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Smart, Secure & Sustainable Industrial Operations for Oil & Gas Energy, Utilities & Heavy Industries



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EVENT OVERVIEW

The MENA Industrial Futures Forum (MIFF) will be the premier Al Khobar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia based platform where operators, regulators, technology providers, investors, and innovators converge to shape the future of smart, secure, and sustainable industrial operations.

By uniting Vision 2030 priorities with global standards and operator led proof, MIFF will not only showcase cutting edge technologies but also drive real world adoption, regulatory compliance, and industrial investment.

Critically, MIFF places Instrumentation Control and Process Automation at its core—recognizing that accurate sensing, control fidelity, and automation reliability are the foundation on which AI, cybersecurity, and sustainability can scale safely across plants, grids, and heavy industry assets.

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MIFF AT A GLANCE

KEY INDUSTRIAL SECTORS

- Oil & Gas
- Energy & Power Generation
- Utilities (Water, Electricity, District Cooling)
- Petrochemicals & Chemicals
- Metals, Mining & Heavy Manufacturing

CORE PILLARS



Process
Automation



Industrial
Cybersecurity



AI & Data in
Operations

SUPPORTING PILLARS

MENA INDUSTRIAL FUTURES FORUM



Semiconductors



Sustainability &
Industrial Transition

1000+

delegates

50+

exhibitors

30+

industry
experts

15+

strategic
partnerships

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WHY MIFF, WHY NOW

The Middle East is entering a decisive phase of **industrial and digital infrastructure transformation**, driven by Vision 2030 investments, expanding hyperscale datacentres, and emerging semiconductor initiatives.

MIFF will convene industry leaders to accelerate:

Advanced instrumentation and sensing technologies enabling precision industrial operations and predictive maintenance.

Automation modernization, migrating legacy DCS and PLC systems to digital native industrial platforms.

Cyber resilient industrial infrastructure, protecting plants, grids, pipelines, and datacentres from evolving threats.

AI assisted industrial operations, including digital twins, predictive analytics, and autonomous process optimization.

Datacentre infrastructure growth, powering AI, cloud, and national digital economies with resilient, energy efficient facilities.

Semiconductor and advanced manufacturing technologies, supporting regional ambitions for chip design, fabrication, and supply chain resilience.

Industrial decarbonization, embedding hydrogen, CCUS, electrification, and renewable integration into core operations.



WHAT MAKES MIFF DIFFERENT



OPERATOR-LED PROOF ARENA

Real world deployments from major operators such as Saudi Aramco, SABIC, SEC, ADNOC, DEWA, SWCC and Emirates Steel, demonstrating operational technologies in action.



INDUSTRIAL DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM

Dedicated sessions exploring datacentres, AI infrastructure, and industrial cloud platforms powering modern industrial ecosystems.



SEMICONDUCTOR & ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TRACK

Exploring regional ambitions for chip manufacturing, smart factories, and Industry 4.0 production ecosystems.



GLOBAL STANDARDS & CYBERSECURITY HUB

Onsite insights on OT cybersecurity frameworks, industrial resilience, and compliance strategies for energy and critical infrastructure.



STARTUP INNOVATION ALLEY

Showcasing next generation startups across industrial AI, robotics, cybersecurity, semiconductor technologies, and sustainability solutions, with investor matchmaking.

HOT TOPICS FOR MIFF 2026

- AI Driven Industrial Operations & Autonomous Plants
- Industrial Cybersecurity & Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Hyperscale Datacentres and AI Infrastructure in the Middle East
- Semiconductor Supply Chains and Regional Manufacturing Initiatives
- Next Generation Process Automation and Digital Control Systems
- Digital Twins for Industrial and Energy Infrastructure
- Edge Computing & Industrial IoT for Smart Plants
- Energy Efficient Datacentres and Sustainable Digital Infrastructure
- Hydrogen Economy and Industrial Decarbonization
- Robotics and Smart Manufacturing for Heavy Industries



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

KEY TOPICS

Industry professionals, technology innovators, and researchers are invited to submit technical abstracts and case studies under the following themes:

1 PROCESS AUTOMATION

- Next generation DCS and PLC systems
- Autonomous plant operations
- Advanced process control and optimization
- Brownfield automation modernization

3 AI & DATA IN INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS

- AI driven predictive maintenance
- Industrial digital twins and simulation
- Data platforms for industrial analytics
- Autonomous decision support systems

2 INDUSTRIAL CYBERSECURITY

- Securing OT environments and critical infrastructure
- Cyber resilience for energy and industrial plants
- Incident response strategies for industrial environments
- Zero trust architecture for industrial networks

4 INDUSTRIAL DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Datacentres supporting industrial digitalization
- Industrial cloud and edge computing platforms
- AI infrastructure for operational technologies
- High performance computing for industrial applications

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SUSTAINABILITY & ENERGY TRANSITION

- Decarbonizing industrial operations
- Hydrogen and CCUS technologies
- Electrification of industrial processes
- Energy efficiency and sustainability strategies

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ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES

- Semiconductor technologies enabling industrial automation
- Smart factories and Industry 4.0 transformation
- Robotics in heavy industries
- Additive manufacturing for industrial components



KEY JOB TITLES ATTENDING MIFF 2026

C LEVEL & EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

- Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- Chief Operating Officer (COO)
- Chief Technology Officer (CTO)
- Chief Digital Officer (CDO)
- Chief Information Officer (CIO)
- Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)
- Chief Data Officer
- Chief Innovation Officer
- Chief Sustainability Officer
- VP / SVP Operations
- VP / SVP Digital Transformation
- VP Engineering
- VP Industrial Technology

INDUSTRIAL CYBERSECURITY & OT SECURITY

- Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)
- Head of Cybersecurity
- Director of OT Security
- Industrial Cybersecurity Manager
- OT Security Architect
- ICS Security Engineer
- Cyber Risk & Compliance Director

OPERATIONS & PLANT LEADERSHIP

- Plant Manager
- Operations Director
- Operations Manager
- Refinery Manager
- Power Plant Director
- Asset Performance Manager
- Production Manager
- Industrial Operations Manager
- Reliability & Maintenance Director

ENGINEERING & AUTOMATION LEADERS

- Engineering Director
- Engineering Manager
- Automation Director
- Automation Manager
- Process Control Manager
- Process Automation Engineer
- Control Systems Engineer
- DCS / PLC Engineer
- Instrumentation Manager
- Instrumentation Engineer

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION & INDUSTRIAL AI

- Head of Digital Transformation
- Digital Transformation Director
- Smart Manufacturing Director
- Industry 4.0 Manager
- AI & Data Analytics Director
- Digital Innovation Manager
- Industrial Data Architect

WHO WILL ATTEND

OPERATORS & EPCS

Asset owners and end-users from oil & gas, power, utilities, and heavy industries

Plant, refinery, and grid leaders driving operational performance

Maintenance, reliability, and instrumentation engineers focused on uptime and asset integrity

OT/IT architects and automation leads upgrading legacy DCS/PLC systems and integrating IIoT solutions

EPC contractors and system integrators delivering major brownfield/greenfield projects

REGULATORS, STANDARDS BODIES & GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Ministries and national councils shaping industrial and energy policy

Regulators and compliance authorities (NCA, SASO, SEC, CITC, Ministry of Energy)

Global standards organizations (ISA, IEC, NIST) ensuring alignment and certification

Vision 2030 industrial localization and sustainability program offices

TECHNOLOGY & CYBERSECURITY VENDORS

Instrumentation OEMs, sensor and control system manufacturers

Automation vendors, DCS/PLC solution providers, and SCADA integrators

Industrial cybersecurity platforms and OT security specialists

Data, cloud, and AI solution providers enabling predictive operations and digital twins

ACADEMIA, RESEARCH & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Universities and applied research centers advancing industrial innovation

TVTC and technical institutes building skilled operator and maintenance talent

Certification bodies and global training providers (ISA, IEC, cybersecurity, automation, and safety training)

STEM education and workforce readiness programs aligned with Vision 2030

MEDIA PARTNERS



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