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INTERNATIONAL TAMIL ENGINEERS FORUM



**GCC 20
CONNECT 26**

CONNECTING THE 3i's:

Innovation • Investment • Impact

**INTERNATIONAL
TECHNICAL CONFERENCE &
EXHIBITION**

Organized by

International Tamil Engineers Forum (ITEF) - Chapters
Kuwait - UAE - Qatar - Bahrain - Oman - Saudi Arabia

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ITEF - KUWAIT CHAPTER

Date & Time: 29th Nov 2026: 5.00 PM - 9.00 PM &
30th Nov 2026: 8.00 AM - 3.00 PM

Venue: Badriah Ballroom,
Jumeriah Messilah Beach Hotel, Sabah Al Salem, Kuwait



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Global Call

At a time when the world is redefining economic partnerships, technological frontiers, and sustainable development priorities, the Gulf region stands as a beacon of transformation and possibility.

Under the collective vision of the Gulf Cooperation Council nations, the GCC has emerged as a dynamic hub linking East and West, tradition and technology, ambition and execution. GCC Connect 2026 moves this dialogue from broad regional conversation to structured global engagement.

GCC Connect 2026 is conceived as a strategic convergence platform, bringing together governments, global institutions, industry leaders, innovators, investors, and thought architects to align shared aspirations with measurable outcomes.

By Connecting the 3i's, Innovation, Investment, and Impact, we seek to foster cross-border collaboration, responsible capital deployment, knowledge exchange, and transformative partnerships that advance resilient economies and inclusive growth.

This is not merely a conference; it is a diplomatic bridge of enterprise and excellence, a forum where ideas evolve into alliances, and alliances into enduring impact.

We extend our invitation to the global community to engage with the GCC in shaping the next era of sustainable progress.

Welcome to GCC Connect 2026.

Chairman & Managing Director, International Tamil Engineers Forum

Event Organized & Hosted by ITEF – Kuwait Chapter

About ITEF

International Tamil Engineers Forum (ITEF) is a global professional organisation representing over 25,000 Tamil engineers across 38 chapters worldwide. It serves as a multidisciplinary platform bringing together engineering professionals from diverse sectors, united by a shared commitment to technical excellence, collaboration, and professional advancement.

ITEF is a 'Not for Profit' organization committed to advancing professional development, facilitating global networking, and enabling structured market opportunities for engineers. Its initiatives span skill development and workforce mobility pathways, with long-term objectives focused on establishing structured standards and globally benchmarked professional validation mechanisms.

Conference Theme

Connecting the 3i's:

Innovation • Investment • Impact

GCC Connect 2026 is built on the understanding that the decade ahead will define the long-term economic and industrial trajectory of the Gulf region and its global partners. Across the GCC, national visions are accelerating transformation in infrastructure, energy, manufacturing, mobility, sustainability, and digital systems.

At the center of this transition lies engineering capability. The conference places engineering innovation as the bridge between policy ambition and execution reality, connecting talent, capital, institutions, and industry into a structured platform for scalable, cross-border collaboration.



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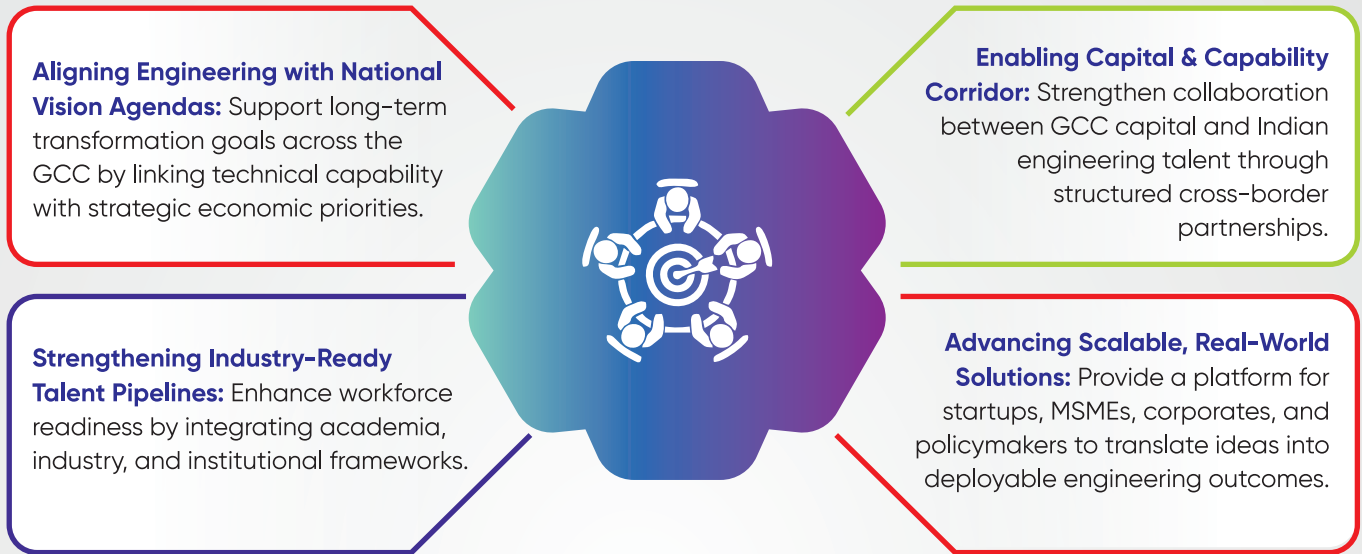


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Conference Objectives



GCC Connect 2026 at a Glance



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Conference Technical Session Themes

THEME 01

Investment Opportunities in India

Guidance TN-led session on state industrial policy & GCC capital mandates.

THEME 02

GCC-India Industrial Collaboration

Bilateral trade & industrial partnership corridors.

THEME 03

Startup Ecosystem Development

Cross-border founder mobility & ecosystem policy

THEME 04

Engineering Skill Development

GCC skills-council alignment & academic curricula.

THEME 05

Workforce Mobility

GCC skills-council alignment & academic curricula.

THEME 06

Innovation & Research Partnerships

Joint R&D funding, IP-sharing frameworks, university-industry jobs.

● **Connecting Innovations with Industries:** Display of cutting-edge technology advancements, facilitating discussions on emerging trends, and inspiring collaborative efforts to drive technological progress and innovation across various sectors.



● **Global Career & Industry Exposure:** Access to Technocrats representing Industries including Energy Sector, Manufacturing Company, Research Institutions, Technological Solutions Providers, and Consultants

● **Strategic Networking & Leadership Exchange:**
Engage with senior industry leaders, institutions, and policymakers from the GCC and India to shape engineering-led growth



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Startup Arena



A dedicated platform for startups, innovators, and aspiring founders to present directly to industry leaders, investors, and professionals, gain visibility within the GCC's startup ecosystem, and connect with 100+ mentors and potential partners across sectors.

Rules & Guidelines	Detail
Eligibility	A) Student Category: Born on or after 1st Jan 2000 (Government ID Proof with photo) B) Open category
Submission format	Two pages in PDF format, which includes Objective, Outline of the idea, business model, Investment required & Return on Investment
Submission deadline	On or before 10th November 2026





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AI & Digital Transformation:
AI/ML, software, cloud,
cybersecurity, fintech, IoT



Advanced Manufacturing and Semiconductors:
Chip manufacturing, electronics,
embedded systems



Automotive & EV Technology:
Auto manufacturing,
EV systems, mobility



Oil, Gas & Petrochemicals:
Upstream, downstream,
refining, oilfield engineering



Sustainable Infrastructure & Clean Energy:
Green construction, sustainable
transportation, solar/wind/
green hydrogen, energy storage,
water management,
climate tech



Industrial & Materials Innovation:
Steel, cement, mining,
specialty chemicals



Open Innovation:
catch-all for strong entries
outside the above



HSSE:
MedTech, Pharma, Biotech,
Medical devices,
Safety, Security & Environment



Digital & Instruments Related Technologies:
Data Management, Data Security,
Digital Technologies, Instruments,
Analysers, Valves, SCADA System,
Testing Equipment & Control Technologies



Business Economics:
Cost & Inventory Control,
Business Improvement,
Supplier Relationship Management
& Operational Excellence

Startup Arena Themes



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Expo & Tech Showcase

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Exhibition Booth Size: 3M X 3M



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Technology

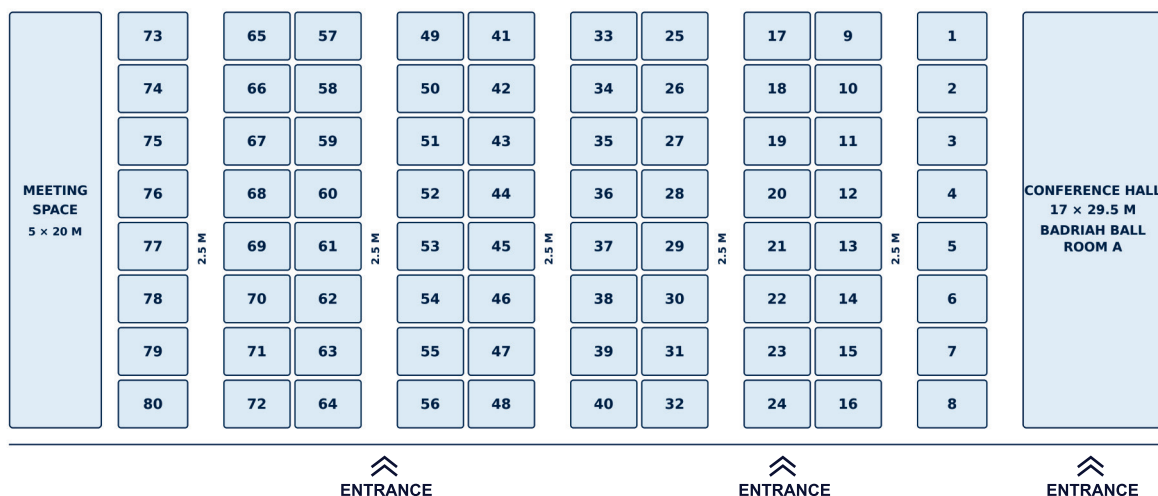


Environment &
Sustainability



Services &
Consulting

Exhibition Floor Plan





Tentative Program Schedule

Day 1 : 29 November 2026

TIME	EVENT
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Inaugural Ceremony (Exhibition & International Conference)
6.00 PM – 8.30 PM	- Artificial Intelligence: Present & Future Overview - Presentation & Discussion followed with Fireside Chat: AI impact on multiple Sectors relating Energy, Finance, Medical & Engineering
8.30 PM – 10.00 PM	Networking & Dinner

Day 2 : 30 November 2026

TIME	SEGMENT
8.00 AM – 1.00 PM	Thematic & Technical Sessions – Technocrats, Government and Industry speakers from across GCC countries
1.00 PM – 2.30 PM	Closing Ceremony – Startup Arena results and Prize distribution & Vote of Thanks followed with Lunch

Milestones: (Last Date for Submission/Confirmation)

Paper Presentation – Abstract Submission	01-11-2026
Submission of Complete Article / Paper	15-11-2026
Booth Confirmation	15-11-2026
Sponsorship Confirmation	05-11-2026
Abstract for Startup Competition	10-11-2026



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Glimpses of Curtain Raiser Event Conducted in Kuwait for GCC CONNECT



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