

Keynote Speakers

Day 1 – February 2, 2026 (Monday)

10:00 – 10:30, Monday, February 2, 2026: Keynote



Dr. Mumen Hasan Rababah
Chairman, Department of Industrial Engineering
Hashemite University, Zarqa, Jordan

Dr. Mumen Rababah is an Assistant Professor and the current Chairman of the Department of Industrial Engineering at The Hashemite University in Jordan. He earned his Ph.D. and M.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Auburn University, USA, where his research focused on developing and evaluating parcel delivery networks using agent-based simulation. He also holds both M.S. and B.S. degrees in Industrial Engineering from the Jordan University of Science and Technology. Dr. Rababah's research interests include simulation modeling, artificial intelligence, data analytics, logistics, and supply chain optimization. His work bridges academic research with industrial application, focusing on improving system efficiency, resilience, and sustainability. He has collaborated with international research teams on projects addressing the digital transformation of logistics and manufacturing systems. As an educator, Dr. Rababah is committed to experiential and technology-driven learning. He integrates real-world data, simulation tools, and analytical techniques into his teaching to prepare students for the evolving demands of modern industry. In addition to his academic and administrative roles, he actively supervises graduate research, contributes to academic committees, and provides professional service as a reviewer and collaborator in the field of industrial engineering. Dr. Rababah is a member of the Jordan Engineers Association and Alpha Pi Mu – the Industrial Engineering Honor Society.

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Prof. Khalifa S. Al-Jabri
Professor
Department of Civil Engineering
Sultan Qaboos University
Muscat, Oman

Prof. Khalifa Al-Jabri obtained a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Sultan Qaboos University in 1991. He received his master's (1993) and doctorate (2000) degrees from the University of Sheffield, UK. He was promoted to full Professor in 2011. He was appointed the Assistant Dean for Postgraduate Studies and research, 2006-2010 and the Head of the Department of Civil and Architectural engineering, 2011-2017. He served as a member in the State Council from 2011-2015. Prof. Al-Jabri has research interests in Sustainable Construction Materials, Fire Engineering, and earthquake engineering. He has around 220 scientific papers published in peer-reviewed journals and international conferences. He is a Fellow of ICE and ASCE.

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Prof. Abdelkabar Maqsoud
Professor
The Research Institute on, Mines and Environment (RIME)
UQAT-Polytechnique
Quebec, Canada

Abdelkabar Maqsoud completed his undergraduate studies in the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Hassan II in Casablanca, Morocco in 1989. He earned his MSc. (1991) and PhD (1996) from university of Sciences and Technologies of Lille, France studying the karst development in Paris Basin. During his postdoctoral training in Canada, he studied water movement under unsaturated conditions and was recruited in 2002, as Research Scientist. Currently, he is a professor in mining hydrogeology in the Research Institute – Mines and Environment of the Quebec University in Abitibi-Témiscamingue (UQAT), Canada. Gross' research areas include: mine site reclamation, water movement under unsaturated condition including hysteresis effects, hydrogeology and hydrochemistry of porous and karstic aquifers.

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Eng. Hani Wadatullah Alahdal
HR Center of Excellence VP
STC, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Hani W. Alahdal is a distinguished Human Resources leader with nearly two decades of strategic and operational expertise in human capital management, organizational transformation, and executive remuneration. Renowned for his visionary leadership and sharp strategic insight, he has played a pivotal role in reshaping HR governance and building agile, future-ready talent ecosystems that enable sustainable business growth across multiple industries and geographies.

As Vice President of the HR Center of Excellence at stc, Hani spearheads the group's human capital innovation and policy architecture, aligning people strategy with corporate ambition and national transformation objectives. His stewardship has led to the institutionalization of advanced talent frameworks, the design of equitable reward

systems, and the elevation of HR as a strategic enabler of business performance. A trusted advisor to boards, executive committees, and regulatory bodies, he has become an authoritative voice on leadership capability, compensation governance, and workforce readiness within the Kingdom's evolving economic landscape.

Prior to his current role, Hani served as General Manager of HR Center of Excellence at stc, where he consolidated the company's HR policies and performance infrastructure, embedding governance discipline and fostering an integrated culture of meritocracy and innovation. Before joining stc, he held several senior positions at national champions such as Saudi Air Navigation Services (SANS), Sadara Chemical Company, TASNEE, and SABIC, where he built a reputation for excellence in organization design, policy formation, and executive rewards management. His experience across these leading institutions has endowed him with deep technical acumen and an exceptional ability to drive transformation at scale.

Hani's professional influence extends beyond corporate boundaries. He currently serves as a member of multiple Nomination and Remuneration Committees across regional markets including STC Kuwait, STC Bahrain, Aljumaih Holding, Al-Suaedan Real Estate, and Tawal Company—where he provides strategic counsel on corporate governance, board succession, and executive compensation. He also sits on the Board of Dimension Consulting Company and the Advisory Board of Palm HR Technology, reflecting his continuous engagement with the evolving intersection of technology, human capital, and governance.

Previously, he served as an Executive Committee Member at Specialized by stc, and as a Nomination and Remuneration Committee Member at the Health Holding Company, supporting the Ministry of Health's transformation agenda through the restructuring of talent frameworks and leadership pipelines across Saudi health clusters. Hani holds an MBA in Human Resources and Finance and a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals. His intellectual foundation is complemented by elite executive education experiences from globally renowned institutions: Harvard Business School, Excellence in Management (2019), MIT Sloan School of Management, Business Dynamics (2012) and Cornell University, Top Seat: The Modern CHROs (2022).

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Prof. Hassan AlHazmi
Group CEO
LADUN Investment Company

Dr. Hassan S. Alhazmi received his B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran (2003), his M.Sc. in Construction Engineering and Management from Griffith University in Australia (2006), and his Ph.D. in Engineering and Project Management with distinction from the same university in 2011. He began his academic career at Jazan University, where he served as Head of the Civil Engineering Department and as Vice Dean of the College of Engineering. During his tenure (2011–2013), he played a leading role in developing the engineering programs and strengthening cooperation between the university and the construction industry. He also supervised several major educational, medical, and infrastructure projects for Jazan University.

In 2013, Dr. Alhazmi joined the Ministry of Higher Education: General Directorate for Projects, before moving to the Ministry of Housing in 2016, where he held several senior positions including Deputy Minister for Land and Technical Affairs. He oversaw urban development, managing infrastructure and construction projects exceeding SAR 50 billion in value. Since October 2021, Dr. Alhazmi has been serving as the Chief Executive Officer of Ladun Investment Company, a publicly listed real estate development firm in Saudi Arabia. His professional experience bridges academia, government, and the private sector—spanning engineering, construction management, public infrastructure, and corporate strategy. He currently serves as a Board Member of Ladun Investment Company, a Member of the Advisory Board of the College of Engineering at Alfaisal University, a Member of the Board of Trustees of Jazan Award for Excellence and Innovation and a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Endowment of the Saudi Electronic University.

Dr. Alhazmi have a rich experience as a member of a number of Bords of Directors, committees and higher committees, i.e. State Properties General Authority, Saudi Food and Drug Authority, Saline Water Conversion Corporation, Saudi Standards, General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information, Real Estate Development Fund, Real Estate General Authority, Saudi Energy Efficiency Center, State Land Committee of the Council of Ministers, Saudi Building Code National Committee, Off-Plan Sales or Rent National Committee, SAKAN Board of Trustees, National Housing Company, Chairman of the Council of Managers of the National Company for Asset Management, Chairman of the Sabya's Municipal Council, and Griffith University BoD. He has participated in numerous conferences and executive programs in Saudi Arabia and abroad. His research and professional interests focus on project delivery systems, infrastructure management, sustainability, and innovation in engineering education.

Day 2 – February 3, 2026 (Tuesday)

10:00 - 10:30, February 3, 2026: **Opening Ceremony**

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Dr. Luis Rabelo
Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering & Management Systems
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, USA

Dr. Luis Rabelo received the BS in Electro-Mechanical Engineer from the Technological University of Panama in 1983, an MS in Electrical Engineering from the Florida Institute of Technology in 1987 Master's and Doctorate in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri. He was a Postdoc at the University of Missouri in Nuclear Engineering. Dr. Rabelo received a dual MS in Systems and Management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has worked for the Advanced Technology Group (Goodrich) and Honeywell Laboratories. Dr. Rabelo was a NASA Fellow from 2002 to 2005, and a Project Manager at NASA from 2009 to 2011. He is currently Professor in the Industrial Engineering and Management Systems Department at UCF. He is also the Undergraduate Coordinator. He has written more than 300 articles and a book in Artificial Intelligence. He has been the principal advisor for 39 Master's students and 29 PhDs. He received the award for the Best Scientific Article of the Year 2004 from the Society of Automotive Engineers, received the distinction "ONE NASA" in 2006. He was the recipient of the Fulbright Distinction in 2008. In November 2008, he received

the honor of the Technological University of Panama (UTP) of being the 2008 Distinguished Alumni. In 2011, he was the Henaac Award Winner in Education. In 2013 and 2018, he received the Forest R. McFarland Award from the Society of Automotive Engineering (SAE). Lately, he received the SAE Russell S. Springer Award for his article on the modeling of space operations systems in 2017.

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Prof. Dr. Semail ÜLGEN
Chair of Industrial Engineering Department
Antalya Bilim University, Antalya, Turkey

Assoc. Prof. Semail Ülgen is the chair of Industrial Engineering Department at Antalya Bilim University where she has been on the faculty since 2012. She received Ph.D. degree in Mathematics at Purdue University in 2005, and B.S. degree at Bilkent University in 1995. In years 2004-2006 she was at University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS as an assistant professor. Then she worked at Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, as an assistant professor for one year in 2006 and later she worked as an assistant professor at Northwestern University for three years starting in 2007. She held visiting assistant professor position at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN as an assistant professor for one year in 2011-2012. Dr. Ülgen was a recipient of the Young Scientist Award for Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association (USA) in 2006. Her research interests are Finsler Geometry; Noncommutative Geometry, Applications to Mathematical Physics. She is also building research interest in stochastic processes and its applications. She was a researcher in TUBITAK 1001 (the

Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) research project (#113F311, Title: Einstein metrics in Finsler Geometry) for two years in 2014. She served as the adviser for the Survey Development and Implementation ATSO Pilot Project for Determining the Industrial 4.0 Status of Companies in Antalya in 2017. She was the academic adviser of the TUBITAK Efficiency Challenge Electric Vehicle Competition for mainly engineering undergraduate students during the years 2016, 2017, and 2020 organized by TUBITAK. Her team built two electric cars (got 25th in the competitions) and attended the competitions.

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Eng. Ibrahim Aldakhil
Executive Director, safety & loss prevention
Saudi Electricity Company

Eng. Ibrahim Aldakhil is the Executive Director of Safety and Loss Prevention at Saudi Electricity Company, bringing extensive experience in the electricity and energy sector. He holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from King Saud University. Recognized for leading strategic safety transformation, he has driven major initiatives that enhanced operational reliability, strengthened safety culture, and elevated compliance across multiple regions. With a strong track record in modernizing safety systems, implementing digital solutions, and advancing risk-management practices, Eng. Ibrahim has played a key role in enabling safe, resilient, and high-performance operations. He is passionate about integrating technology, innovation, and

human-centric leadership to build world-class safety environments. Eng. Ibrahim is an active contributor to industry dialogue on HSSE excellence and the future of safety in industrial sectors.

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Eng. Nasser Mohammad Al Osaimi
Operations Executive Director
Rua Al Madinah Holding
Saudi Arabia

Nasser M. Al Osaimi is a seasoned professional with extensive experience in operations, maintenance, and facility management. He holds a BS in Civil Engineering master's degree in business administration and has held key leadership roles in renowned organizations such as Rua al Madinah holding the Royal Commission of Riyadh City and Saudi Basic Industries Company (SABIC). With a strong track record of success, Nasser has implemented innovative solutions, reduced costs, and improved customer experiences. He has managed multi-billion SAR projects, directed housing services, and supervised various areas including general services, civil engineering, and road maintenance. Nasser is known for his strategic vision, project management skills, and ability to inspire innovation and collaboration.

Day 3 – February 4, 2026

10:00 – 10:30, February 4, 2026: Keynote



Prof. Gamal Elnashar
Dean of the College of Engineering
King Salman International University (KSIU), Egypt

Gamal A. Elnashar received a B.Sc. degree from the department of electrical engineering at Military Technical College (MTC) in 1988. He received his MSc degree in the field of electrical engineering-automatic control systems from MTC-Egypt in 1994. He received his Ph. D. degree from the department of electrical and computer engineering at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 2000. He has been serving on the MTC research faculty since the year 2000 in the areas of identification, design, and intelligent control engineering systems. He worked as a visiting scholar at Virginia Tech-Blacksburg in 2008. He has authored several reports and papers on data acquisition systems, sensors, and automatic control-related short courses at MTC and Colleges of Engineering. Prof. Elnashar's current research interests focus on intelligent systems,

control system engineering, and mechatronics. Moreover, he has great experience in the field of design, tests, and practical measurements of control

systems. He participated in the supervision of several doctoral and master's theses in engineering in the field of specialization. He is a committee member of the Engineering, Technological, and Industrial Studies Sector at the Supreme Council of Universities. He is a committee member in the Executive Regulations Committee for Research Centers at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. He is the dean of the Engineering Sector at King Salman International University. He was a commandant of the Military Technical College. Also, he was the director of the Egyptian Armed Forces Scientific Research and Development Department.

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Eng. Moath Abuaysha
Head of 3D Printing R&D
NEOM, Saudi Arabia

Moath Abuaysha is an innovation leader spearheading 3D printing and advanced manufacturing R&D within NEOM's Design & Construction sector. Certified by the American Institute of Industrial Engineers and MIT in additive manufacturing, he brings over 15 years of experience in developing and applying cutting-edge 3D printing technologies. He has represented Saudi Arabia in more than 40 international forums, showcasing the Kingdom's leadership in next-generation manufacturing. At NEOM, Moath leads the development of sustainable 3D-printed construction systems — including the region's first fully 3D-printed cabin — alongside projects that span artificial coral reefs, high-performance architectural façades, and sustainable housing prototypes. Before joining NEOM, he led over 70 surgical operations using patient-specific 3D-printed models and implants, pioneering medical applications of additive manufacturing in Saudi Arabia. Moath has received

multiple national and international awards, including the Intel ISEF Award, MIT Health Hackathon, Asia Projects Cup, and the Saudi Ministry of Health "Health Pioneers" Award. Recognized by King Abdullah for his contributions to national innovation, and featured at TEDx and the G20, he continues to mentor the next generation of engineers driving Saudi Arabia's transformation in advanced and sustainable manufacturing.

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Dr. Ahmed Azab
Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering Department
King Fahd Univ. of Petroleum & Minerals
Dhahran, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Dr. Ahmed Azab is an associate professor of Industrial & Manufacturing Systems Engineering and Director of the Production & Operations Management Research Lab. He has a successful record of industrial experience and publications. He has been involved in projects with local industry and has been effective in acquiring funding as sole Principal Investigator and else. He has earned to date funding from both federal and provincial granting agencies and industrial partners in the amount of approximately \$0.4 M. He was one of three researchers to receive a \$1M CFI-LOF/MEDI-ORF grant supporting research infrastructure. He has been recipient and nominee for a number of international and national research excellence awards. He serves as a reviewer for a number of international journals; he also sits on the editorial board for Industrial Engineering & Management. Dr. Azab was awarded in 2009 the Outstanding Graduate Research Award at University of

Windsor, and in 2015 the Faculty of Engineering Medal of Excellence for his role leading the undergraduate Industrial Engineering program's national accreditation efforts from Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB).

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Awards Recognition

Submissions Received from Countries and Territories

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| 2. Australia | 12. Indonesia | 22. Philippines | 32. UAE |
| 3. Bahrain | 13. Jordan | 23. Portugal | 33. UK |
| 4. Bangladesh | 14. Kuwait | 24. Qatar | 34. USA |
| 5. Canada | 15. Lebanon | 25. Saudi Arabia | 35. Zimbabwe |
| 6. Chad | 16. Malaysia | 26. Singapore | |
| 7. Croatia | 17. Morocco | 27. South Africa | |
| 8. Egypt | 18. Nigeria | 28. South Korea | |
| 9. Ethiopia | 19. Oman | 29. Thailand | |
| 10. France | 20. Pakistan | 30. Tunisia | |