

"MENA Corporate Governance: a steep path to improvement & reform", Presentation at the Oman Center for Governance and Sustainability Annual Corporate Governance conference, 5 Dec 2019

Dr. Nasser Saidi participated as a speaker at the the Oman Center for Governance and Sustainability's annual Corporate Governance conference held in Muscat on 5th Dec 2019.

Titled "MENA Corporate Governance: a steep path to improvement & reform", the presentation highlighted recent developments in international and regional governance. It also identified issues facing the MENA/ GCC region including (a) Conflicts of interest; (b) Role of boards in strategy; (c) Governance of AI; (d) Governance of SOEs & GREs; and (e) Governance of subsidiaries & holding companies.

The presentation can be downloaded [here](#).

"AI & the Digital Revolution: Implications for Regional

Economies", Keynote at the Order of Engineers & Architects Beirut, 26 Feb 2019

Dr. Nasser Saidi was invited to present a keynote at the Order of Engineers & Architects in Beirut on 26th February, 2019. Titled "[AI & the Digital Revolution: Implications for Regional Economies](#)", the presentation covered the economics of AI & digitalisation – including recommendations on how policy makers should prepare for five primary economic effects due to AI-driven automation. It looks in-depth at the performance of the Middle East region, also providing a peek at whether there is an ambition-action gap. The presentation ends with takeaways and recommendations as to what an AI strategy should include in the region.

An interview was published in Daily Star where Dr. Saidi airs his views on how AI is key to beating corruption.

"Developing an integrated artificial intelligence government strategy and devoting resources to concretely implementing them is the best way to fight corruption, provided it is driven from the highest level, from our prime minister," Saidi told The Daily Star Wednesday. Read more [here](#).

Dr. Saidi's keynote (from 1:41 in Video 1) and related panel discussion (Video 2) can be accessed below:

Video 1

Video 2