation according to Startup-Blink Index.

Achieving global leadership in the growth of the tech startup ecosystem, with a growth rate exceeding 200%.

Strengthening the competitiveness of Saudi cities, with Riyadh entering the list of the world's top 100 cities in the entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem.

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Localization

Enabling Regional and Global Expansion for 115 Companies

MCIT accelerated the expansion of Saudi tech companies into regional and global markets. In 2025, 115 major tech companies and 182 local startups were enabled through intensive development programs, international engagements, and a qualitative presence at leading global conferences. This contributed to exporting Saudi technology products and connecting companies with global innovation and investment ecosystems.

Enablers

- Enabling international expansion of major tech companies through global exhibitions, trade missions, and opening export channels to 16 countries.
- Tech Founders programs for supporting startups through training, international incubation, and connecting them with investors and partners.
- Participating in global conferences to showcase technological solutions and promote the Saudi entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Impact

- Expanding opportunities for international expansion and investment, and connecting Saudi companies with global entrepreneurship ecosystems.
- Stimulating cross-border partnerships and opening export channels to regional and international markets.
- Strengthening the global competitiveness of Saudi tech companies and enabling them to showcase their solutions on influential international platforms.
- Expanding Saudi Arabia's global presence as a destination that supports the growth of tech companies and entrepreneurship.

Partners

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Venture Capital Funds

Localization

Launching 3 Projects and Signing 3 Agreements to Localize Technology Industries

Projects were announced to localize technology industries, advancing Saudi Arabia's productivity and strengthening local innovation, as follows:

Projects

1
Alat Company launched a project to localize the manufacturing of computers in collaboration with Lenovo, including the establishment of a research and innovation center.

2
Alat Company launched a project to localize the manufacturing of industrial robots in collaboration with Sansoft.

3
Advanced Electronics Company launched the Rimal Project to localize the manufacturing of computers in collaboration with HP and Foxconn.

Agreements

1
Nesma Infrastructure and Technology signed an agreement with China's INSPUR to localize the manufacturing of servers, with production expected to commence by the end of Q1 2026.

2
Nesma Infrastructure and Technology signed an agreement with China's KEDACOM to localize the manufacturing of security cameras, with production expected to commence by the end of Q1 2026.

3
BOSCH signed an agreement to localize the manufacturing of security cameras in Saudi Arabia, with production expected to commence by the end of Q1 2026.

Impact

- Strengthening local manufacturing: Establishing new production lines in Saudi Arabia, reducing reliance on imports.
- Creating new job opportunities for Saudis in the technology sector.
- Advancing growth of local content within the technology sector.
- Supporting innovation by developing products aligned with local market requirements.

Partners

ALAT Lenovo الفنار alfanar hp

Localization

Growth of the local content ratio in the technology sector increased from 34.7% to 36.22%

MCIT strengthened local content in the technology sector through a package of initiatives and both international and local partnerships. This contributed to increasing the local content ratio from 34.7% to 36.22% through the localization of technology industries, stimulation of local spending, and attraction of high-quality investments.

Impact

- Advancing GDP through increased local spending on goods, salaries, and technology services.
- Creating high-quality jobs through the localization of industries and developing local technology supply chains.
- Improving the readiness of the technology sector through strategic partnerships and data-driven local content measurement to support localization decisions.

Partners

Non-Profit Sector

Activating Entrepreneurship Initiatives in Partnership with the Non-Profit Sector

In 2025, CODE strengthened its partnerships with non-profit organizations to support the local entrepreneurship ecosystem. This was achieved through initiatives aimed at empowering startups, building supportive innovation environments, and expanding development impact across various regions, particularly the Hail Region.

Impact

- Expanding the regional innovation ecosystem through establishing and operating a digital innovation lab in Hail, in partnership with educational and development institutions, aiming to incubate more than 20 startups.
- Enabling local innovation and startups through workshops, specialized programs, co-working spaces, and supporting tools.
- Promoting partnership between the non-profit sector and the technology sector to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of development programs.

Partners

Developing Digital Capabilities

As part of ongoing efforts to develop digital capabilities in the ICT sector, MCIT has implemented a range of initiatives, programs, and workshops to support and empower current and future talent. These efforts aim to build core skills aligned with labor market needs, achieve national priorities, and enhance global competitiveness, supporting the objectives of Saudi Vision 2030.

Employment

Growth in the number of employees in the technology sector increased to exceed

+411 male/female employees

In 2025, the ICT sector recorded remarkable growth in the workforce, with more than 26.000 new tech jobs created, bringing the total number of tech talents to over 411.000, compared to 380.000 in 2024. In addition, the localization rate of technology occupations increased to 65.57%, driven by integrated initiatives to support employment, improve skills, and empower national professionals.

Impact

- Expanding the technology labor market by creating new jobs and increasing the localization rate in ICT professions.
- Expanding the technology labor market by creating new jobs and increasing the localization rate in ICT professions.
- Empowering national talents through employment programs, salary support schemes, and expanding talent acquisition partnerships.
- Increasing contribution of the technology sector to GDP and supporting sustainable economic growth.

Partners

Private-Sector Enterprises

Employment

Increasing women's participation in ICT professions to

35.2%

Integrated efforts to empower women in the technology sector contributed to increasing the number of female workers in ICT professions to more than 140.000, including over 136.000 Saudi women. This resulted in women's participation reaching 35.2% in 2025, driven by employment initiatives, specialized training programs, and expanded labor market partnerships.

Impact

Strengthening women's participation in technological positions by supporting the employment of 839 female talents in partnership with more than 100 tech companies.

Empowering female talents technologically through post-employment specialized training and improving professional readiness.

Improving alignment between education and the labor market through high-quality employment partnerships and agreements with public and private sector entities.

Partners

Employment

The number of employees in data and AI has exceeded

+17 Thousand

The Data and AI sector recorded remarkable growth in 2025, with the number of employees reaching more than 17.000 specialists, including over 11.000 Saudis, representing 67%. This growth resulted from an integrated approach implemented by MCIT to empower national talent through employment forums and professional events in partnership with universities, government entities, and the private sector across various regions of Saudi Arabia, strengthening alignment between education outcomes and labor market requirements.

Impact

- Employing national talents through the direct employment of 751 citizens in the data and AI fields.
- Expanding qualitative employment opportunities by providing 1.788 technological job vacancies and engaging 193 entities from the public and private sectors.
- Strengthening job seekers' readiness through forums and fairs that employed more than 770 male and female job seekers during 2025.

Partners

Private Sector Enterprises

Employment

The number of national professionals under the salary support scheme product (Tech Crew) has reached

265 Talents

MCIT strengthened its support for micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises in the information technology sector through the salary support scheme (Tech Crew), providing subsidies for 265 technology professionals, including 66 women, contributing to increased women's participation and the empowerment of national talent. In addition, 543 additional technology professionals received subsidies through a range of government support programs aimed at enhancing job stability and developing skills.

Impact

- Empowering national talents by supporting 265 technological professionals under the Tech Crew Program and enhancing women's participation in technological professions.
- Expanding the impact of government support programs by supporting 543 technological professionals through various products.
- Strengthening job stability in tech companies through the admission of 653 companies under the Tamkeen employment retention product.

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Center of Digital Entrepreneurship

Employment

Launch of specialized training programs in Data Science and Software Engineering within the "Wa'ed" track for employment-linked scholarships, and the allocation of

115

scholarship seats for the private sector.

MCIT activated the "Wa'ed" track in cooperation with the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Scholarship Program. This was achieved by launching specialized programs tailored to the needs of AI and advanced technologies, and allocating 115 scholarship seats to the private sector. This initiative empowers specialized national talent and enhances the alignment of scholarship outcomes with labor market requirements, in support of Saudi Vision 2030.

Impact

Empowering specialized national talent through high-quality training and Master's programs in Data, Software Engineering, and AI, in collaboration with international universities and providers.

Expanding private sector participation in employment-linked scholarships by allocating seats and building direct partnerships with companies based on their specific needs.

Increasing graduate readiness for the technical labor market through introductory workshops, instructional guides, and scholarship programs aligned with future skills.

Partners

ISRAR · nana · noon · HASIB Cleaning Solutions

Adopting Technology and AI in Education

Integration of AI into the Curriculum as a Mandatory Subject Across All General Education Levels for the Academic Year 2025–2026.

In integration with the education ecosystem, MCIT worked on including AI as a formal curriculum across all levels of general education starting from the 2025–2026 academic year. This was achieved through a package of initiatives aimed at curriculum development, capacity building for students and teachers, and the preparation of enabling educational environments, contributing to preparing a generation equipped with the digital knowledge and skills necessary for global competitiveness.

Impact

- Early student empowerment, with over 14.000 students benefiting from AI enrichment courses and programs, while more than 17.000 students were trained in digital capabilities.
- Strengthening educator readiness, with over 13.000 teachers benefiting from capacity-building programs focused on AI and its applications.
- Equipping technical educational environments by the establishment of 10 “Future Skills Labs” in schools across various regions of Saudi Arabia.
- Expanding digital educational access by launching four general learning curricula on the “Madrasati” platform.

Partners

وزارة التعليم
Ministry of Education

SDAIA
الهيئة السعودية للبيانات والذكاء الاصطناعي
Saudi Data & AI Authority

المركز الوطني للمناهج
National Curriculum Center

المعهد الوطني للتطوير المهني التعليمي
National Institute

Microsoft

IBM

Google for Education

أكاديمية طويق
Tuwaiq Academy

noon

atomcamp

Adopting Technology and AI in Education

Total Faculty Members with Built Capacities in the Digital Economy Reaches

1500 Faculty Members

In partnership with global technology companies and national universities, MCIT enhanced digital capacity-building for faculty members and university students, with a specific focus on AI. This included expanding the University Digital Advisory Group to include representatives from 40 universities and launching training programs and initiatives through integrated tracks that align university education with labor market needs.

Impact

Expanding AI education adoption. Over 30 universities adopted AI as a mandatory course (representing 79% of universities).

Increasing academic staff efficiency by training 1.500 faculty members in digital economy fields.

Digital empowerment for students, with over 22.000 students benefiting from the "Digital 101" curriculum.

Promoting continuous learning and digital content, with 2.400 trainees benefited from the Short University Programs initiative.

Partners

Adopting Technology and AI in Education

Number of Beneficiaries from Future Skills Programs Exceeds

+21 Thousand beneficiaries

In partnership with local and international training entities, MCIT implemented a suite of specialized programs under the Future Skills initiative to raise the readiness of national talent in ICT fields. The number of beneficiaries exceeded 21.000, covering in-person, regional, and specialized programs in digital capabilities and emerging technologies, as well as empowering women and technical non-profit organizations.

Impact

- Supporting creative talent to use AI in the fields of design and the arts.
- Empowering women in tech and enhancing their participation and readiness for the labor market.
- Raising national readiness in AI, modern technologies, and digital capabilities.

Partners

Consulting Group Academies

Training and Talent

Number of beneficiaries of OJT programs exceeds

100 beneficiaries

In partnership with global technology companies, MCIT implemented on-the-job training programs that begin with specialized theoretical training and conclude with practical application within the headquarters of leading international companies. These programs cover fields such as AI, Software Engineering, Cloud Computing, and Digital Gaming. The initiatives included global destinations in the United States, Europe, and East Asia, fostering the transfer of knowledge and practical expertise to national talent.

Impact

- Building effective global partnerships that contribute to knowledge exchange and transfer of expertise.
- Empowering participants to gain practical experience that qualifies them to obtain certified credentials.
- Meeting market needs and strengthening the readiness of national talent to keep pace with rapid technological changes.

Partners

aws, SAP, accenture, Microsoft, IBM, Clarusway, Japan Cooperation Centre for the Middle East (JCCME)

Training and Talent

Number of beneficiaries exceeds **+800** beneficiaries

During 2025, MCIT advanced the implementation of intensive technical training bootcamps in the fields of Software Engineering, Data and AI, Cloud Computing, and Digital Gaming. These were delivered in partnership with international universities, global companies, and leading training platforms, contributing to the qualification of national talent, supporting their readiness for the labor market, and enabling them to obtain accredited professional certifications.

Impact

- Specialized qualification of national talent, with over 800 beneficiaries in high-demand technical fields.
- Strengthening professional readiness for the labor market, with 309 trainees obtaining professional certifications, 67% of whom are working within their field of specialization.
- Supporting future skills in Generative AI, Cloud Computing, and Game Development, in partnership with global educational and technical entities.
- Expanding community and developmental impact through qualitative initiatives that included diverse beneficiary groups and contributed to the development of national digital capabilities.

Partners

أكاديمية طويق Tuwaiq Academy · بناء لرعاية الأيتام · صندوق تنمية الموارد البشرية HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FUND · الأكاديمية الوطنية لتقنية المعلومات NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY NITA · وادي طيبة TAIBAH VALLEY

(Le Wagon، We Cloud Data، Iron Hack، CG Spectrum، Clarusway، General Assembly)

Training and Talent

Number of beneficiaries of Leadership Training programs reaches

134 beneficiaries

During 2025, MCIT implemented a series of qualitative programs to qualify leaders in the digital economy and the adoption of emerging technologies. In partnership with prestigious international academic and technical institutions, 134 leaders from the public and private sectors benefited from these programs. The objective was to enhance leadership readiness and accelerate the adoption of AI and advanced technologies within organizations and institutions.

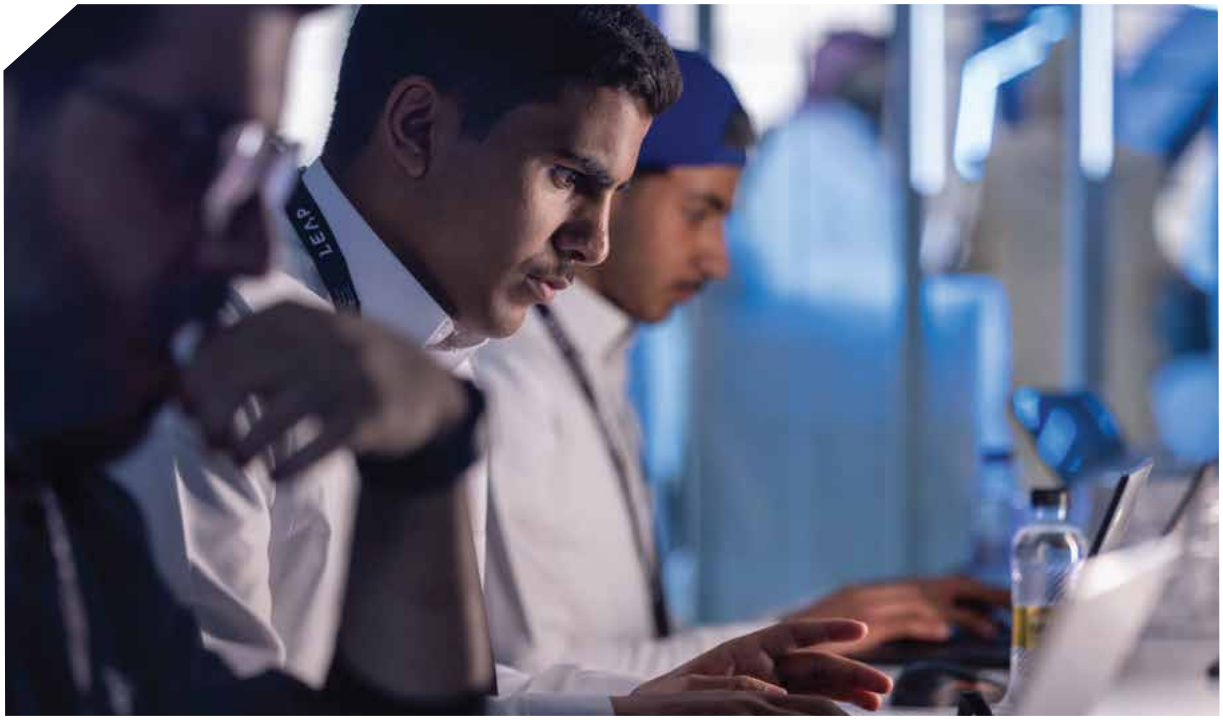
Impact

- Empowering executive leadership with practical knowledge and best practices in AI and the digital economy.
- Advancing the efficiency of government and private entities, as well as improving the quality of decisions and business outputs through the adoption of emerging technologies.
- Accelerating institutional digital transformation through leaders capable of driving innovation and implementing advanced solutions.

Partners

HEC PARIS · NUS · NITA · Tuwaiq Academy · Microsoft

Digital Awareness



Training more than 400,000 beneficiaries through digital awareness and knowledge enhancement programs, bringing the total to

2.4 million beneficiary

In partnership with local and international entities, MCIT strengthened programs and initiatives to advance digital awareness and knowledge through e-learning tracks and knowledge-based events. These efforts contributed to expanding community benefit from AI skills and digital technologies, while raising the readiness of individuals across various segments, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to 2.4 million.

Impact

Strengthening digital culture among various segments of society and empowering individuals to use technology safely and effectively.

Strengthening trainees' readiness for the labor market by developing high-demand technical skills and connecting them to the technology sector, reaching more than 2.4 million beneficiaries.

Partners

Non-Profit Sector

Number of specialized technical non-profit organizations established reached

10 associations

MCIT strengthened its empowerment of the technical non-profit sector by establishing 10 non-profit organizations specialized in various technical fields. These included emerging technologies, educational technologies, digital awareness, environmental solutions, and support for people with disabilities. This brings the total number of technical non-profit organizations under MCIT's supervision to 52 organizations distributed across 10 administrative regions in Saudi Arabia.

Impact

- Empowering the technical non-profit sector, increasing its contribution to GDP, and strengthening its developmental impact.
- Expanding the scope of institutional supervision and support to include more than 34 technical non-profit organizations supported by MCIT 's supervisory unit.
- Promoting voluntary community participation through the involvement of 600 volunteers who provided more than 74.000 volunteer hours in technical initiatives.

Partners

Success Stories

Intelmatix

Leading the Future of Institutional Decision-Making through AI Technologies

Launched in **2021**

To lead cognitive transformation in organizations by developing AI platforms and agents that support decision-making and enhance organizational readiness.

How does Intelmatix contribute to enabling AI-driven digital transformation?

EDIX Platform
An advanced knowledge architecture for specialized AI agents that support contextual analysis and institutional decision-making.

AI Consulting
A smart service led by a global team that supports organizations step-by-step in integrating AI into all operations.

Academy and Knowledge Platform
Training and awareness content that raises organizational readiness to understand and effectively adopt cognitive transformation.

Key Achievements

First

company from the Middle East to join the MIT CSAIL Alliances.

First

AI-specialized company in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) selected for the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Technology Pioneers Program.

Largest

Series A funding round for an AI company in the region, valued at $20 million.

Amplifai health

Early Diagnosis Redefining Healthcare through AI

Launched in **2023**

A health-tech company that combines AI with thermal imaging to convert heat into a biomarker, used to diagnose diseases and sports injuries before symptoms appear.

How has Amplifai Health contributed to advancing healthcare?

Early Detection of diabetic foot complications.

Monitoring Strain and Injuries in sports medicine.

Key Achievements

Certified Diagnostic Software

The first AI-powered thermal diagnostic software certified as a medical device in the MENA.

Regulatory Approvals

Certified in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Bahrain; currently in the registration phase with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Global Awards

Gold Medal at the Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions, and First Place in the "Innovation for Development" competition at the G20 Summit.

Velents

Specializing in Building AI Agents to Automate Institutional Tasks

Launched in
2021

A national platform specialized in developing multi-purpose AI agents that can be customized to perform various tasks within organizations.

How does it contribute to developing institutional operations through AI?

Interviews and Behavioral Analysis
Virtual agents that conduct job interviews, analyze performance, tone, and facial expressions, and extract personality traits from audio or video.

Interactive Assistant (Agent.sa)
AI-powered employees that respond to customers and execute tasks automatically via smart communication interfaces.

Document and Content Analysis
Understanding documents, extracting data, and classifying it, while generating accurate summaries based on content (Document Understanding) in partnership with Elm.

Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)
A cognitive AI engine that extracts precise answers from your internal data and links them to advanced language models to ensure accurate and reliable results.

Key Achievements

First

national platform to support the Arabic language across its various dialects with an accuracy rate exceeding 95%.

Fastest

company to provide AI-driven voice solutions in the region.

Highest

efficiency in accelerating recruitment processes, achieving time savings of up to 94%.

2013 CEO of Inoar Group.

2015 Board Member of Direct Travel and Tourism App.

2024 Vice Chairman of the Board and Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) of Nice One.

Leader of Exceptional Achievement

In E-commerce for Beauty and Personal Care

About the Company and its Scope

19+ Million App Downloads

67+ Million Items Sold

3.7 Billion SAR Sales Volume

Abdulrahman Al-Olayan
Co-founder and CMO of Nice One

"At Nice One, we believe that innovation and quality are the foundation for building an exceptional customer experience. Our vision goes beyond providing products; we create success stories that inspire everyone."

From an Idea to a Leap in Tourism

By Innovating the Digital Experience in Property Rentals

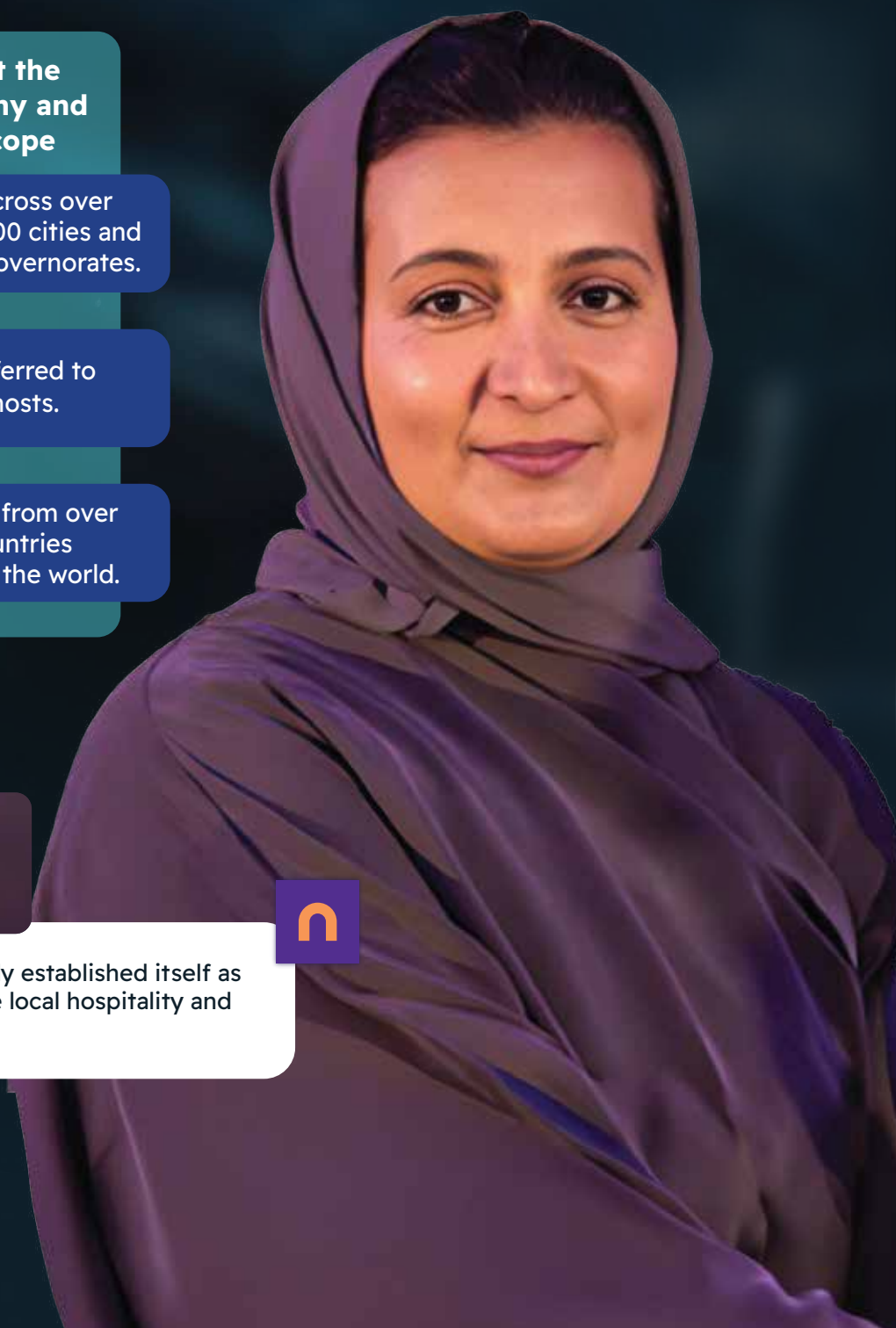
- 2013 — Managing Director of Berlitz.
- 2015 — Co-founder of Blue and Pink Online Store.
- 2016 — General Manager of Charles Taylor plc in Saudi Arabia.
- 2016 — Founder and CEO of Gathern.

About the Company and its Scope

30+ Thousand Properties across over 200 cities and governorates.

2+ Billion SAR Transferred to local hosts.

5+ Million Guests from over 100 countries around the world.



Latifah Al-Tamimi
Founder and CEO of Gathern

"Gathern has successfully established itself as a leading platform in the local hospitality and tourism sector."

1983 — Appointed CEO to lead regional and international expansion strategies.

2024 — Professor of Electrical Engineering, contributing to advancing research and international partnerships in AI and telecommunications.

Catalyst of Transformation

In the Telecommunications Sector

Exporting Saudi expertise to India, becoming one of the largest neutral host companies there.

Contributing to the establishment of ACES, a major technology company in Saudi Arabia, and ranking it among the leading firms.

Overseeing Small Cell research and the local development of ORAN technology.

Establishing innovative companies such as Aviation Solutions for drone services and defense solutions.

Leading major projects such as the Holy Mosque in Makkah, Riyadh Metro, Mumbai Metro, as well as major stadiums and buildings.

Dr. Khalid Al-Mashouq
Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of ACES Group

"In this country, we have gained great minds with vast expertise from national scientists and engineers. Today, we export our innovation to the world in collaboration with our local and international partners."

Leadership Imprint

In the AI Landscape

Information Security Engineering Team Lead. — 2002

Assistant Professor at the College of Computer Science. — 2014

Founder and CEO. — 2017

One of the early pioneers of AI in the region, having founded Mozn in 2017 and developed innovative solutions that support Saudi Arabia aspirations.

Featured in Fast Company's "AI 50" list for his efforts in advancing the AI landscape in the Middle East.

Under his leadership, Mozn's products have received global recognition and rankings from CNBC, Statista, Forrester, IDC, and Chartis.

Dr. Mohammed Al-Hussein

Founder and CEO of Mozn

"At Mozn, we work on developing AI technologies from the heart of Saudi Arabia to build solutions that meet our needs and are exported globally."

Institutional Excellence

In pursuit of institutional excellence, MCIT has achieved several notable milestones that reflect its commitment to developing an enabling work environment and enhancing employee capabilities. MCIT has also strengthened its values and institutional culture through a range of training programs aimed at improving employee efficiency and supporting the achievement of strategic objectives.

+95%

Performance in Vision Indicators
This rate reflects performance across the indicators and initiatives of the National Vision and national strategies, including the ICT Sector Strategy and the Gaming and Esports Sector Strategy, at the Government Center level. The ICT Sector Strategy was successfully completed with an 89% performance rate, making it the first sectoral strategy to be finalized and have its impact assessment approved by the Council of Economic and Development Affairs.

100%

Work Environment Survey Participation
The highest participation rate was achieved by MCIT in the 2025 Work Environment Survey, contributing to its classification as the best work environment compared to previous years.

90%

Employee Engagement
MCIT ranked among the top three government entities, with a 7.2% increase compared to the previous year. This reflects efforts to build an innovative work environment grounded in strong values and a well-established institutional culture.

78%

Energy Efficiency Scorecard
A perfect score reflecting excellence in implementing sustainability practices and operational efficiency.

MCIT received the Excellence in Equal Opportunity Award at the GCC Government HR and Youth Awards, confirming its commitment to fostering an inclusive work environment and empowering national talent.

MCIT achieved the Excellence Level in Job Data Quality, according to the evaluation by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development, reflecting a high level of maturity in job data quality.

Sectoral risk management methodologies and processes were fully automated through a unified electronic system (Rased), enhancing governance efficiency and proactive risk management.

410

Employees Trained
Employees were trained and qualified through various leadership, technical, and professional programs in collaboration with leading global entities, including Microsoft, SAP, CIPD, Coursera, edX, Seif Academy (PIF), Harvard, and Cambridge.

89%

Integration Level in Digital Transformation
Achieved in the Government Digital Transformation Measurement, resulting from strict adherence to fundamental digital transformation standards.

9

Employees Seconded to study within Saudi Arabia
Employees were seconded to study specialized fields that contribute to achieving MCIT 's targets and strategic directions.


GCC GOV HR
& YOUTH AWARDS
2025
Equal Opportunity Excellence Award
in Public and Government Sector
The Winner is
KSA

ISO 31000 Certificate in Risk Management was awarded to the General Department of Governance, Risk, and Compliance's commitment to implementing best practices and international standards in risk management and advancing institutional capabilities.

ISO 44001:2017 Certificate in International Relations and Strategic Partnerships Management Systems was awarded for the commitment to implementing best practices and international standards in building partnerships and fostering collaborative relationships with all stakeholders.

ISO 9001 Certificate in Quality Management was awarded for the Ministry's implementation of best practices and international standards in quality management.

ISO 41001:2018 Certificate in Facility Management was awarded for fulfilling all international requirements and standards to ensure facilities' operational efficiency, improve service quality, and optimize resource utilization.

ISO 27001:2022 Certificate (Latest Version) in Cybersecurity was awarded for the commitment to implementing best practices and international standards in information security.

ISO 45001:2018 Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety was awarded for fulfilling all international requirements and standards to provide a safe working environment, promote a culture of prevention, and mitigate occupational risks at workplaces.

Conferences Strategic Partnerships and International Cooperation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LEAP International Technical Conference

LEAP

Under the theme “New Horizons,” the fourth edition of LEAP 2025 was held. It is one of the largest and most prominent global technology gatherings of its kind. The conference was organized by MCIT in partnership with the Saudi Federation for Cybersecurity, Programming and Drones (SAFCSP) and hosted in Riyadh, with broad participation from leading global companies, investors, speakers, and technology experts.

The conference contributed to the development of the digital ecosystem, expansion of international partnerships, support for digital entrepreneurship, and enablement of emerging technologies. It also played a key role in attracting investments in the technology sector, reinforcing Saudi Arabia’s position as a regional and global hub for technology and innovation.

Saudi Arabia

The Heart of the Region for AI and Tech Investments

+$14.9 Billion

Google Cloud

Investing in digital infrastructure for AI by launching a global hub in Saudi Arabia to meet regional and international demand.

groq 1.5 billion

Expanding the company's investments in its project to establish the world's largest data center for AI inference using LPU (Language Processing Unit) technology.

ALLAM **Qualcomm**

Launching the ALLAM model and enabling its availability on Qualcomm AI Cloud.

ALAT **Lenovo** 2 billion

Building an advanced manufacturing and technology center powered by AI and robotics, and establishing Lenovo's regional headquarters in Riyadh.

Alibaba Cloud

Launching an AI enablement program, providing Qwen LLM models and the PAI (Platform for AI) on the Saudi Cloud.

GDH Gulf Data Hub **KKR** 300 MW

Strengthening Saudi Arabia's leadership as a global AI hub by investing in the development of data centers with capacities reaching 300 MW.

SambaNova SYSTEMS $140 Million

Developing advanced AI infrastructure and launching a Large Language Model (LLM) as a Service to enhance Saudi Arabia position as a regional hub for innovation and technology.

databricks $300 Million

Investing in building integrated PaaS (Platform as a Service) solutions to empower developers and drive innovation.

SAR · EQUINIX · SKYFIVE · Mobily · zoom · DATAVOLT · alfanar

+$10.9 Billion

Qualitative investments in infrastructure, AI, and funding rounds for startups

Connected World KSA Conference

CONNECTED WORLD

Under MCIT's sponsorship as a strategic partner, Connected World KSA 2025 was held in Riyadh, with participation from leading digital infrastructure operators, international carriers, and AI innovators from around the world.

The conference served as a global platform to discuss the future of digital infrastructure and communications and to showcase the latest solutions in telecommunications networks, cloud computing, data centers, and artificial intelligence. It also contributed to strengthening international partnerships and advancing the readiness and efficiency of digital infrastructure. In addition, the conference featured a specialized international exhibition and an awards ceremony recognizing the most impactful initiatives and projects supporting global connectivity and the growth of the digital economy.

Key Figures

Over

6300

Attendees from more than 85 countries, more than double the attendance of the previous edition, with 30% representing executive leadership.

Over

80

Sponsors and participating entities in the exhibition.

Over

50

Startups

Participation of over

150

Local and international entities

Over

140

Speakers

Over

60

Keynote and panel sessions

Key Participants:

center3 · cisco · NOKIA · موبايلي Mobily · stc · salam · HUAWEI · ACES · ciena

International Partnerships and Cooperation to Build the Nation's Future

150+

International meetings with senior officials from strategic countries and major global corporations.

50+

Local meetings with Their Royal Highnesses, the Princes of the Regions, and various government entities.


United Kingdom


United States of America


Switzerland


South Africa


France


Kuwait

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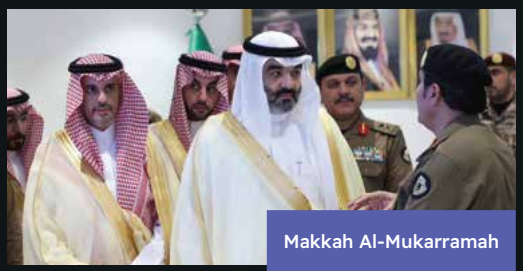
International Visits


Najran Region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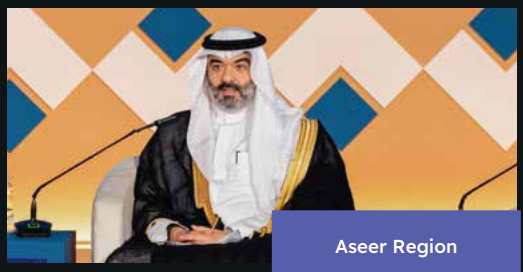
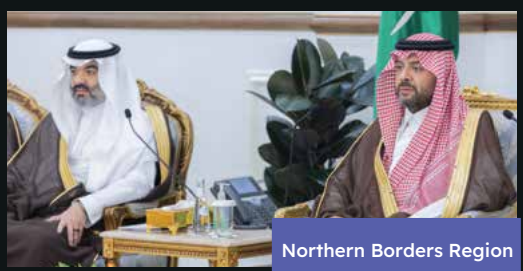

Aseer Region


Eastern Province


Northern Borders Region


Al-Jouf Region

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Local Visits

Under the Leadership of HRH the Crown Prince

KSA and USA Sign Strategic AI Partnership Agreement

Key Terms of the Partnership

- Providing and securing high-speed AI processors within Saudi Arabia
- Building and developing AI infrastructure across data centers in Saudi Arabia
- Advancing joint research and development (R&D) in AI and enabling knowledge transfer

The Partnership focuses on **Saudi Arabia's Competitive Advantages**

- Leadership in the energy sector
- Strategic geographical location
- Abundant land availability for constructing ultra-large-capacity data centers
- The region's largest cluster of digital talent and expertise

Saudi Arabia Calls for GCC Integration in the Era of AI

A GCC Economic Bloc

2.3 USD Trillion
The total economy of GCC countries has quadrupled over the past two decades.

The GCC economy accounts for approximately
2%
of the global economy

50%
The GCC contributes of the total Arab regional economy.

Integrated Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Led by Saudi Arabia

LEAP
8 GCC unicorns (billion-dollar companies) graduated from the program, with support exceeding SAR 2,6 billion.

الكراج
The region's largest innovation incubator in terms of scale and impact.

ntdp
One of the world's largest technology gatherings, bringing together entrepreneurs from the GCC and across the globe.

GCC Integration in Entrepreneurial Projects Paves the Way for the Future

jahez سنونو
A Saudi-Qatari success story in acquisitions supporting an integrated digital economy.

CALO
A Bahraini-Saudi success story in logistics and healthy food.

فلاورد FLOWARD
A Kuwaiti-Saudi success story in logistics and e-commerce.

A Saudi-Emirati success in real estate and commercial solutions. stake

An Omani-Saudi success in smart city solutions and the Internet of Things (IoT). BYANAT

المملكة في دافوس

As part of the Saudi delegation participating in the WEF

Strategic Partnerships for Digital Economic Growth

Bilateral Meetings with:

Meetings with Private Sector:

Google · Microsoft · Meta · SONY · Lenovo · BlackRock · servicenow · scale · Blackstone · Qualcomm · aws · IBM · cisco · hp · ERICSSON

Objectives of Participation

Expanding the horizons of existing strategic partnerships to accelerate the growth of the digital economy and the development of the space sector

Empowering startups, incentivizing venture capital (VC) investments, and supporting the development of digital talent

Building strategic partnerships in advanced technologies and AI solutions to strengthen Saudi Arabia regional and international standing

Saudi Arabia Calls for Collective Action to Address AI Era Gaps

H.E. Minister Abdullah Al-Swaha, during his participation in the Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) Ministerial Meeting within the G20, called on member states to work together to bridge the gaps facing the world to build a future based on solidarity, equality, and sustainability.

The Global Gap

The world is experiencing massive transformations in AI that are expected to create 78 million new jobs within five years. However, the distribution of these opportunities remains unequal. The objective is to ensure these benefits reach everyone, not just a limited few.

Saudi Arabia's Contributions to the G20

Under the leadership of HRH, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Saudi Arabia successfully led joint efforts to overcome the global crisis during its G20 Presidency amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, Saudi Arabia continues to work with its partners to solidify the principles of Trusted AI.

- Providing cost-efficient computing capabilities through the world's largest data center for AI inference.
- Enhancing data inclusivity by launching "ALLAM" to support the Arabic language.
- Dedication of extensive research at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) to AI safety and security.

Key Initiatives Related to Vision Programs

MCIT continues its efforts to achieve the objectives of Saudi Vision 2030 by collaborating with Vision Realization Programs to implement initiatives that support the growth of the digital economy, foster emerging technologies and entrepreneurship, develop digital capabilities, and build a sustainable technology ecosystem.

National Transformation Program

745.98 Billion SAR
The total size of the digital economy in Saudi Arabia.

71%
Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) coverage across all regions of Saudi Arabia.

85.4%
Coverage of wireless broadband networks (speeds exceeding 10 Mbps) in remote areas.

1515 Business Models
Initial digital business models achieved.

1.063.439
Participants in digital awareness activities and programs.

Human Capability Development Program

MCIT contributes to achieving the objectives of the Human Capability Development Program by building future skills, integrating AI into education, and developing national leaders and talent through high-quality educational and training initiatives spanning general, university, vocational, and leadership education.

General and University Education

Integration of an AI Curriculum as a standard course across all levels of general education

Over 30 universities have adopted AI as a mandatory course across various disciplines.

Over 20,000 students in general education trained to enhance digital capabilities in technology and AI.

Over 13,000 beneficiaries from teacher capability development programs in general education.

9 Training Programs launched for faculty members in partnership with (Google Cloud, Huawei, Microsoft, Gosu, and Atomcamp), benefiting over 1,500 faculty members.

Leadership Development

69 Leaders from the public and private sectors participated in the "Future Tech Leaders" program, in partnership with UC Berkeley and the Tuwaiq Academy.

30 Female Leaders participated in the 2nd edition of the "Women Leaders Toward the Digital Economy" program in Paris, in partnership with HEC Paris.

Bootcamps and Specialized Programs

AI Practitioner Diploma in cooperation with the National IT Academy (NITA) and Aramco Digital.

Over 750 beneficiaries graduated from the Digital Himma Bootcamps 2025, in partnership with global training providers, specializing in game development, software testing, and data science.

Generative AI Introductory Bootcamps include:

Generative AI Bootcamp in Madinah, in cooperation with the University of New Haven.

LLAMA Bootcamp in Riyadh, in partnership with Tuwaiq Academy and Meta.

143 Participants joined the Agent AI Hackathon focused on Agentic AI.

Tech Entrepreneurship

80 Saudi Digital Startups empowered through the Tech Founders Program, featuring an intensive 6-week incubation in partnership with international universities

Over 50 specialized events in entrepreneurship and investment were conducted to accelerate company growth and connect them with international investors.

Technology Foresight and Digital Economy

To support the development of a sustainable digital economy based on anticipating future technologies and leveraging them strategically, MCIT has issued several Technology Foresight Reports aimed at supporting decision-makers across the digital economy, technology, and space sectors.

Technology Foresight and the Digital Economy

MCIT has issued several reports focused on technology foresight, including:

Transformation Insights Report Forecasting Saudi Arabia's Technological Future

The report provides a forward-looking vision of technologies in Saudi Arabia for the period 2025–2035, including impact analysis of emerging technologies such as AI, cybersecurity, advanced energy, and biotechnology. The report develops multiple scenarios based on investment levels and the pace of technological advancement to support strategic decision-making.

The Future of Agentic AI Report

This report explores the future of Agentic AI, including global concepts, trends, and technical developments, while assessing Saudi Arabia's position in this field. It highlights the expected impacts on vital sectors and analyzes potential risks and opportunities over the next 20 to 30 years, utilizing a scientific foresight methodology.

The Future of Quantum Technologies Report

The report focuses on the global outlook for quantum technologies, aligned with the designation of 2025 as the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology. It examines the investment landscape, research progress, and the sectors most affected by these technologies, while analyzing long-term tracks, opportunities, and challenges expected over the next 10 to 30 years.

"What's on the Horizon 2025" Report

This report reviews the most prominent emerging technologies expected to have a significant impact in the coming years by analyzing trends and levels of technological maturity. It identifies the top 10 technologies based on impact and adoption potential and provides strategic recommendations to enhance Saudi Arabia's readiness for future technological transformations.

Data Centers and Digital Economy Report: A Foundation for Future Growth

The report highlights the pivotal role of data centers in supporting the digital economy and achieving the targets of Vision 2030, specifically their contribution to the GDP, attraction of investments, and creation of high-quality jobs. It also highlights the Saudi market's readiness for accelerated growth and Saudi Arabia's position as a regional hub for digital infrastructure.

Report from Renewable Energy to Digital Growth

This report addresses the evolution of the renewable energy sector and its impact on supporting the digital economy, highlighting the integration between clean energy and digital solutions. It also reviews investment and employment opportunities, as well as sector-related challenges, reaffirming Saudi Arabia's capability to foster low-carbon economic growth and support the diversification of income sources.

Research Award for Technology Foresight and Digital Economy (GCC)

MCIT launched this award in partnership with the Secretariat General of GCC to stimulate research in modern technologies and the digital economy. Specialized teams and jury committees were formed to evaluate the research and leverage the findings to support future policies and initiatives across the Council's member states.

230 Research participation requests from 20 countries	**80** Completed research papers
100 Nominated final research papers	**8** Winning research papers


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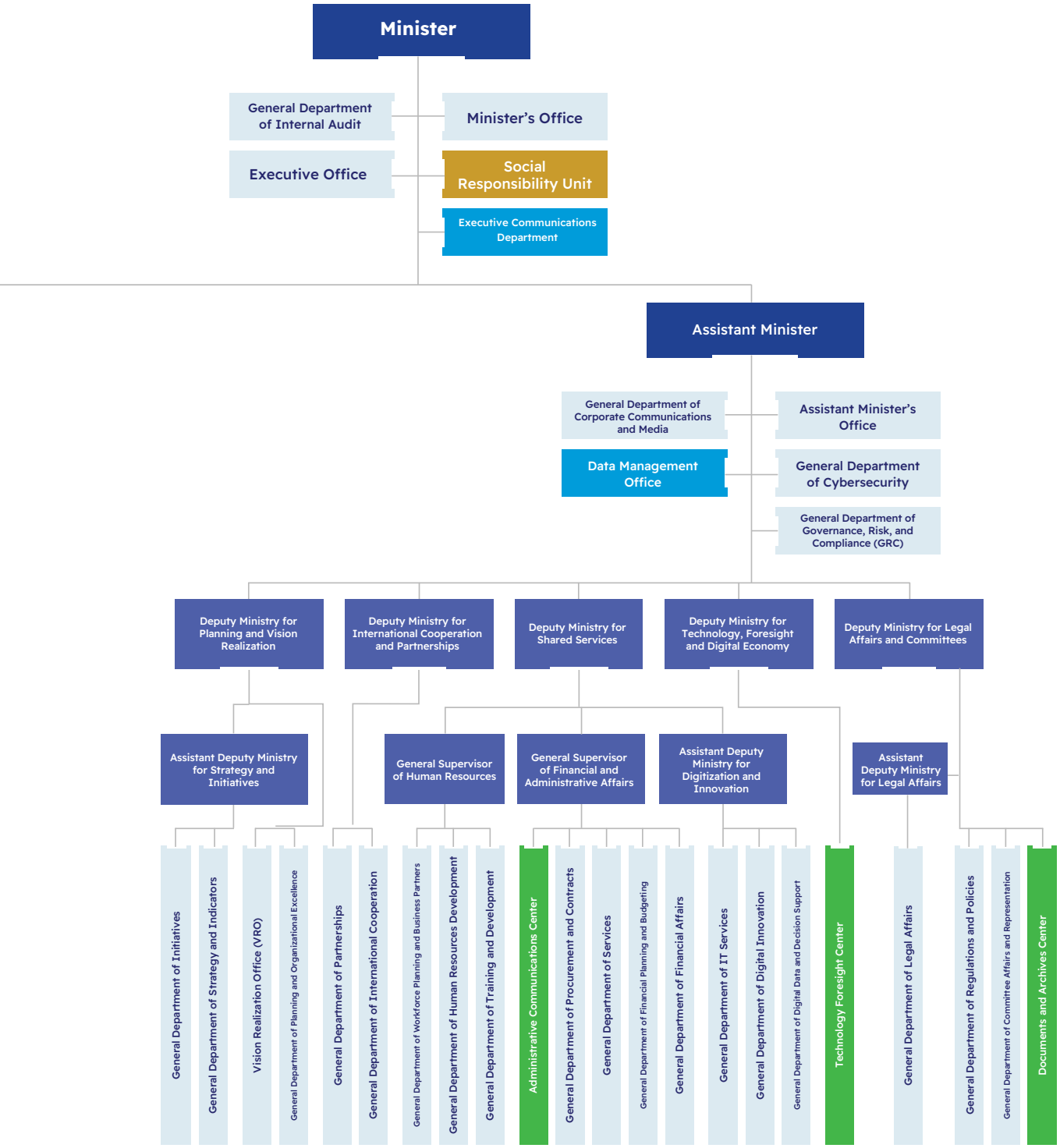

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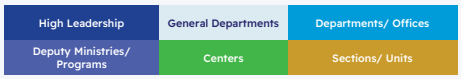

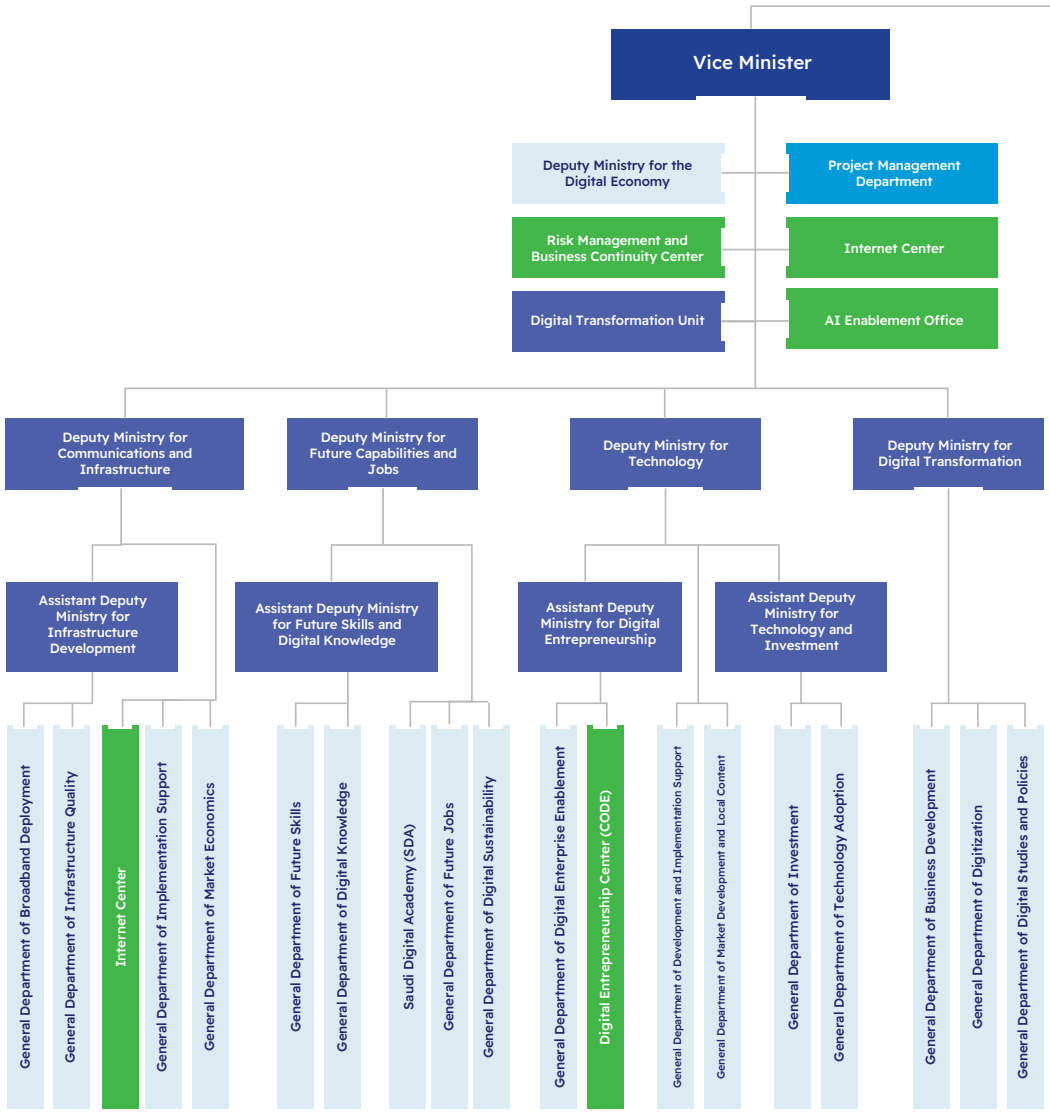

Appendices

Appendix 1: Government Digital Transformation Measurement Index

82 Services	Total Number of MCIT Services
88%	Service Level Agreement (SLA) Compliance Rate
1.62 Days	Average Service Level Agreement (SLA) Duration
19.839 Requests	Total Number of Service Requests
94%	Service Satisfaction Rate
60	Number of Data Sharing Requests with Other Government Entities
80.230 Requests (Total Size: 627MB)	Volume of Shared Data Exchange via the Government Integration Channel (GSB)
89.24%	Digital Transformation Measurement Result

Based on the report issued by the Digital Service Management System (Azhal).
Based on the report issued by the Data Management Office (DMO).

Conclusion

In conclusion, this report, prepared in accordance with the requirements of Article (29) of the Law of the Council of Ministers, issued by Royal Order No. (A/13) dated 03/03/1414 AH, outlines the Ministry's strategic direction and achievements realized by MCIT throughout the fiscal year 1446/1447 AH/2025 AD, which had a significant impact on advancing the efficiency of the technology and communications market and local content, and developing Saudi Arabia's technology market.

Thanks to Allah, and with the continued care and unlimited support of the wise leadership, MCIT has achieved notable progress through the collaborative efforts of its workforce across the technology and digital transformation sectors. Saudi Arabia has strengthened its position in global digital rankings.

The initiatives of the ICT ecosystem have also achieved notable success within Vision Realization Programs, as reflected in the performance reports of public entities during the year. MCIT recorded key achievements in infrastructure development, expansion of telecommunications networks, strengthening of national talent, and expansion of global partnerships, all of which contributed to supporting and stimulating the innovation and digital entrepreneurship ecosystem.

MCIT continues its efforts to build the foundations of a digital strategy aimed at enabling a connected present and an innovative future, supported by a strong digital infrastructure and a thriving economy. Saudi Arabia continues its ambition to strengthen its global position in the digital and technology sectors and further develop its position as the leading digital market in the MENA region.