



Knowledge Seekers UK

The Applications of AI in Financial Management for Public Sector



Conference
15th - 16th Sept 2025
Milan - Italy

**AI IN FINANCE: APPLICATIONS +
EXAMPLES**





Conference Mission and Objectives

This specialized conference is dedicated to exploring how artificial intelligence can revolutionize financial management within public sector institutions. It brings together finance leaders, AI technologists, digital transformation officers, and policy experts to examine the strategic use of AI in optimizing budgeting, auditing, procurement, fraud detection, revenue forecasting, and fiscal transparency

Mission of the Conference:

- To establish a collaborative platform for sharing cutting-edge insights into AI technologies that directly impact public financial governance
- To foster cross-sector partnerships between government financial authorities, AI developers, and international organizations
- To support the development of robust, ethical, and scalable AI strategies tailored to the unique needs of public financial systems

Key Objectives:

- To explore real-world case studies of AI applications in public financial operations across different regions
- To identify technical, regulatory, and ethical challenges in implementing AI for financial oversight and control
- To demonstrate how AI can improve accuracy, reduce risk, and increase transparency in public spending and revenue collection
- To equip public finance professionals with the knowledge and tools needed to lead AI-driven transformations
- To promote innovation through the integration of AI with financial data platforms, blockchain, and predictive analytics

Target Audience

This conference is designed for professionals involved in or influencing the digital transformation of financial operations in the public sector. It will be particularly valuable to:

- Government Finance Ministers, Treasurers, and Senior Budget Officers
- Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) and Chief Information Officers (CIOs) in public agencies
- AI Developers and Fintech Experts working on solutions for public financial management
- Auditors General, Procurement Officers, and Risk Analysts
- Policy Advisors and Digital Transformation Leaders focused on public finance
- Academics and Researchers in public finance, AI ethics, and financial technology
- Representatives from International Financial Institutions and Development Agencies

Whether you're responsible for managing budgets, overseeing compliance, or shaping national financial strategy, this conference offers actionable insights and strategic frameworks to harness AI for smarter, more transparent public financial management





Speakers:

1. Dr Yousef Al-Assaf – UAE

- Vice President at Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI)
- Background in AI policy and digital transformation in government
- Has spoken at international AI events such as GITEX, AI Everything, and TEDx

2. Dr Noura Al Dhaheri – UAE

- Expert in AI applications for public services
- Consultant in digital governance
- Regular speaker at technology and policy forums
- Fluent in English, often featured at GITEX and the World Government Summit

3. Dr Ahmed Elmagarmid – Saudi Arabia / Qatar

- Former Director of Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI)
- Internationally recognised AI researcher
- Frequent presenter at MIT, IEEE, and ACM conferences
- Native Arabic speaker, but presents exclusively in English

4. Dr Hissa Al-Khouri – Qatar

- Focuses on AI in public policy and financial governance
- Participated in the World Government Summit and AI for Social Impact conferences
- Publishes in English journals and speaks at global panels

5. Dr Ihab Francis – Egypt

- Professor and consultant in AI for governance
- Published in IEEE, ACM, and other top-tier journals
- Presents regularly at international AI and data science conferences in English

6. Dr Sami Al-Somai – Saudi Arabia

- Senior researcher at Saudi National AI Office
- Works on predictive analytics for public finance
- Delivered talks at the Saudi Data & AI Summit, speaks English fluently

7. Mohammed Gwadat (Former Google X)

- Background: Ex-Google X Labs, Mountain View
- Specialises in applied AI and innovation at scale
- Led projects in autonomous systems and machine learning infrastructure
- Now advises governments and startups on AI-driven transformation
- Excellent public speaker, known for his clear communication style and real-world examples
- Previously worked on self-driving car prototypes and AI ethics frameworks
- Writes technical blogs and gives talks globally

8. Omar Mahir – Founder of Monta AI

- Startup Experience: Founded Monta AI, an AI platform focused on enterprise automation and decision support tools



- Helps institutions streamline operations using natural language processing (NLP) and low-code AI interfaces
- Worked with both private and public sector clients across the Middle East and Europe
- Strong background in computer science and entrepreneurship
- Frequently appears on podcasts and webinars about AI in business and governance
- Speaks English fluently and delivers engaging presentations

9. Emma Whitaker – Head of Digital Finance Transformation, Knowledge Seekers UK

- Over 12 years of experience in digital transformation, with a focus on financial systems in the public sector
- Former government finance analyst turned AI policy advisor specializing in public financial governance
- Expert in AI-enabled fiscal transparency, budget forecasting, and compliance automation
- Led workshops across Europe and the Middle East on integrating AI into treasury operations and audit frameworks
- Holds a Master's in Public Administration from LSE, with a thesis on AI applications in public expenditure management
- Regular speaker at civil service innovation summits and international forums on fintech in government

10. Daniel Rowe – Senior AI Strategist for Public Finance, Knowledge Seekers UK

- Specialist in AI adoption strategies tailored to public financial management
- Background in technology consulting and institutional reform with a focus on fiscal systems
- Designed training programs for finance ministries and treasury departments across the Gulf and Sub-Saharan Africa
- Co-authored reports on AI-driven risk management, procurement optimization, and fraud detection in public spending
- Engaging speaker who uses storytelling to simplify complex AI concepts for finance professionals
- Advocate for ethical AI deployment in revenue collection, auditing, and budgeting processes

Agenda

Day One – Foundations of AI in Public Financial Management

09:00 – Registration & Welcome Coffee

Networking opportunity with speakers and delegates

09:30 – Opening Keynote: AI as a Catalyst for Financial Integrity and Efficiency

Speaker: Dr Yousef Al-Assaf

How AI is reshaping budgeting, auditing, and fiscal accountability in government

10:15 – Panel Discussion: AI Strategies for Transparent Public Spending Across the Arab World

Moderator: Emma Whitaker

Panellists: Dr Noura Al Dhaheri, Dr Sami Al-Somai

Insights into national approaches and challenges

11:00 – Break

11:15 – Practical Talk: Real-World AI Projects in Government Financial Systems

Speaker: Mohammed Jawdat

Case studies from global and regional public financial AI deployments



12:00 – Lunch & Networking

13:00 – Workshop Session: Building an AI Strategy for Financial Governance

Facilitators: Daniel Rowe & Omar Mahir

Hands-on session to develop institutional AI roadmaps for financial departments

14:30 – Breakout Sessions (Parallel Tracks)

Track A: AI in Revenue Forecasting and Tax Compliance

Speaker: Dr Ihab Francis

Track B: Ethical AI in Public Auditing and Anti-Fraud Systems

Speaker: Dr Hissa Al-Khouri

15:30 – Afternoon Tea Break

16:00 – Fireside Chat: Lessons from Global AI Leaders in Financial Governance

Host: Knowledge Seekers UK

Guest Speaker: Dr Ahmed Elmagarmid (via video link)

Insights from international AI implementation in public finance

17:00 – Day One Wrap-Up & Q&A

Moderator: Emma Whitaker

17:30 – Networking Drinks Reception

Day Two – Implementation, Innovation & the Road Ahead

09:00 – Morning Networking & Coffee

09:30 – Keynote: Monta AI – Revolutionizing Public Sector Financial Automation

Speaker: Omar Mahir

Live demo of AI tools for automated budgeting, invoicing, and compliance monitoring

10:15 – Case Study Presentation: AI in Action – Financial Use Cases from the Field

Speaker: Mohammed Jawdat

Real-world ROI metrics and lessons learned from pilot programs

11:00 – Break

11:15 – Interactive Workshop: Designing Your First AI Pilot Project in Finance

Facilitators: Emma Whitaker & Daniel Rowe

Step-by-step guidance for launching small-scale AI initiatives in financial units

12:30 – Lunch & Networking

13:30 – Roundtable Debate: Overcoming Barriers to AI Adoption in Public Financial Management

Participants: All Speakers

Moderator: Knowledge Seekers UK Team

Discussion on regulation, capacity gaps, and resistance to change

14:30 – Break



15:00 – Lightning Talks by Emerging AI Leaders

Short 10-minute presentations from young innovators and startups showcasing AI fintech solutions for the public sector

16:00 – Closing Panel: What's Next? The Future of AI in Public Financial Leadership

Panelists: Dr Yousef Al-Assaf, Dr Noura Al Dhaheri, Omar Mahir

Moderator: Daniel Rowe

Visionary perspectives on AI's evolving role in public finance

17:00 – Final Remarks & Certificates

Speaker: Knowledge Seekers UK Organising Team

17:30 – End of Conference & Farewell Drinks

Conference Title	“The Applications of AI in Financial Management for Public Sector”
Duration:	2 days
Pre- Schedule:	15-16 September 2025
Timings:	08:30 am - 05:00 pm
Fees per delegate	£ 1,900 GBP
Conference Venue:	MiCo Milano Congressi Address: Piazzale Carlo Magno, 1, 20149 Milano, Italy
Conference fees Include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Documentation & handout+ USB Memory + conference kit bag ▪ Assessment and follow up during and after conference ▪ Refreshment, lunch and coffee breaks

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