

# AI. UpSkill

by PwC Academy Middle East

Building workforce capabilities that drive AI transformation



# AI is not the future. It's the now.



Artificial Intelligence has shifted from a niche innovation to a core driver of transformation across industries and the public sector. No longer just a technical trend, AI is a strategic enabler—powering decisions through predictive analytics, automation, natural language processing, and machine learning.

From finance and healthcare to government and logistics, AI is enhancing speed, accuracy, and efficiency. Organisations are moving beyond exploration, embedding AI into their operations, services, customer engagement, and resilience strategies—making what was once experimental now essential.

70%

of CEOs believe GenAl will significantly change the way their company creates, delivers, and captures value

- PwC Global CEO Survey 2024

**69**%

of CEOs in the US say Al will require most of their workforce to develop new skills within the next three years

PwC Global CEO Survey 2024

31%

of CEOs indicate that their company has changed its **technology strategy** because of GenAl

PwC Global CEO Survey 2024

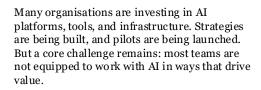
**38%** 

of Middle East organisations say they are ready to scale Al effectively

- PwC ME: Realising the Full Potential of Data & AI, 2025



The biggest blocker to AI success is not technology. It is workforce capability.



This is not only about technical knowledge. It is about fluency, confidence, and the ability to apply AI to real business problems. When people do not understand how to use AI in their roles, adoption stays surface level.

These challenges show up in different ways across the organisation. Some are subtle, others are more visible. Until they are addressed, AI investment will continue to outpace capability and impact will remain limited.



# What the capability gap really looks like

1 Inconsistent confidence and fluency

Most employees lack the confidence and clarity to use AI in their daily work, resulting in hesitation, underuse, and fragmented adoption across teams.

02 Limited leadership readiness

Leaders often endorse AI in principle but lack the practical fluency to embed it into decision-making, team enablement, and operational strategy.

O3 Siloed, Ad-hoc learning

Without structured, role-specific learning journeys, organisations rely on fragmented training efforts that fail to build lasting capability at scale.



Misalignment between tools and talent

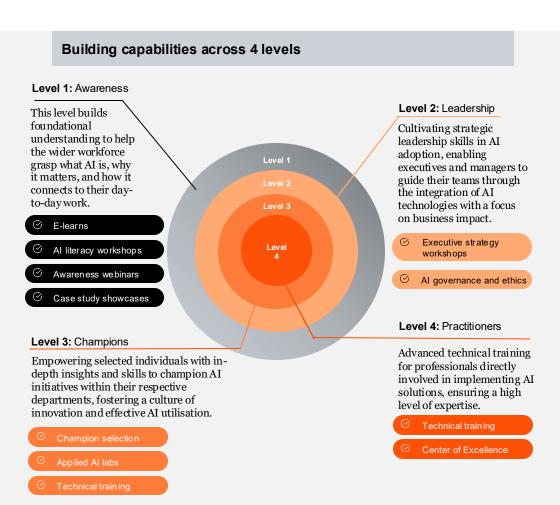
AI tools are often deployed before people are ready to use them effectively, which leads to low adoption, missed value, and poor return on investment.



# Our AI capability building framework

To address the complexity of AI adoption, **we've developed a four-level capability building framework** that supports learners at every stage of readiness. From raising foundational awareness to enabling deep technical expertise, each level is designed to meet people where they are and guide them toward confident, responsible, and applied use of AI in their roles.

- Level 1: Awareness
- Level 2: Leadership
- Level 3: Champions
- Level 4: Practitioners



# Programmes tailored to each level of AI readiness

At PwC Academy we offer a comprehensive portfolio of AI programmes designed to support learners at every stage of readiness. Our offerings are structured around clear capability levels, from building foundational awareness to advancing technical mastery. Each programme is practical, aligned to real roles, and flexible to deliver based on client needs, whether as standalone sessions, full learning journeys, or integrated into wider transformation initiatives.

### Level 1: Awareness

- · AI for Everyone
- Understanding Machine Learning Algorithms
- · Building No Code AI Applications
- Using Microsoft Office Applications with AI (With Copilot license)
- Boosting Productivity with Generative AI (Prompt Engineering and ChatGPT)
- Boosting Creativity with Generative AI (focusing on the creative work / image generation)

## Level 2: Leadership

- · Leading with AI
- Artificial Intelligence: Business Strategies and Applications (focusing on strategy and use cases)
- · AI Executive Program me
- AI Leadership and Governance / Chief AI Officer (for technical leaders)
- Generative AI: Executive Strategies to Unlock Enterprise Value



## Level 3: Champions

- · Applied Machine Learning
- Python for Data Science
- ETL Data Extract, Transform, Load for AI Champions
- Advanced Business Intelligence and Self Service AI
- Artificial Neural Networks
- Data Governance and Management for AI
- AI Ethics
- AI Project Management



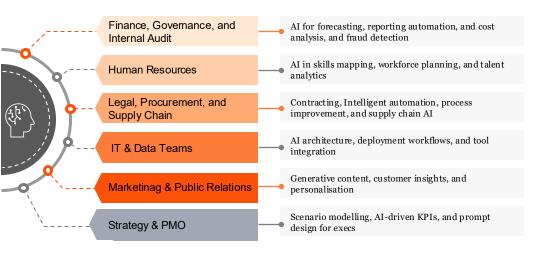
### Level 4: Practitioners

- · Natural Language Processing
- Computer Vision
- Building Chatbots
- Reinforcement Learning and Recommender Systems
- · Mathematics and Statistics for Machine Learning
- MLOps
- · AI on Cloud
- Responsible AI
- · Threat Intelligence for AI
- AI Model Security
- Large Language Models
- Data Engineering for Machine Learning
- · Big Data Management for AI

# Activating AI capability across functions and departments

While individual upskilling is essential, real transformation happens when entire functions evolve together. We support cross-departmental enablement by aligning learning to the tools, use cases, and responsibilities of each business unit — from operations and finance to HR, strategy, and PMO. This ensures that AI adoption is not only understood, but embedded where it creates value.







# Upskilling professionals in AI so you can unlock industry-wide impact

Empowering individuals is important, but meaningful impact comes when entire sectors shift their ways of working. PwC Academy accelerates industry-wide transformation by designing learning experiences for professionals across various industry verticals and specialisations.









# Smart cities, Destination transport & logistics

# Energy resources & sustainability

### Government & public sector

# Typical target audiences include:

- Procurement professionals
- Supply chain managers
- Business leaders and decision-makers
- · Customer experience leaders
- Consultants and analysts
- Inventory and warehouse automation leads
- · Inventory optimisation leaders
- Digital product heads and product managers
- UX/UI leaders

# Typical target audiences include:

- Environmental and regulatory compliance leaders
- Risk and resilience managers
- Sustainability and ESG officers
- Business leaders and decision makers
- · Consultants and analysts
- · Procurement professionals
- Supply chain managers
   Al and data science teams

# Typical target audiences include:

- Policy makers and regulators
- Public administration and digital transformation leaders
- Cybersecurity leaders
- Quality assurance and compliance heads
- Service delivery managers
- Data CoE team
- IT governance and risk management heads

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# Technology, media & telecommunication

# Typical target audiences include:

- Telecom business unit heads
- Network planning and optimisation leaders
- Spectrum management leaders
- Enterprise services product managers
- IoT and edge computing solution leaders
- Digital engagement and omnichannel managers
- Cybersecurity and threat intelligence leaders

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# Health

# Typical target audiences include:

- Hospital directors and administrators
- Medical department and clinical operations leaders
- · Medical informatics leaders
- Healthcare Al and ML specialists
- Pharma R&D and clinical trial managers
- Safety and pharmacovigilance heads

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## Financial services

# Typical target audiences

- Heads for corporate, wealth or investment banking
- Branch operations leaders
- Digital banking heads
- Fintech managers

include:

- Compliance and regulatory affairs heads
- Fraud prevention and detection heads
- Financial data analytics leads and predictive modelling specialists

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# Empowering learners with credentials that support advancement and organisational trust

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# Our certifications by International Accrediting bodies

## **Expert level:**

- The Certified Artificial Intelligence Practitioner (CAIP)
- Certified Data Science Practitioner (CDSP)
- Certified Ethical Emerging Technologist

# Beginner level:

- AIBIZ
- GENAIBIZ
- Data Science for Business Professionals
- Data Ethics for Business Professionals (DEBIZ)

### Our certifications

- Certified AI
- ISO/IEC 42001 AI Management Systems

### Our certifications

- Data+
- DataSys+
- DataX

### Our certifications

Al in Project Management (PMI AI-PM)

# Why Partner with PwC?

# PwC's global commitment to Al

PwC has committed \$1 billion globally to transform how we work with and through AI. This investment accelerates our internal adoption, strengthens the tools and services we deliver to clients, and ensures every team member has the skills and confidence to work with AI responsibly. The scale of this initiative reflects the same ambition and rigour we bring to capability-building at PwC Academy.

Upskilling 75,500+ People Globally Developing Trusted Al Tools Partnering with Leading AI Innovators Scaling AI with Clients at the Centre

We bring a wealth of knowledge through reports, surveys, and publications in Artificial Intelligence - both from the Middle East firm and our Global Network





US\$320 billion by 2030? The potential impact of AI in the Middle East (ME)



Gaining national competitive advantage through Artificial Intelligence



An introduction to implementing Al in Manufacturing (ME)





Sizing the prize PwC's Glob al Artificial Intelligence Study: Exploiting the Al Revolution



From Virtual to Reality Six imperatives for becoming an Already healthcare business (ME)



Autonomous intelligence in customer experience: The new competitive advantage



A Virtual Partnership? How Artificial Intelligence will disrupt Project Management and change the role of Project Managers (ME)



How AI can enable a sustainable future

## A proven track record of innovation, upskilling, and AI enablement at scale

PwC leverages a strong foundation of innovation and global initiatives to build scalable capabilities. Through GenAI enablement, experience centres, and AI labs, we've driven transformation within PwC and for clients across industries—blending education with activation and earning trust along the way.



## Tomorrow Today



PwC actively encourages upskilling for AI, emphasising the importance of preparing today for the workforce challenges of tomorrow.

### Digital Accelerators



The programme focuses on AI and Advanced Data & Analytics to elevate digital skills, empowering individuals for enhanced efficiency at both individual and team levels.

### GenAl Workforce



We collaborate with clients to clarify the strategic implications of GenAI, informing their response and delivering value across diverse sectors and industries.

### Use Case Library



We have developed a video use case library to showcase the diverse applications of GenAI at PwC.

### Experience Center



The Dubai Experience Centre evolves ideas from strategy through to execution. It is a hub for innovation and creativity, solving our region's most important problems.

## DigiFundME



Focuses on upskilling individuals but goes a step further by providing learners with a \$500 fund to support their enrollment in a wide range of technological courses.

### US Al Lab



The AI Lab USA at PwC is a specialised AI-focused department equipped to drive innovation and harness the full potential of GenAI.

# GenAl e-learning



PwC strategically leverages the Gen AI training to skillfully upskill our people, ensuring they acquire in-depth knowledge and expertise in artificial intelligence and its practical applications.

We work with global leaders to deliver learning that is credible, current, and career-ready.

At PwC, we collaborate with leading certification providers and technology partners to ensure our learning experiences meet global standards and real-world expectations. These strategic alliances allow us to embed trusted tools, recognised credentials, and industry-relevant content into our programmes. This is how we give learners a clear pathway to apply their learning and gain qualifications that hold value across markets and sectors.



### What these partnerships enable

Our partnerships with leading education and technology providers are not just about brand alignment. They are an essential part of how we deliver practical, validated, and forward-looking learning experiences that reflect the tools and expectations of the modern workplace.



Access to real platforms and AI tools used in live environments, enabling learners to apply concepts with confidence



Certification pathways that align to job roles, recognised across industries and geographies



Assurance that our programmes meet global benchmarks for quality, credibility, and technical relevance

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