

Gulf Air joins World Air Transport Summit

Joins IATA's CO2 Connect Platform on the Sidelines of the Summit

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Gulf Air, the national carrier of the Kingdom of Bahrain, participated in the 82nd International Air Transport Association (IATA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) and World Air Transport Summit 2026, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 6 to 8 June 2026.

Gulf Air's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Martin Gauss, represented the airline in key industry discussions alongside senior executives from across the global aviation sector. The AGM served



as a platform for the airline to contribute to debates shaping the operational, commercial, and strategic direction of the industry, as the industry navigates an increasingly complex global landscape.



On the sidelines of the AGM, Gulf Air signed on to IATA's CO2 Connect platform, an initiative that leverages actual airline operational data — including fuel burn, belly cargo, and load factors — to deliver more precise and transparent passenger CO2 emissions calculations. Through its participation in the platform, Gulf Air

will contribute to enhancing the accuracy of global emissions data, supporting more informed decision-making for travellers and stakeholders alike. This reinforces the airline's commitment to supporting industry-wide efforts toward greater environmental accountability and data-driven sustainability practices.

The 82nd IATA AGM brought together senior leaders from airlines, the broader aviation value chain, and key industry stakeholders, providing a critical forum to address the rapidly evolving challenges facing the global industry.

Bahrain, US Explore Energy Challenges



Bahrain and the United States discussed strengthening co-operation during a high-level meeting in Manama. The meeting was held between Bahrain's Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, and the United States

Ambassador Michael Waltz.

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Commencement of Subscription in the 46th Issue of the Government Development Bond through Bahrain Bourse

With a Size of BHD 150 Million and a Return of 6.70%



Bahrain Bourse (BHB) announced that as of Thursday, 11th of June 2026, and according to the invitation announced by the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), Bahraini and Non-Bahraini investors can directly subscribe through the primary market of BHB in the Government Development Bond Issue 46 (BHD 150 million) that has been issued by the CBB on behalf of the Government of Bahrain by executing their orders through registered brokers at Bahrain Bourse.

Thereafter, investors will be able to trade the Bond on the secondary market at BHB once listed, which is expected to be on 1st July 2026.

Bahrain Bourse specified that the subscription period through the registered brokers will be on Thursday, 11th of June 2026 from 9:30 am until 11:00 am. The minimum subscription size is 500 bond per subscriber.

The BHD 150 million Bond issued at a par value of BHD 1 each on the 17th of June 2026 for a period of 5 years matur-

ing on the 17th of June 2031. The annual fixed return on these securities is 6.70%, and will be paid bi-annually on 17th of December and 17th of June every year throughout the period of this issue, commencing on 17th of December 2026 up to and including the Maturity Date.

The Central Bank of Bahrain issued the Government Development Bond on behalf of the Government of Bahrain. The Government of Bahrain directly guarantees the Bond securities.

Evolution of AI and impact on our daily lives

As AI technology continues to advance, it has the potential to create smarter transportation networks, reduce traffic accidents, lower emissions and make travel more convenient and safer for everyone.

No day in our lives passes without hearing, reading, or using the buzzword AI. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a technology that enables computers and machines to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as learning, reasoning and decision-making. AI is used in everyday applications such as virtual assistants, recommendation systems, navigation apps, and medical diagnostics. As AI continues to advance, it is expected to make our lives more efficient and productive while also creating new challenges related to ethics, privacy and employment.

Imagine a day without electricity or the internet—many of the activities we rely on would come to a standstill. Artificial Intelligence is following a similar path, becoming deeply integrated into our daily lives by helping us work, learn, communicate and make decisions more efficiently. In the future, AI may become so essential that living without it could feel as disruptive as living without electricity or internet access today.

Artificial Intelligence is transforming almost every field by improving efficiency, accuracy, and decision-making, enabling people to accomplish tasks faster and more effectively. From healthcare to education, and from transportation to business, AI is helping us solve complex problems, enhance productivity, and create new opportunities for innovation in our daily lives. AI can help in almost all fields where human intervention is effective, be it agriculture, energy management, scientific research, weather forecast, you name it; however, it is currently limited only to tackling human emotions and our responses.

In our homes, AI is making it smarter, safer and more convenient. AI-powered devices such as smartphones, AI assistants, smart speakers, thermostats, security cameras, and robotic vacuum cleaners can perform tasks automatically and respond to voice commands. AI helps to manage household activities by

controlling lighting, adjusting room temperatures, monitoring energy consumption and enhancing home security through intelligent surveillance systems. It can also provide reminders, answer questions, play music, and assist with daily planning. As AI technology continues to evolve, homes will become increasingly intelligent, offering greater comfort, efficiency, safety and personalised experiences for family members.

At work, AI is transforming workplaces by increasing productivity and efficiency. AI can automate repetitive tasks such as data entry, scheduling, report generation and customer support, allowing employees to focus on more creative and strategic work. AI-powered tools help businesses to analyse large amounts of data, identify trends and make better decisions. In fields such as healthcare, finance, manufacturing and marketing, AI assists professionals by providing insights, improving accuracy and reducing human error.

AI is transforming education by making learning more personalised, interactive, and accessible. AI-powered tools can help students understand difficult concepts, provide instant feedback on assignments and create customised learning plans based on individual strengths and weaknesses. In schools, AI can assist teachers by automating administrative tasks, such as grading and attendance, so they can spend more time teaching and mentoring students. In colleges, AI supports research, data analysis, virtual laboratories and intelligent tutoring systems that help students learn at their own pace. AI is transforming healthcare by helping doctors and medical professionals provide faster, more accurate and more personalised care. AI can analyse medical records, laboratory results and medical images to assist in the early detection and diagnosis of diseases. AI-powered systems help monitor patients, predict health risks, and recommend treatment options based on individual and genetic medical histories. Wearable devices and smart health applications can also track vital signs and alert patients or healthcare providers to potential health concerns.

AI systems can analyse medical images, such as X-rays, MRIs, and CT scans, to detect conditions such as cancer, stroke, or tuberculosis at an early stage. This is extremely valuable in rural, less-accessible or underserved areas, where



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expert radiologists may not be available. By providing fast and accurate preliminary analysis, AI helps doctors make quicker decisions and improves patient survival rates.

AI is revolutionising transportation by making travel safer, faster and more efficient. AI-powered systems analyse traffic patterns in real time, optimise routes and reduce congestion, helping commuters save time and fuel. AI is also used in advanced driver assistance systems and autonomous vehicles, which can detect obstacles, maintain safe distances and assist drivers in avoiding accidents. In public transportation, AI helps manage schedules, predict maintenance needs and improve overall service reliability. As AI technology continues to advance, it has the potential to create smarter transportation networks, reduce traffic accidents, lower emissions and make travel more convenient and safer for everyone.

All that has been said about AI also raises concerns about privacy, security, misinformation, and job displacement. Most of our personal data, including our daily lives, routines, habits and behaviour, will become part of a huge database accessible to individuals, connected establishments and organisations that own this big data. In fact, with instantaneous resolution, all governments, relevant authorities, institutions, regulatory bodies, and businesses must establish ethical guidelines to ensure AI is used responsibly and ethically.

Indeed, AI has the potential to, and will definitely improve, convenience, productivity, healthcare, education, and the overall quality and longevity of human life. Its impact will depend not only on technological progress but also on how wisely and responsibly humanity chooses to use it.