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# **OVERVIEW**

In 2000, Saudi Arabia implemented the Foreign Investment Act (the "Act"), which liberalized the foreign investment laws in the Kingdom.

Saudi Arabia became then the 149th member of the WTO on December 11, 2005. It made certain commitments with regard to a variety of economic activities. Some of Saudi Arabiaîs WTO commitments reflect existing provisions of Saudi law while others represent changes to existing Saudi laws.

However, the specificity of the Saudi Arabian law is that it is formed principally from the prescriptions and provisions of Islamic law, Sharia, which is not always compliant with international laws.



A key element of Vision 2030 is the Kingdom's commitment to support local small and medium enterprises (SMEs) but also to restructure the economy and make it more attractive to outside investors.

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# SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH 2018 - DAY 1



07:00 - 09:00



**REGISTRATION** 

09:00 – 10:15



OPENING SESSION: LEGAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE (THEMATIC & PROCEDURAL)

MODERATOR:

Dr. Fawaz Al-Alamy, Saudi Expert in Global Trade and Advisor to the Public and Private Sectors

**Documentary on the Ministry of Justice** 

The Commercial Judiciary's Development in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Sheikh Faraj Al-Dosari, President of the Commercial Court in Riyadh

The Justice Training Center and Its Role in the Development of the Legal Community

Mr. Bandar Al-Mahaimed, Director of Lawyers Preparation Program at The Justice Training Center

The Role of the Ministry's Research Center in the Dissemination of the Judicial and Legal Culture Dr. Ahmed Al-Jowair, Consultant of Ministry of Justice's Research Center

10:15 - 10:30



**Coffee Break** 

10:30 - 11:45



SESSION TWO: ENCOURAGING INNOVATION IN THE INFORMATION AND LEGAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES

**MODERATOR:** 

Dr. Fahad AlAnazi, Member of the Shoura Council

Law as an Aspect of a Country's Competitiveness and the Impact on the Legal Profession and the Players (Governments, Private Sector, Information Companies, Law Firms)?

Mr. Guillaume Deroubaix, Managing Director - LexisNexis MENA

Open Legal Data: A New Journey for Government and Legal Professionals

Ms. Noemie Alintissar, Future Law Innovation programme Manager - Singapore Academy Of Law

Law and Artificial Intelligence: Where We Are Now and a Vision of the Kingdom's Future
Dr. Latifa Al-Abdulkarim, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence AdvisorMCIT And KSU

**Blockchain Technology in the Justice Sector** 

Mr. Nawaf Al Mutairi, Director of Data Governance and Analysis – STC

11:45 - 12:15



**Prayer** 

12:15 - 13:30



#### SESSION THREE: THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA'S LATEST LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS

**MODERATOR:** 

Mr. Saud Al-Rayes, Editor in Chief of Al Hayat Newspaper, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

#### Legislative Developments of the Kingdom within 20 years

Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Undersecretary of the Ministry for International Cooperation and Systems -Ministry of Justice

## **New Bankruptcy Law**

Mr. Mohammed Al Aqeel, Managing Partner - Mohammed Abdulaziz Al-Aqeel, Law Firm

#### Value-Added Tax Law and Excise Tax Law

Mr. Anas AlOqla, General Manager, Legal and Compliance Department - General Authority of Zakat & Tax - GAZT

#### SAGIA Licenses and Connecting Saudi SMEs to the World

Dr. Ayedh Al-Otaibi, Deputy Governor of Investment Climate at the Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA)

13:30 - 13:45



**Coffee Break** 

13:45 - 14:45



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Dr. Waleed N. Al-Nuwaiser

Managing Partner - Dr. Al-Nuwaiser & Partners (WAN & Partners)



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#### **Professional Companies**

Dr. Alaa Naji

Founding Partner - Naji Law Firm

**WORKSHOP** 

# **Marketing of Legal Services**

Dr. Ahmed Ajinah

Head of Marketing Department -Sattam bin Abdul Aziz University

14:45 - 15:30



Lunch

15:30 - 16:30



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## **Alternative Dispute Resolution**

Dr. Hamed Mirra

CEO - Saudi Center for Commercial Arbitration



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# **Vacant Land Legislation**

Mr. Hassan Alseif

Partner - Alseif and Altwijry Lawfirm



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### Legal Artificial Intelligence as a Basis for Serial Data Technology in Construction

Mr. Tariq Al Mesfer, Managing Partner - Al Mesfer and Partners

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**REGISTRATION** 

09:00 - 10:15



#### SESSION FOUR: DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS IN THE LEGAL FIELD

**MODERATOR:** 

**Dr. Mubarak Al Tami**, Director of Private Training - TVTC

**Legislative Challenges for SMEs And Entrepreneurs** 

Dr. Mulhim Almulhim, Attorney - Almulhim Law

Human Capital in the Legal Field and Development of Future Leaders

Eng. Fouzi Bubshait, Vice President, Strategic Human Capital Programs - Maaden

Legal Fellowship and Continuing Education

Eng. Zyad AlSaleh, Strategic Consultant and Business Development

Training of Lawyers as Future Leaders: Dubai Courts Experiences

Dr. Ahmad Bin Hezeem, Senior Partner - BSA Ahmad Bin Hezeem & Associates LLP

10:15 - 10:30



**Coffee Break** 

10:30 - 11:45



#### SESSION FIVE: LEGAL CHALLENGES CURRENTLY FACING THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

**MODERATOR:** 

**Dr. Ahmed Al-Saqih**, Lawyer and Legal Counsel, Spokesperson for the Saudi Bar Association

**Nationalization Regulations and Their Impact on Foreign Employment Contracts** 

Eng. Ghazi Al-Shahrani, Deputy Minister for Nationalization - Ministery of Labor and Social Development

**Latest Developments in Government Contracts & Procurement Regulations** 

Mr. Jochen Hundt, Chairman, Hundt Legal Consultancy in association with the Law Office of Khalid O. Alattas

**Legislation Promoting Transparency and Combatting Fraud and Corruption** 

Mr. Zaid Sultan, Senior Manager of Forensics & Integrity Services - Ernst & Young Middle East & North Africa

New Legislations and Their impact on the Business Environment and the Financial Market

Mr. Majed Garoub, Chairman - Majid Mohammed Garoub Law Firm

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**Prayer** 

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#### **Law and Artificial Intelligence**

Dr. Latifa Al-Abdulkarim

Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Advisor - MCIT And KSU



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# **The Path of Legal Practice**

Mr. Majed Garoub

Chairman - Majid Mohammed Garoub Law Firm



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# Innovation and Excellence in Legal Service Delivery Methods

Mr. Zeyad Khoshaim

Lawyer and Legal Advisor - Zeyad S. Khoshaim Law Firm

13:15 - 13:30



**Coffee Break** 

13:30 - 14:30



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Legal Management Skills
Dr. Fahad Al Majid

Dean of the College of Law - Prince Sultan University



**WORKSHOP** 

The Importance of Health and a Work-Life Balance

Dr. Khalid Al-Nemr

Consultant and Professor of Cardiology and Arterial Catheterization



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# **Accounting for Law Firms**

Mr. Saleh Al-Thunayan, Chairman & Partner / Mr. Hossam Abu El Fadl, Executive Manager Saleh Al-Thunayan & Partner Accountants & Auditors

14:30 - 15:15



Lunch

15:15 - 16:15



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# Corporate Governance to Combat Internal Corruption

Mr. Ghaleb Al Askar

Director General, Lawyer And Legal Advisor - Alaskar Law Firm



**WORKSHOP** 

The Term of Leasing Ending with Ownership According to the Financing Systems in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

**Dr. Sultan Alaydan,** Assistant Professor Faculty of Law, Dar AlUloom University



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# Legal Framework for Cyber Space & Cloud Security in Saudi Arabia: Policy and its Challenges

**Ms. Misbah Saboohi**, Lecturer In Law - Prince Sultan University

16:15 - 17:00



Successful Experiences in Legal Scholarship (for students)

Ms. Rasha Abu Najm

Mr. Abdullah Al-Jumaa