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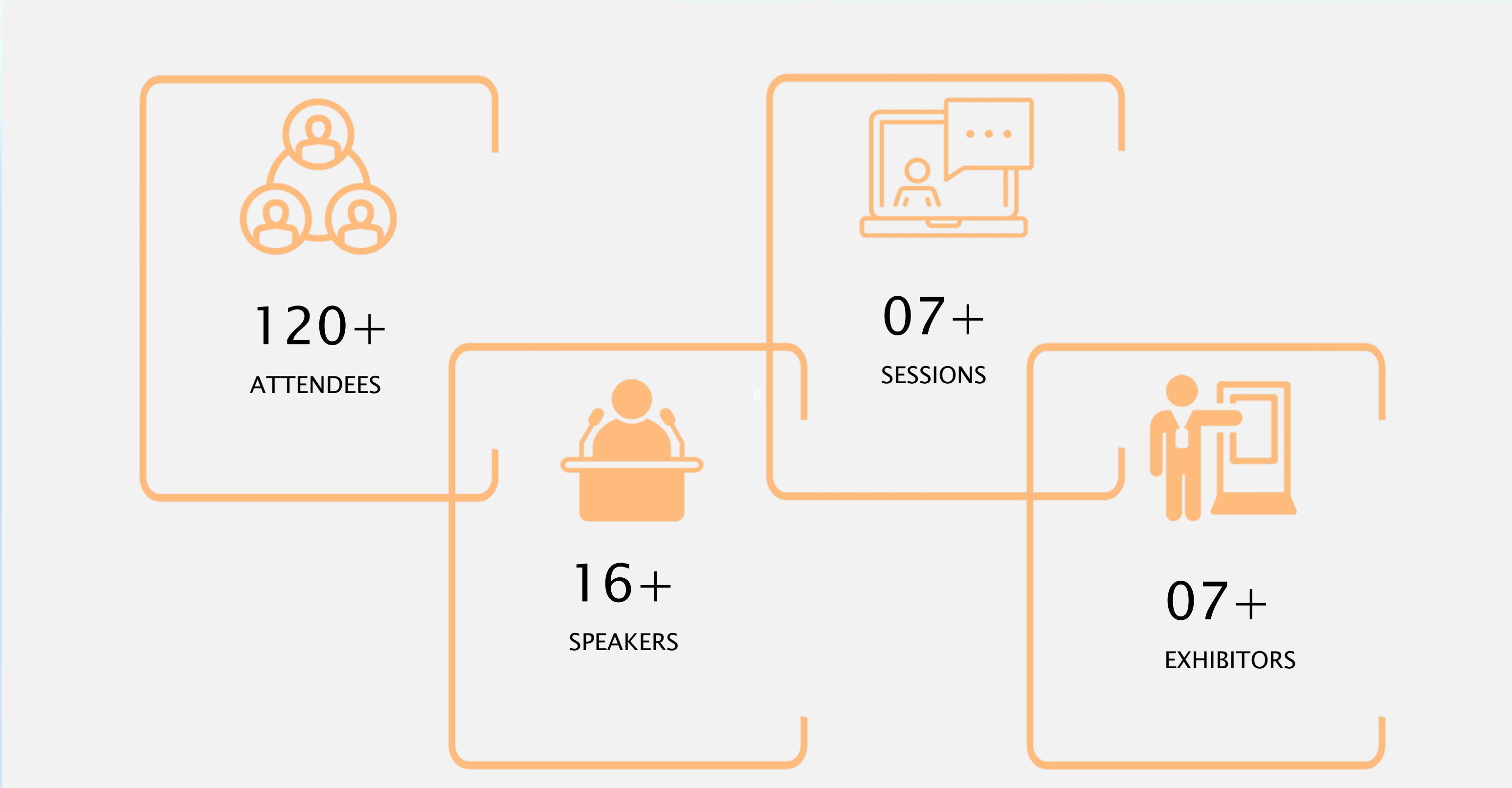
## OVERVIEW

The GLL Legal Tech and GC Annual Meeting in Dubai will focus on the transformative power of technology in the legal sector, highlighting its evolving role in shaping the future of legal practice and corporate governance. As legal departments and law firms adapt to an increasingly digital world, the integration of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, and blockchain is revolutionizing traditional workflows and enhancing operational efficiency. These technologies are not only automating routine tasks but also providing sophisticated tools for legal research, contract analysis, and predictive analytics, enabling legal professionals to focus on more strategic and high-value activities.

In addition to improving efficiency, the use of technology in legal practice is significantly enhancing the ability to manage risk and ensure compliance. With the advent of comprehensive legal tech solutions, organizations can now better navigate complex regulatory environments and maintain robust compliance frameworks. Tools that facilitate real-time monitoring and reporting, coupled with advanced data analytics, are proving invaluable in identifying potential legal risks and ensuring adherence to ever-evolving regulatory requirements. This shift towards a more proactive approach in risk management underscores the importance of technology in safeguarding organizational integrity and reputation.

The meeting will also explore the future implications of emerging technologies and their potential to further transform the legal landscape. From the use of smart contracts enabled by blockchain to the potential of quantum computing in legal processes, the discussions will provide insights into how these innovations can drive the next wave of change in legal practice. The GLL Legal Tech and GC Annual Meeting in Dubai will serve as a critical platform for legal professionals to exchange ideas, share best practices, and gain a deeper understanding of how to leverage technology to meet the challenges and opportunities of the digital age.

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# AGENDA

## Registration And Networking Breakfast :

 **08:30 AM** | Attendees check-in and enjoy a light breakfast while networking with peers.

## Welcome Remarks & Key Note Address :

 **9:40 AM** – Opening remarks by the conference chair, highlighting the theme and objectives of the day.

### Keynote Speaker

- Sabrina Makkes – Founder at Women In Mentoring



# AGENDA

## Session 2 : Panel Discussion - Leveraging AI and Machine Learning in Legal Operations



**10:00 AM**

Panelists explore applications of AI and ML in legal research, contract analysis, and case management, discussing both benefits and challenges.

### Speaker

- Sonja Ravic Vuckovic – Head of Legal Affairs at Fincore Ltd.
- Dominik Engel – Global Lead Counsel at ABB
- Sudhanshu Roy – Senior Associate at Foley Hoag
- Christina G. Hioureas – Partner & Global Co-Chair at Foley Hoag
- Rami Obeid – Partner at Hadeef & Partners

### Moderator:

- Kishore Jaichandani – Managing Partner at CAVEAT Capital



**10:50 AM - 11:05 AM - Morning Coffee Break**



# AGENDA

## Session 3 : Panel Discussion: Blockchain & Smart Contracts



**11:10 AM**

This panel examines the legal implications and applications of blockchain and smart contracts, focusing on their impact on transactional law, automation of agreements, and regulatory challenges.

### Speaker

- Ali Katkhada – Chief Information Officer at Depa Group
- Georgette Adonis Roberts – Managing Partner at Adonis Advisory group

### Moderator:

- Nicola Haughey James – Senior Consultant at Axiom

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## Session 4 : Panel Discussion: Enhancing Compliance and Risk Management



**11:45 AM**

Interactive discussion focusing on technology's use to improve compliance, monitoring, risk assessment, and regulatory reporting.

### Speaker

- Binish Ahmed – Director, Ethics & Compliance at DXC Technology
- Ahmed Kandil – Regional Ethics and Compliance Officer at A. Menarini Group
- Dr. Ahmed El Shakankiry – Head of Legal and Compliance at Samsung Gulf Electronics
- Raghvendra Verma – Group Head Legal at Compliance and Company Secretary, ISON Group

### Moderator:


- Henrietta Newton Martin – Legal Director ( Legal & Strategy) at JusCogen & Alcop



**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM : Lunch Break and Networking**

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## Session 5 : Panel Discussion: CIO-GC Collaboration for Driving Growth and Digital Transformation

 01:30 PM

This panel explores the strategic collaboration between CIOs and GCs in driving digital transformation. It focuses on aligning legal and IT strategies to enhance compliance, mitigate risks, and streamline operations, while ensuring data security in a rapidly evolving regulatory environment.

### Speaker

- Hend Elagamy – Vice President Legal at Madinet Masr
- Mohammad Abandah – Chief Legal & Compliance Officer at AON
- Ahmed Zaki – SVP Legal Affairs at AlHamra
- Ali Katkhada – Chief Information Officer at Depa Group


### Moderator:

- Christina G. Hioureas – Partner & Global Co-Chair at Foley Hoag



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## Session 6 : Panel Discussion: Navigating Cybersecurity, Data Privacy, and Compliance in Legal Operations

 02:15 PM

This panel will examine strategies for managing cybersecurity, data privacy, and compliance within legal operations. It will focus on the implications of GDPR and other regulations, highlighting best practices for protecting sensitive client information and ensuring adherence to legal obligations in a digital environment.

### Speaker

- Kirit Javali – Advocate and Arbitrator Chambers of Kirit Javali
- Megha Agarwal – Director & Assistant General Counsel at Cvent
- Abiola Olomola – Senior Manager at IT Controls and SOX IHS Towers
- Diana Froyland – Senior Counsel at Hadeef & Partners

### Moderator:


- Ahmed Zaki – SVP Legal Affairs at Al Hamra



**03:00 PM - 03:15 PM - Afternoon Coffee Break**

# AGENDA

## Fireside Chat : The Role of GCs in Driving Tech Adoption

 03:15 PM

A candid conversation with General Counsels on their experiences and strategies for leading technological adoption within their organizations

### Speaker


- Halil Ibrahim Kardicali – Head Of Legal at 3M
- Yasser Aboismail – Founder & Managing Partner at Empowerment Compass Global

### Moderator:

- Sabrine Makkes – Founder at Women In Mentoring

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## Panel Discussion : IP Protection in the Age of Generative AI

 04:00 PM

- This panel will be covering below key topics of IP Law: Challenges of copyright and patent protection for AI-generated content.
- The role of LegalTech in detecting and managing IP infringement in AI outputs.
- Blockchain for IP Management.
- Digital Enforcement of IP Rights.
- Data-Driven IP Litigation.
- Open-Source Licensing and Compliance.

### Speaker

- Karim El Halaly, General Counsel, Aveva
- Yosr Hamza, Director General Counsel, Gartner

### Moderator:

- Sophie Best – Chief Executive Officer at Knowledge Nexus




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## Wrap-Up : Closing Remarks and Key Takeaways

 **04:45 PM** | Summary of the day's discussions and insights, with closing remarks from the conference chair

## Networking Cocktail Reception

 **5:00 PM – 6:00 PM** | An informal gathering to conclude the day, allowing attendees to network further and discuss collaboration opportunities



**Conference Close**

## SPEAKER



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Founder at Women In Mentoring



**Dr. AbdelKareem Al Kadomi**

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