

MENA region's largest Project Management event GPMF 2025 opens this Saturday in Riyadh

Now ranked the largest project management forum in the MENA region and the second largest in the world, GPMF 2025 will spotlight AI, giga-projects, and next-gen leadership

May 15, 2025 – RIYADH — Riyadh is set to become the global capital of project management as the Global Project Management Forum (GPMF) 2025 opens tomorrow, May 17, at the Fairmont Riyadh.

Held under the esteemed patronage of His Excellency Majid bin Abdullah Al-Hogail, Minister of Municipalities and Housing, the three-day forum has earned its place as the largest project management forum in the Middle East and North Africa—and the second largest worldwide.

With the theme “Next-Gen Project Management: The Power of People, Processes, and Technology,” GPMF 2025 brings together government officials, industry pioneers, innovators, and global thought leaders to shape the future of project delivery in a rapidly evolving world.

“Saudi Arabia is not only delivering some of the most ambitious projects globally—it is cultivating the talent and building the systems that will shape the future of the profession,” said Eng. Badr Burshaid, Chairman of the Global Project Management Forum. “GPMF is more than a gathering—it is a platform of influence, leadership, and vision.”

A powerhouse of learning and global exchange

The forum opens with a full day of premium masterclasses and advanced workshops on May 17, offering in-depth training on emerging methodologies, leadership strategies, and digital tools.

Over the following two days (May 18–19), GPMF will feature keynote speeches, expert panels, interactive breakout sessions, and a large-scale exhibition. Sessions will focus on topics such as artificial intelligence in project planning, giga-project execution, sustainable transformation, and digital innovation—highlighting how project professionals are redefining impact in today’s complex world.

His Excellency Majid bin Abdullah Al-Hogail, Minister of Municipalities and Housing, will deliver a keynote address during the forum, reinforcing the government’s commitment to empowering the project economy as a national priority.

A platform where strategy meets innovation

This year, GPMF will host a dedicated B2B innovation platform, allowing project-tech entrepreneurs and solution providers to pitch breakthrough ideas to global stakeholders and potential investors.

“This forum is where ideas come to life—where future-ready strategies are forged and long-term partnerships are built,” said Eng. Badr. “Whether you’re managing billion-dollar projects

or building tools to support them, GPMF offers the world's stage to connect, collaborate, and lead."

A strategic milestone for Vision 2030

As Saudi Arabia accelerates its Vision 2030 goals, project management is taking center stage in building a future driven by smart infrastructure, digital ecosystems, and human-centered design.

GPMF 2025 aligns directly with the Kingdom's national priorities—offering global perspectives on AI, data-driven decision-making, and integrated project delivery as enablers of transformation.

"Saudi Arabia has become a destination where the world comes to learn, to build, and to lead," added Eng. Badr. "And GPMF is where that journey begins."

For more information and program details, visit www.gpmf.world or look for #GPMF2025 on social media