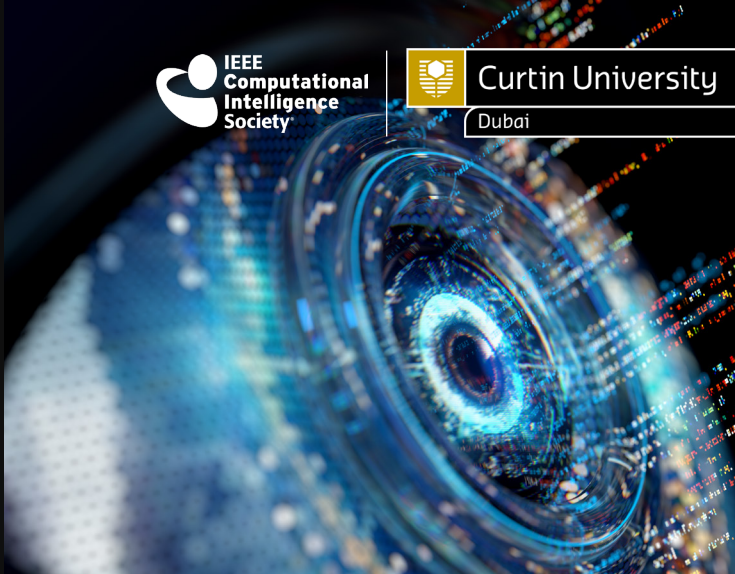


Leveraging AI & Cyber Security for a Sustainable Future

Date & Time : Saturday 16 August 2025 | 8:30am to 2:00pm
Venue: Curtin University Dubai, DIAC

Agenda



Time	Event
8:30am to 10:00am	Registration & Networking Breakfast
10:00am to 10:15am	Welcome Address Professor Ammar Kaka Pro Vice-Chancellor and President Curtin University Dubai
10:15am to 10:45am	Keynote Address Dr Hoda Alkhzaimi Associate Vice Provost of Research Translation and Innovation New York University Abu Dhabi Co-Chair for Global Future Council for Cybersecurity World Economic Forum
10:45am to 11:15am	Executive Roundtable Themes: Overview Professor Chithirai Pon Selvan Director of Research Head of School – Science and Engineering Curtin University Dubai
11:15am to 12:45pm	Executive Roundtable Moderator: Mr Daniel Adkins Group CEO Transnational Academic Group Panellists: Dr Hoda Alkhzaimi Associate Vice Provost of Research Translation and Innovation New York University Abu Dhabi Co-Chair for Global Future Council for Cybersecurity World Economic Forum Mr Nader Torki Founder and CEO AI Strategy Consultant Sia AI Consultancy Dr Kader Es Slami Head of AI & Smart Data Practice Etisalat Mr Eric Moneyang Senior Partner Solution Architect Microsoft Dr Mazin Gadir Director Alvarez & Marsal Mr Carter Tian Head of MEA Regional Solution Architect Alibaba Cloud Dr Isha Farha Quraishy AI Technopreneur Oracle
12:45pm to 1:00pm	Vote of Thanks Dr Bilal Siddiqi Director - Learning and Teaching Curtin University Dubai
1:00pm to 2:00pm	Lunch and Networking

Executive Roundtable Discussion

Theme 1

Can Technology Help Save the Planet? The Role of AI and Cybersecurity in Climate Action

- How are companies currently using AI and digital tools to reduce their environmental impact or meet sustainability targets?
- How can cybersecurity help build trust in digital platforms that track and report sustainability efforts?
- How can universities prepare graduates to design, implement, and manage AI and cybersecurity solutions that serve climate goals?
- How can digital climate solutions be designed to support the wellbeing of workers and communities impacted by climate change?

Theme 2

Can Digital Innovation Accelerate the Shift to Clean Energy and Sustainable Materials?

- How are companies using AI to improve resource efficiency and reduce waste in operations?
- What role does AI play in advancing the use of sustainable materials in area like construction and smart infrastructure?
- How can universities equip students with the skills to work at the intersection of AI, sustainability, and energy systems?

Theme 3

Can Technology Help Us Protect Nature Responsibly?

- How are companies using AI to protect biodiversity, natural ecosystems, and resources?
- How can they help safeguard basic human needs, including water, air, soil, etc?
- What role will AI and Cybersecurity have in reducing emissions and managing waste?
- In what ways can interdisciplinary learning, across environmental science, data analytics, and ethics, enhance student readiness for green tech careers?

Theme 4

Where Are AI and Cybersecurity Headed Next? The Future of Sustainable Technologies

- What are the most exciting or impactful areas within sustainability where AI and cybersecurity are converging (e.g., predictive threat detection, autonomous systems)?
- How are organisations using this convergence to create sustainable data protection processes that enhance security, efficiency, or customer trust?
- What skills will future professionals need to lead innovation in this rapidly evolving space?

Theme 5

What Kind of Talent Do We Need for a Digital and Sustainable Future?

- What skills and mindsets are most critical for professionals working at the intersection of AI, cybersecurity, and sustainability?
- What strategies are businesses adopting to upskill their workforce for a future shaped by both digital disruption and environmental responsibility?
- What kinds of co-curricular experiences (e.g., internships, simulations, industry challenges) help students become future-ready and resilient?
- What kinds of real-world projects can be embedded into higher education programs to help students understand environmental challenges?