

Beyond Adoption: How the Arab World Can Shape AI's Future

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AI: A Defining Force for the Future

- AI is shaping economies, societies, and governance worldwide.
- The Arab world is rapidly adopting AI but must transition from consumer to creator.
- Objective: Explore strategic pathways to AI leadership in the Arab world.

Why the Arab World is Uniquely Positioned for AI Leadership

- Rich Data Resources: AI thrives on data; the Arab world has vast and diverse datasets.
- Young & Tech-Savvy Population: Over 60% of the population is under 30.
- National AI Strategies: UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt have ambitious AI plans.

Bridging the Gap Between Research and Industry

- AI research is expanding, but practical adoption remains limited.
- Need for AI-driven startups and commercialization of research.
- Cross-border collaborations can help scale solutions regionally.

Ensuring AI Reflects Arab Cultural & Ethical Values

- AI must align with Arab linguistic, cultural, and ethical values.
- Investment in culturally tailored large language models (LLMs) is critical.
- Transparent AI governance is needed for responsible AI deployment.

Shaping Global AI Policies, Not Just Reacting to Them

- Arab nations must actively contribute to global AI ethics frameworks.
- Participation in AI-for-good initiatives and cybersecurity strategies.
- Reducing dependency on Western regulations & tech giants.

DeepSeek: A Blueprint for AI Success Outside Silicon Valley

- DeepSeek, a Chinese AI company, disrupted the global AI landscape.
- Rapid adoption led to its chatbot surpassing ChatGPT in downloads.
- Strategic vision + talent + investment = AI leadership.

The Next DeepSeek with an Arab Identity?

- Arab AI companies must scale globally with a clear vision.
- Investment in AI research, startups, and AI literacy is essential.
- AI must be a pillar of the Arab Renaissance.

The Time is Now: Moving from Adoption to Leadership

- AI is not just a tool for the Arab world to adopt—it is a force we must shape, lead, and innovate within.
- Thank you for your attention!

Welcoming the Next Speakers

- Looking forward to insightful discussions from our distinguished speakers and Panelists
- Let's continue shaping the future of AI in the Arab world together!