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# Tamkeen-Skills Bahrain Highlights Emerging Jobs and Key Insights from the Manufacturing Sector Skills Report at the ‘Future Skills – Manufacturing’ Event

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Skills Bahrain, an initiative under the umbrella of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), held the ‘Future Skills – Manufacturing’ event, bringing together key stakeholders from Bahrain’s manufacturing industry to discuss the findings of the latest Manufacturing Sector Skills Report developed by Skills Bahrain.

The Manufacturing Sector Skills Report sheds light on labor market trends, skills in demand and emerging jobs in the manufacturing sector, it also highlights the significant transformation in the skills landscape, driven by the adoption of Industry 4.0 technologies. Among the most in-demand roles in the sector are



Research and Development Scientists, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Experts, Materials Engineers, and Digital Transformation Specialists, along with other fast-growing jobs. The report also underscores the importance of mastering technical skills such as Data Analysis and

Big Data Management, Machine Operation, and project management, reflecting the growing need to develop national talent capable of meeting the evolving demands of the manufacturing sector.

As part of the event, a panel discussion brought together representatives from key stake-

holders, including Mr. Ahmed Shaheen – Associate Director of Sector Skills Development Skills Bahrain, Mr. Khalid Salman Al Qassimi – Director of Industrial Development at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and Ms. Yusra Al Hussaini – Chief of Business Development and Lifelong Learning– Polytechnic

Bahrain. The session explored emerging trends, key opportunities, and the critical skills and jobs shaping the future of the manufacturing sector—aimed at strengthening the readiness and competitiveness of the national workforce.

Amer Marhoon, Managing Director of Skills Bahrain stated: “Bahrain’s manufacturing sector is a dynamic and diverse component of the national economy, currently undergoing substantial transformation driven by advancements in technology. As the sector continues to evolve, it is crucial to shed light on the importance of reliable data and insights that reflect current and future needs. This event brought together industry voices to shape future

strategies. It was also essential in raising awareness about the key findings presented in the report. These insights help professionals across the sector guide workforce planning, align training efforts, and make informed decisions that contribute to sustainable industry growth.”

Mr. Khalid Salman Al Qassimi, Director of Industrial Development, emphasized that the Industry Sector Strategy 2022–2026 is built upon key pillars, including achieving sustainable growth for the sector, increasing its contribution to GDP, creating promising employment opportunities for citizens, and enhancing competitiveness at the local, regional, and global levels.

# France, Saudi push **two-state peace** path

UN summit to back joint effort

● France to recognise Palestine

● Global push backed by France, KSA begins

● UN summit scheduled in September

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(L/R) Conference co-chairs Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud and French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot speak during a press conference during the United Nations conference on a two state solution for Israel and the Palestinians, at UN headquarters on July 28, 2025, in New York City. Ever since the partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states in 1947, the United Nations has been inextricably linked to the fate of Palestinians, with the organization meeting this week hoping to revive the two-state solution. (Photo by CHARLY TRIBALLEAU / AFP)

France will formally recognise the State of Palestine in September, French Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-Noël Barrot announced during a high-level international conference in New York, marking a decisive shift in European diplomacy that now aligns with Saudi Arabia’s regional peace-building efforts.

The move was revealed at a UN General Assembly-led plenary session on the peaceful settlement of the Palestine question, where Barrot called on world leaders to join what he described as an “irreversible momentum” toward a two-state solution.

The September announcement is expected to coincide with a summit of heads of state and government during the UN General Assembly.

### Arab Coordination

The French minister praised the coordination with Saudi

Arabia, which is working with France to revive the stalled peace roadmap. He said this new collective initiative has already led to historic commitments from both the Palestinian Authority and regional Arab powers.

Barrot cited a recent letter from the Palestinian Authority

to President Emmanuel Macron and Saudi Crown Prince MHR Mohammed bin Salman, where the Palestinian leadership condemned the 7 October attacks for the first time, pledged the disarmament of Hamas, promised to end payments to prisoners convicted of terrorism charges, and announced elections for 2026.

“This recognition, a major decision by France, expresses a refusal, and also contains a call,” Barrot told the assembly, urging countries that have not yet recognised Palestine to act now while the political window remains open.

### Two-State Revival

The announcement comes amid concern that the two-state solution is slipping further out of reach. Barrot warned that the current trajectory, marked by ongoing Israeli military operations in Gaza, the expansion of West Bank settlements, and the political fragmentation of Palestinian territories, has placed the prospect of coexistence in mortal danger.

He sharply criticised both Hamas and Israeli extremists,

saying the violence and rejectionism on both sides were undermining any viable path to peace.

“The two-state solution is about to give way to perpetual confrontation,” he said, stressing that France’s recognition of Palestine is meant to empower non-violent actors, isolate Hamas, and pressure Israel to abandon annexation plans.

### Next Steps

France’s top diplomat called on Arab and Muslim countries to renew normalisation efforts with Israel and help construct a regional security architecture. He also urged Israel to lift the humanitarian blockade on Gaza, cease its military operations, and resume dialogue.

Barrot framed the move as both a moral imperative and a strategic necessity. “Today, we have the opportunity to save a peace process. That is our responsibility before history,” he said.

France’s recognition will make it the first permanent member of the UN Security Council to take such a step since Russia’s recognition in 1988, and could



More than 140 countries have already recognised the State of Palestine, but France’s move marks the first by a permanent UN Security Council member in over a decade.

provide new diplomatic momentum in the lead-up to the UN General Assembly summit this September.

So far, over 140 UN member states have recognised Palestine, but France’s move carries unique weight given its position in both the EU and global security institutions.

France’s message, Barrot concluded, is simple. “Refusing to give up on peace is the most powerful act of diplomacy in our time.”

Hilton Bahrain

## Hilton Bahrain Turns Up the Heat This August With Extended Tropical Brunches, Seafood Nights, and More

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Hilton Bahrain is delighted to unveil an exciting lineup of culinary events and special promotions for August 2025 across its signature venues — Origin Kitchen & Culture, Cocoluna Lounge, Lamar Café & Lounge, and the iconic Society Club.

Origin Kitchen & Culture - This month, guests can continue to bask in the sunshine of our beloved Tropical Brunch, extended by popular demand throughout August. Taking place every Friday from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM on the 6th floor, this brunch experience offers an irresistible blend of island-inspired cuisine, refreshing beverages poured until 5:00 PM, and lively vibes perfect for celebrating summer with friends and family. The brunch is priced at BHD 39 net with unlimited



beverages and BHD 28 net with unlimited soft beverages. Special rates are also available for military personnel and group bookings.

On Thursdays, seafood lovers are invited to indulge in Seafood Night from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, featuring an abundant selection of fresh catch and live cooking stations. This ocean-to-table experience promises a feast for the senses, priced at BHD 32 net with unlimited selected



beverages or BHD 30 net with unlimited soft beverages.

Guests can also begin their day with a variety of breakfast options available throughout the week. From Sunday to Friday, the daily breakfast buffet is served from 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM for BHD 13 net per person. Saturdays feature a Lazy Break-



fast service from 6:30 AM to 11:30 AM, perfect for late risers seeking a leisurely start. Meanwhile, Sundays and Mondays are perfect for the ladies with the Breakfast Club, a delightful offer at BHD 5 net per person (minimum group of six), available from 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

Cocoluna Lounge - Now operating from 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM, continues to elevate evenings with vibrant weekly events. Ladies Night takes place



every Wednesday from 7:00 PM to midnight, offering three complimentary selected beverages. From Sunday to Wednesday, ladies can also enjoy 50% off flavored shisha during Shisha Sessions under the stars. For those seeking post-brunch fun, the After Brunch offer on Fridays from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM features unlimited gin and tonic for just BHD 10 net.

Lamar Café & Lounge - Sweet indulgences await daily with

Sweets After Dark, where guests can enjoy 50% off all signature pastries and cake slices after 5:00 PM.

Society Club - For those seeking elevated nightlife, Society Club on the 44th floor offers an exclusive, sophisticated ambiance. Open Thursday and Friday nights from 9:00 PM to 2:00 AM and from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM Saturday through Wednesday, Society invites guests to unwind in style. On Thursdays, guests can enjoy the vibrant rhythms of the Afro Series, an evening of music, dance, and curated cocktails.

Whether you’re planning a weekend escape, a midweek treat, or an evening of celebration, Hilton Bahrain offers something unforgettable for every guest. Join us this August and let every moment be filled with flavor, fun, and five-star flair — only at Hilton Bahrain.