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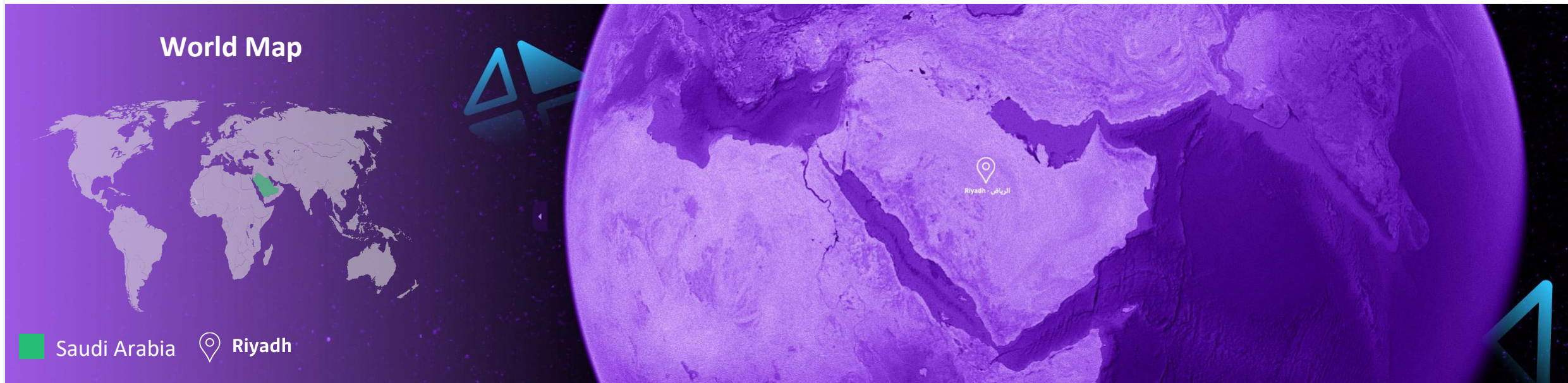
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# Where is Riyadh?

**Situated in the center of the an-Nafud desert, on the eastern part of the Najd plateau.**

The city sits at an average of 600 meters (2,000 ft) above sea level, and receives around 5 million tourists each year, making it the forty-ninth most visited city in the world and the 6th in the Middle East.

**Riyadh is divided into 15 municipal** districts and had a population of 7.0 million people in 2022, making it the most-populous city in Saudi Arabia, 3<sup>rd</sup> most populous in the Middle East, and the 38<sup>th</sup> most populous in Asia.



# Facts About Riyadh



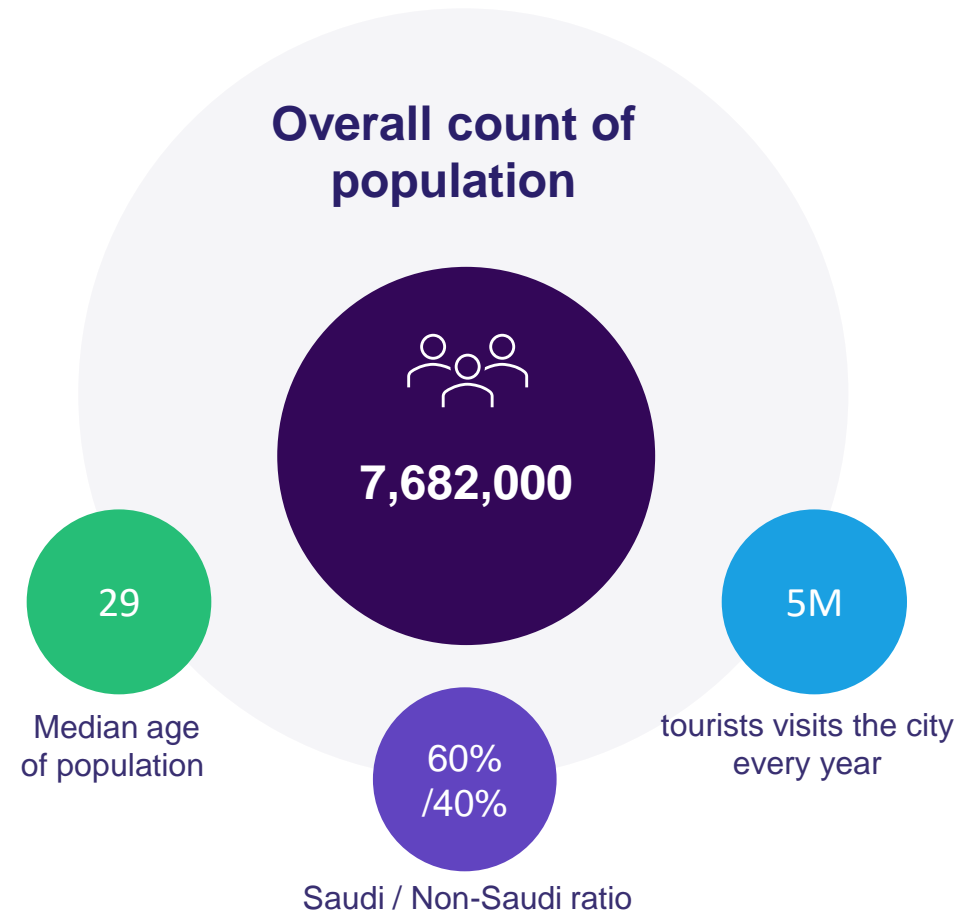
Expect **22°C** daytime maximum temperatures



average rainfall is **13mm**



Time zone: Arabian Standard Time (**GMT+3**)





# Events in Saudi

Some of the event Saudi Arabia will host in the coming years:

Positioned as the world's new crossroads, Riyadh, the nation's capital, is becoming a hub for diverse talents and aspirations ..



- 2024** Convention's Conference of the Parties (COP16)
- 2025** Asian Indoor Games
- 2026** World Energy Congress
- 2027** Asia Cup
- 2028** 9th TAFISA World Sport For All Games
- 2029** Asian Winter Games
- 2030** Riyadh Expo
- 2034** World Cup

# Riyadh IGF

Sponsored by Saudi Arabia and the UN, Riyadh will host IGF 2024



December 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2024



**Hybrid format** with 10,000 in-person and 5,000 virtual expected attendees



The event will take place at **King Abdul Aziz International Conference Center in Riyadh**



Main sponsors are **Saudi Arabia and the United Nations**



**Organizing entity:** Digital Government Authority and UN Dept. of Econ. and Social Affairs (UNDESA)



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# Facts and Numbers in Digital Economy



## Saudi Arabia

**Aims to** contribute to building a thriving and inclusive digital economy for all. This comes in light of the unlimited support by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman, the Prime Minister.

Rank **1**

ESCWA (GEMS-2023)  
Maturity index

Rank **2**

In the Digital Competitiveness  
Report Among G20 Countries

Rank **3**

Globally In the GOVTECH  
Maturity Index

Rank **4**

Globally in the Digital  
Regulations Readiness

**15%**

Contribution of the Digital  
Economy to the GDP

“The Kingdom is leading international efforts to increase digital inclusion and bridge the digital divide worldwide.”

H.E. Eng. Abdullah Bin Amer Alswaha, the Minister of Communications and Information Technology





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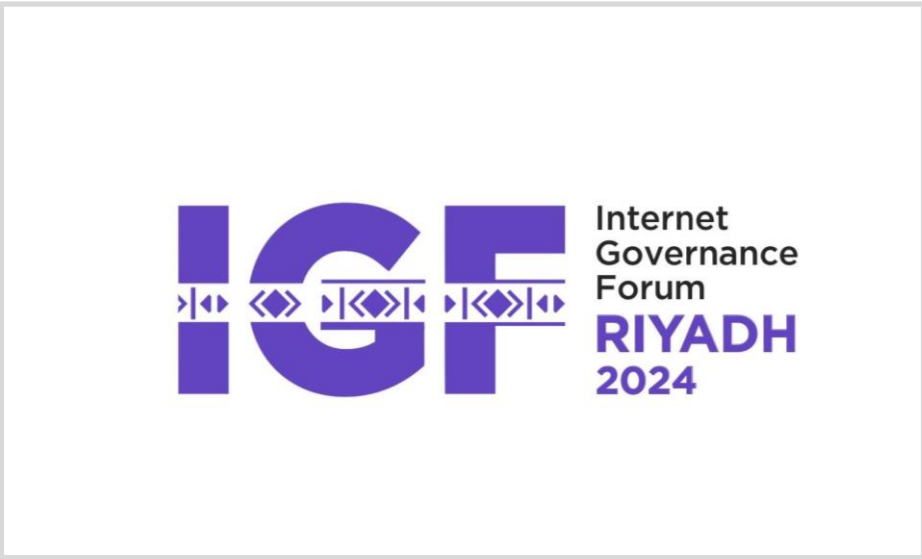
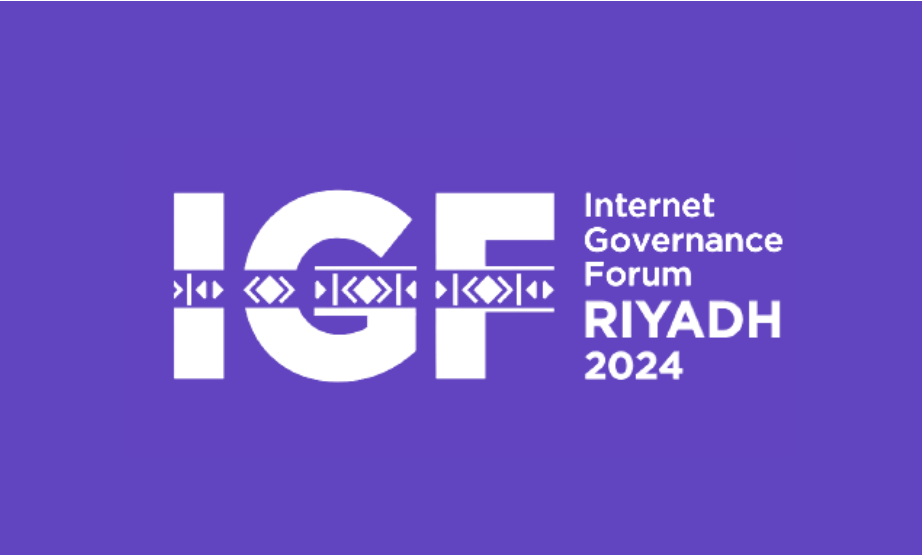
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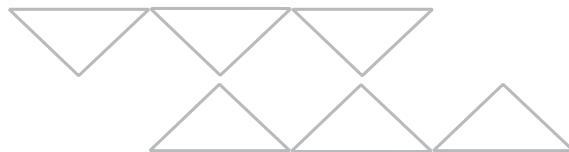
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# IGF Riyadh 2024 Logo



# Logo Philosophy

Our Najdi inscriptions and our entrenched heritage in our kingdom, and its enduring connection to authenticity, are a fundamental part of the kingdom's cultural and consequently digital evolution over centuries. This contributes to hosting the Internet Governance Forum 2024, a pioneering and substantial event held in the city of Riyadh, providing an opportunity for the exchange of experiences and best practices related to the internet.



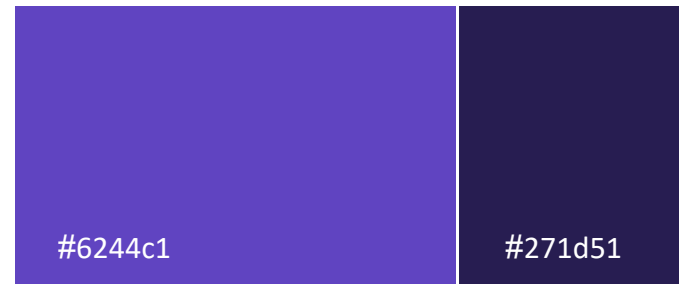
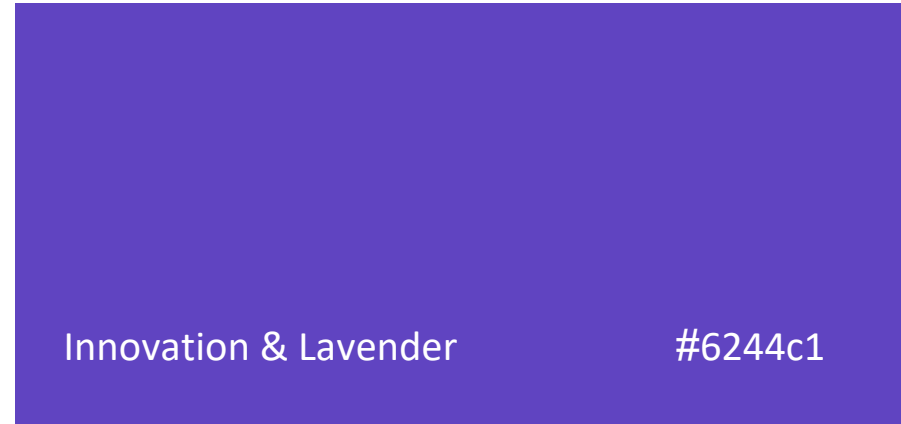
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# Color Scheme

The color of innovation and the color of lavender represent the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, adorning the country's deserts with the lavender blossom during the spring season. This color has become a symbol for welcoming presidents and kings.





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# King Abdulaziz International Conference Center, Riyadh

The King Abdulaziz  
International Conference Center



A unique venue setting, bringing expertise to create a fully rounded, highly curated, congress, exhibition and food and beverage experience, **It is built on 165,000 square meters, the building area occupies 80,000 square meters**



# Venue for Hosting IGF 2024

## King Abdulaziz International Conference Center Center amenities



Ball rooms



VIP lounge



Free parking



Meeting rooms

- Large spaces for halls and other facilities
- 2 main halls, each of which can accommodate more than 1,000 people
- More than 12 meeting rooms accommodating more than 80 people
- A space in the reception hall for media outlets and channels
- Reception area for more than 600 people
- VIP reception lounge
- Reception suites for Excellencies, each of which accommodates 20 persons
- VIP entrances
- External green spaces and gardens that can be provided with accompanying activities















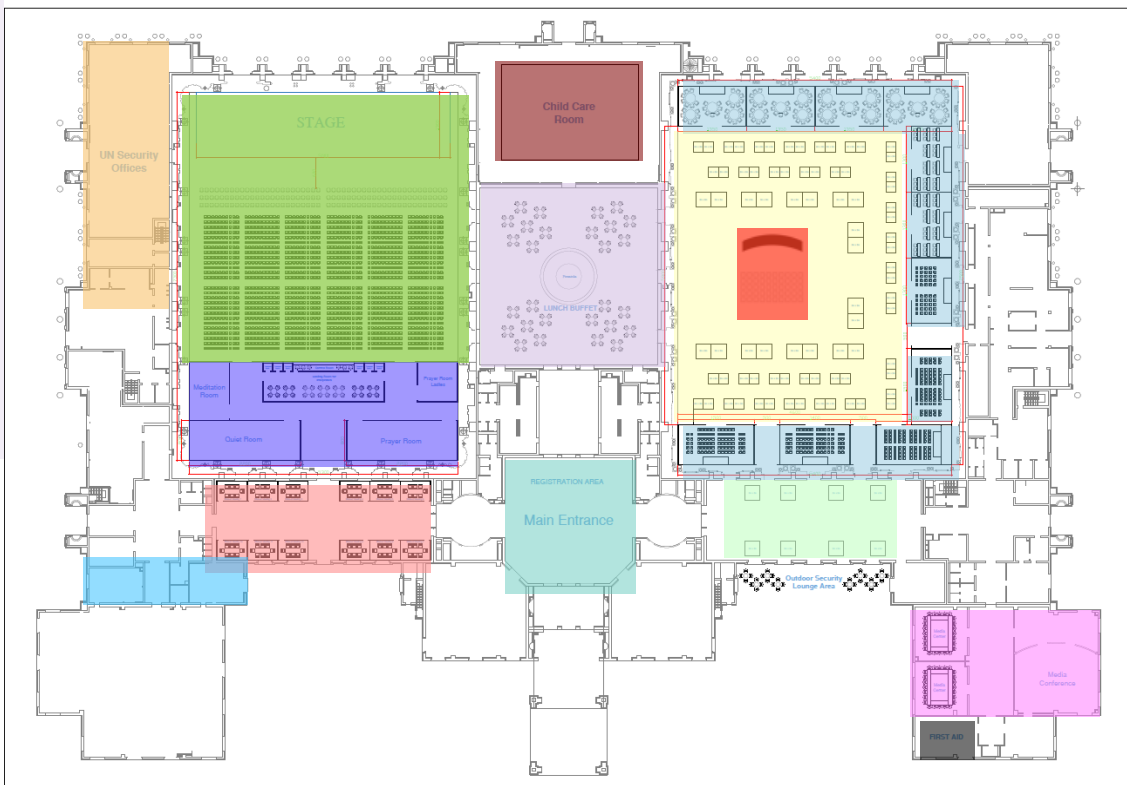
# Venue Layout

## 14 Zones in IGF Venue

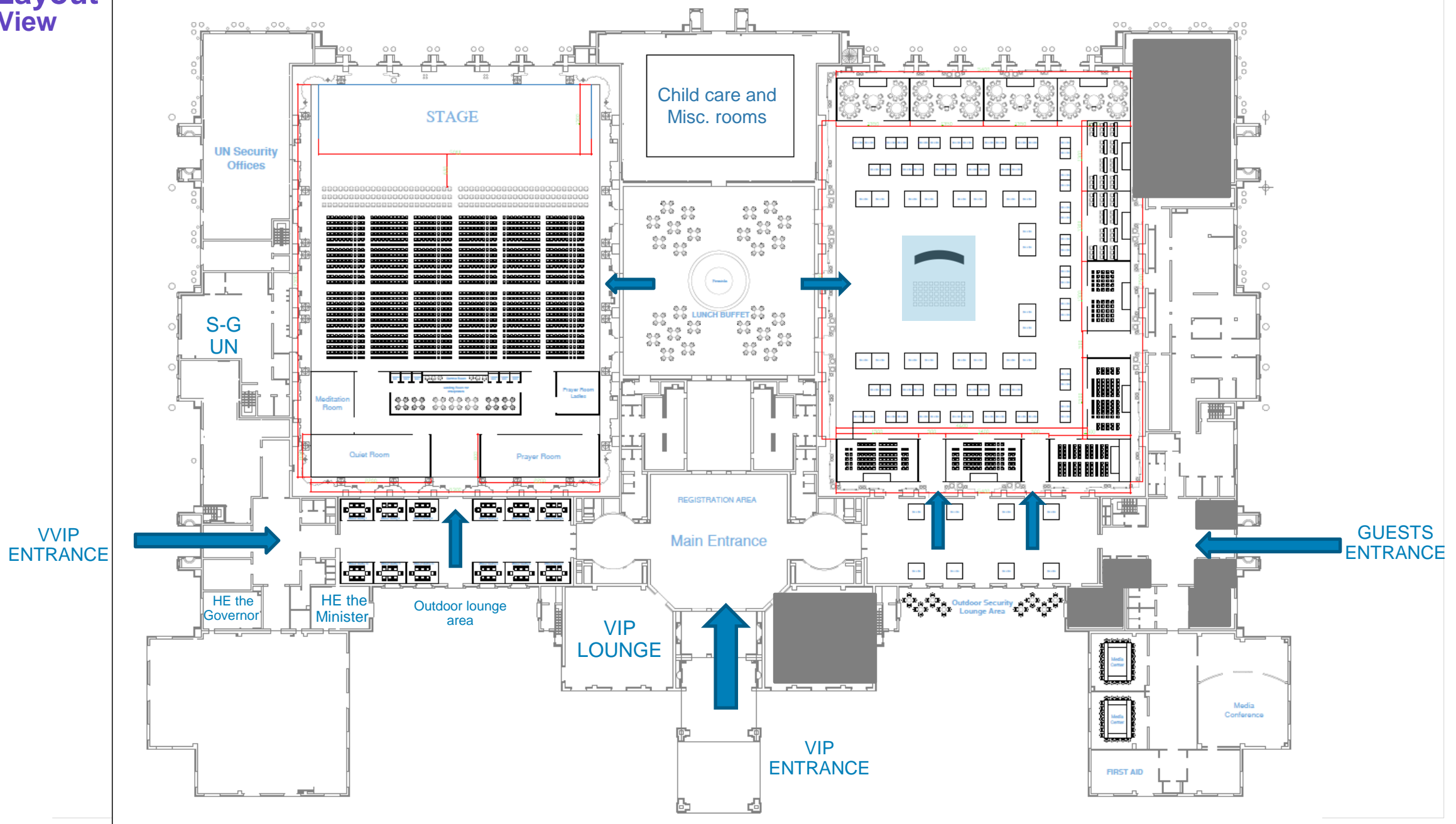
King Abdulaziz International Conference Center will be customized to serve the forum in the best way, with the consideration of all the requirements from the UN

KAAICC will have 14 zones, all workshops, booths launches...etc. are distributed in the following areas:

-  Main Stage
-  Workshops
-  Village Booths
-  Lunch Area
-  Media Center
-  First Aid
-  Bilateral Meeting Room
-  Main Entrance
-  VIP Suites
-  UN Offices
-  Booths 3\*3
-  Marketplace



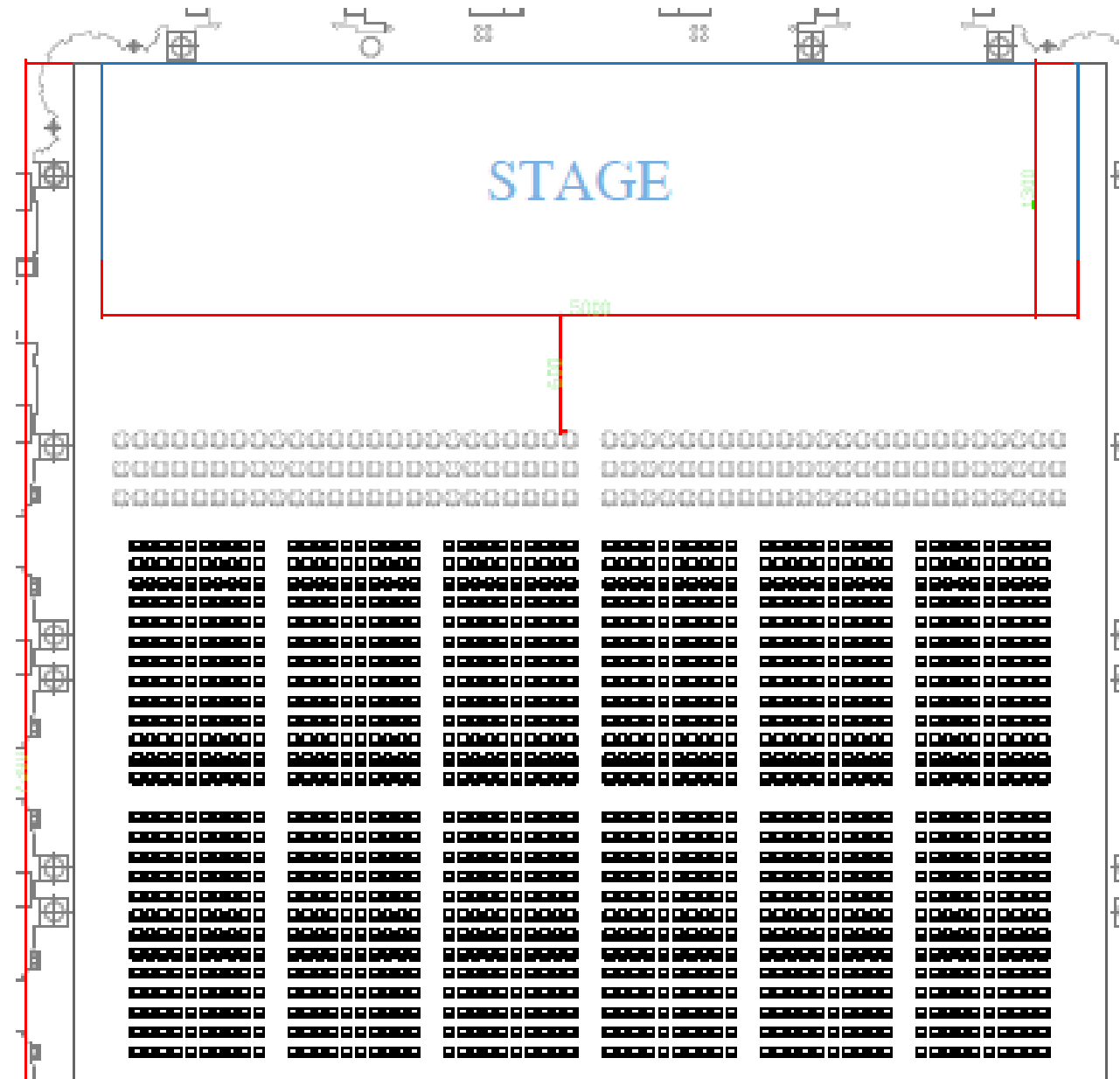
# Venue Layout Holistic View



# Venue Layout

## The Stage

- The stage area is 50 \* 100 square meters.
- Number of seats for VIPs  
1<sup>st</sup> row 48 seats  
Total for the 1<sup>st</sup> (3) rows: 144 seats
- Number of audience seats  
Each row 74 seats  
Total of 1406 seats
- Total number of seats for the hall  
1550 seats





# IGF 2024 Venue

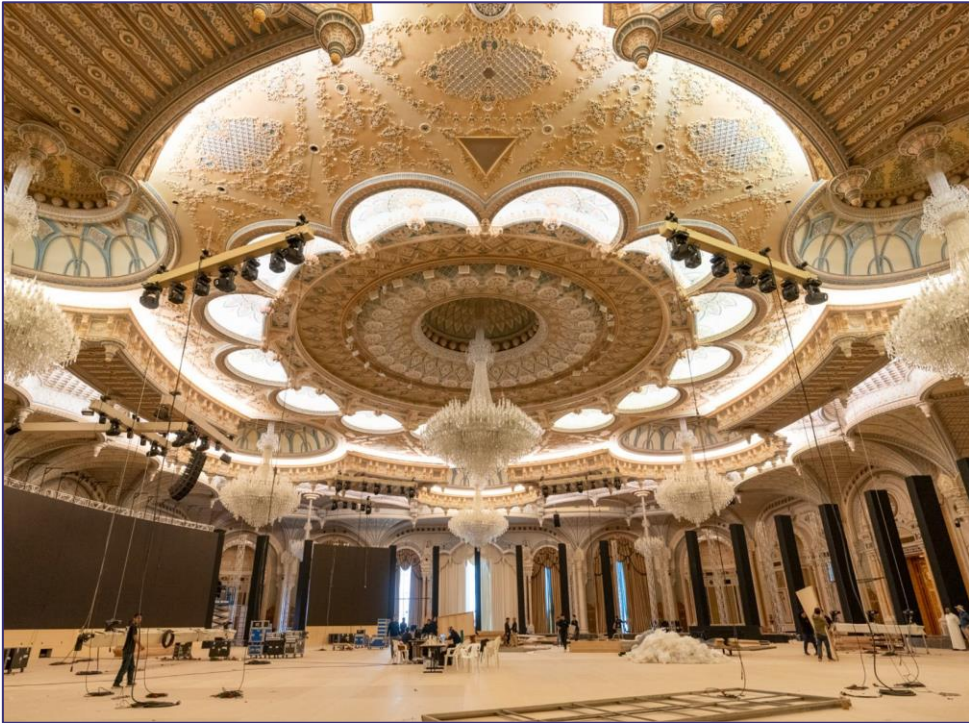
## Reception & Lobby





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## Majlis/Lounge





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## Main Halls





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## Meeting Rooms





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# IGF Track

## Progress in the IGF tracks



### Parliamentary Track:

Shura Council is currently leading this track from the host country, a team is officially formulated and led by Shura Council member Dr. Latifa Alabdulkarim, in addition to the IPU who are also part of the team.



### Youth Track:

Misk Foundation is leading this track and to represent the youth from the Saudi, ongoing discussion with IGF Secretariat on the workplan and the way forward.



### Business Track:

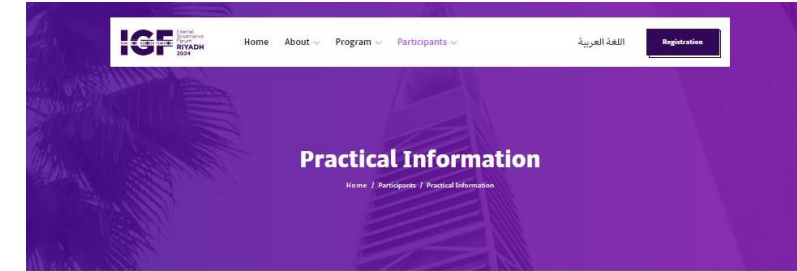
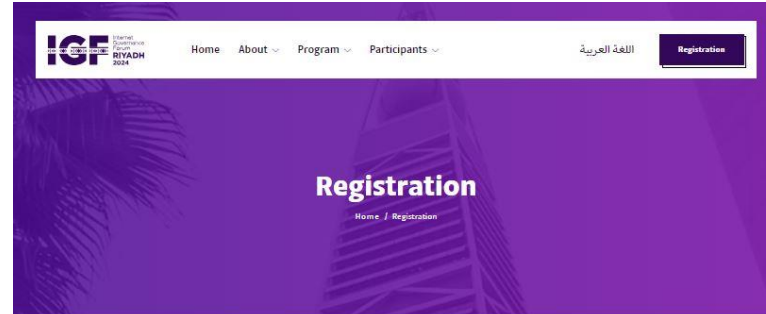
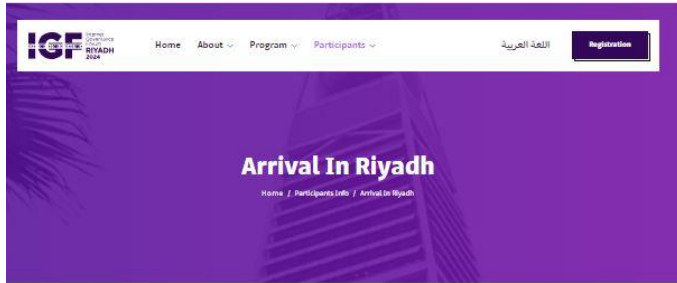
Since this is a new suggested track, host country, IGF Secretariat and International Chamber of Commerce are exploring this idea and working on maximizing the value.



### High-Level Track:

Invitations are underway, sessions/panels are in the design phase, there will be 4 to 5 sessions related to this track at the IGF.

# IGF Riyadh 2024 Website



**Arrival In Riyadh**

## King Khalid International Airport

Located 35 kilometers north of Riyadh, King Khalid International Airport is the main gateway to the Saudi capital. Around 40 international airlines connect Saudi Arabia to American, European, Asian, and African cities, making it easily accessible for international travelers.

**Airport Transfer**  
You can choose different options for your transfer from the Airport to your hotel:

- Ride Sharing apps:
  - Uber
  - Careem
  - Beit
- Booking a car with your hotel.
- Use the Official Green Taxis:
  - TAXI

مطار الملك خالد الدولي  
King Khalid Int'l Airport

## IGF 2024

### Registration

#### Register for IGF Riyadh 2024

You need to register with the UN Accreditation System for both attending the conference in person and attending online in advance. Admission to the IGF Riyadh 2024 is free of charge.

[Register Here For IGF Riyadh 2024](#)

#### Participating in person or online

You can register to participate and attend in person in Kyoto or online through the UN's accreditation system. For this you will first need a user account, which you then use to register for IGF Riyadh 2024.

#### 01. Create a user account

Create a user account on the website of the UN accreditation system. If you already have an account, you can log on straight away. To create a new account, select "create an account at this UN Accreditation system".

#### 02. Activate your account

Once you have created your new account, you will receive an email with a confirmation link that you will need to click on.

#### 03. Register for IGF Riyadh 2024

Once your account is activated, please register from "Register now". Then, you will receive an email once your registration is approved.

#### For those who visit IGF Riyadh 2024

##### At the entrance

Please make sure to bring the government-issued ID with the photo (passport, driver's license card, etc.) which you used to register. **You may not be able to enter if you do not bring it.**

##### Throughout the Forum

Throughout the Forum, please wear your ID badge which you received at the registration desk at the visible position.

## IGF 2024

### Practical Information

<h4>Currency</h4> <p>The Saudi Riyal (SAR) is the country's official currency.</p> <p>All banks in Saudi Arabia offer currency exchange services. Exchange bureaus are located at airports, some shopping centers, and various other locations throughout the country. Credit card, such as Visa, MasterCard, and American Express, are accepted throughout Saudi Arabia. ATMs are also widely available.</p>	<h4>Climate</h4> <p>The best months to visit are between November and February when the weather is coldest.</p> <p>The average daily high in Riyadh is still 22°C in November, but it drops to 22°C in December.</p>	<h4>Devices</h4> <p>Saudi Arabia currently provides electricity at 127/220 volts AC. British-style square three-pin plugs are used.</p>
<h4>Common Expressions</h4> <p>Salam Alaykum = Hello/Hi Min Falaah = Please Ewea = Yes La = No Shukran = Thank you Ahwan = You're welcome</p>	<h4>Roaming</h4> <p>International roaming agreements exist with many carriers.</p> <p>Hotels will include access to a landline, but local and international calls can be much more expensive than calls placed on a cellular line. We suggest you check with your mobile carrier before traveling and purchase a roaming package to your carrier once on-ground. Popular Saudi Carriers are STC, Mobily and Zain.</p>	<h4>Dress Code</h4> <p>For women and men: business attire is expected during the IGF24. In respect to local customs, modest attire such as long trousers or dresses and full-length shirts are customary in public. Often, it is temperate inside due to AC, and in the evening, it is suggested to bring layers. When visiting religious sites, women must cover their heads, so it's a good idea to bring a scarf with you.</p>





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Everyone is welcome ..





Thanks