



AI for Finance Leaders:

From Governance to Practice

CPD Hours: 4

📅 October 22, 2026 | ⌚ Timing: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM | 📍 AshreiTech Academy, NASTP Building, 2nd Floor, Main Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi.

Overview

Artificial intelligence has moved quickly from experiment to the leadership agenda. For finance leaders, the questions now are practical ones: where AI genuinely adds value, what governance must be in place before it scales, and how to move from interest to real results.

This session brings those questions together in one connected programme. It opens with strategy and a responsible adoption roadmap grounded in the Pakistani context, turns to the governance, risks and controls that finance leaders are accountable for, and closes with real examples of what finance teams in leading Pakistani organisations are already doing with AI.

Participants then apply that thinking in small groups and share their conclusions in an interactive round table with the speakers. The aim is that every participant leaves with a clearer view of where to start in their own organisation, and how to do it responsibly.

Programme outline

Session 1: AI Strategy and the Responsible Adoption Roadmap – Syed Fahad Jilane

Where AI is creating value in finance functions today, how leading Pakistani organisations are approaching adoption, and a practical roadmap that takes an organisation from first steps to scale on sound foundations.

Session 2: AI Governance, Risk and Controls – Muhammad Arshi Wasique

The governance, policies and accountability that finance leaders need in place as AI use grows. The session covers data protection and cybersecurity, third-party and emerging technology risk, and how to give boards and auditors confidence that AI is being used responsibly.

Session 3: Practical AI, From Learning to Doing – Syed Fahad Jilane

Real, local examples from Fahad's advisory work with finance teams in Pakistan and the region: what they are using AI for, the impact it is already having, and how they got there. Many of these teams were not especially advanced digitally when they started, and are now ahead of many of their peers. Practical pointers that participants can apply in their own teams straight away.

Group Exercise and Round Table

In small groups, participants apply the session's thinking to the finance function of their own organisation. Selected tables then share their conclusions in an interactive roundtable with both speakers.

Opening Remarks



Mr. M. Samiullah Siddiqui
President, ICAP

Muhammad Samiullah Siddiqui, FCA, is a distinguished finance executive and accountancy leader with over 25 years of experience across diverse sectors, including publishing, manufacturing, telecommunications, energy, technology, and professional regulation. He currently serves as Finance Director & CFO at Oxford University Press (OUP) Pakistan.

He is the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP), where he provides strategic leadership and contributes to institutional reforms. He also chairs the HR and Executive Committees and serves on several key ICAP committees. In addition, he leads the Anti-Money Laundering Advisory Board and represents Pakistan on the IFAC PAIB Advisory Group.

Samiullah has completed executive leadership and strategic management programs at Harvard Business School, the University of Oxford, Duke University, Babson College, and LUMS. His corporate career includes senior finance roles with Siemens and Linde Pakistan, while he has also contributed to the Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI).

A Certified Director and advocate of technology adoption, youth empowerment, Islamic finance, and global mobility for accountants, he continues to contribute to the development of the profession in Pakistan and internationally.

Hussein Hassanali, CIA, CISA, CISM, CGEIT, CRISC & CDPSE is the Past President of ISACA Karachi Chapter, and Advisor for Technology Consulting across Middle East at Ecovis Al Sabti Saudi Arabia. He is an experienced, hands-on Governance Professional with over 30 years of international experience of Information/Cyber Security, Assurance, Risk Management, Data Privacy and Compliance. Previously he has been General Manager & Head of IT Audit at HBL, and has also served as Chief Information Security Officer of Bank AL Habib Limited, and in senior roles with Ernst & Young (UK) and Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN).

For his efforts in promoting Technology Governance, IT Assurance, and Information Security for over 26 years, Hussein was awarded a "Life Time Achievement Award" at InfoSec 2021, and "Legend Award" at 2023 CIO 200 Summit. He has served the assurance and technology community from ISACA and IIA's platforms with leading roles at the Karachi Chapters.

Presently he is also Advisor to ICAP's DAAB, and has served as member of key Educational and Business bodies including ICAP's Education & Training Committee, FPCCI's Cyber Crime Prevention Standing Committee, Academic Council of UIT University, Advisory Boards of Pakistan Freelancer Association (PAFLA) and CISO Forum, PIPFA's Digital Board, and mentors students of Technology institutes and Universities.

Session Briefing



Mr. Hussein Hassanali
CIA, CISA, CISM, CGEIT, CRISC &
CDPSE Consultant - DAAB (ICAP)
Advisor - Ecovis Al Sabti

Speakers Profiles



Syed Fahad Jilane is a senior business transformation adviser and a prominent voice advocating responsible, business-led AI adoption across the region.

A Fellow Chartered Accountant of ICAEW and a graduate of the London School of Economics, Fahad brings over 18 years of corporate, advisory and leadership experience across the UK and Pakistan. His career includes roles with PwC, British Telecom, Sky UK and ICI Pakistan, where he worked across finance, strategy, commercial leadership, innovation and transformation. Most recently, he served as Chief Commercial & Strategy Officer at Santex Products, leading commercial strategy, growth and business transformation initiatives.

Syed Fahad Jilane, FCA (ICAEW)
AI & Business Transformation Adviser |
CEO, Synthesis Corp | Co-founder,
Fairflow Solutions

Today, Fahad works with boards, leadership teams and organisations to translate AI from experimentation into practical business value. His areas of focus include AI strategy and transformation, responsible AI and governance, business use-case identification, leadership and organisational capability building, AI-enabled productivity transformation, and commercial and growth advisory.

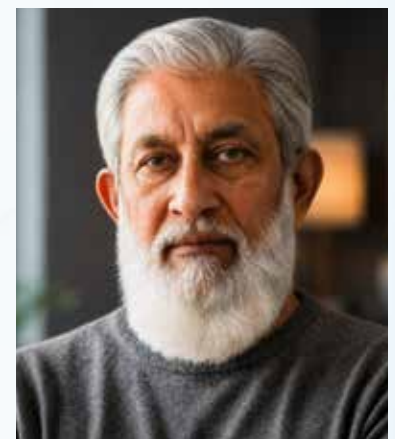
He has supported more than 30 organisations and engaged or trained over 1,400 leaders and professionals across industries, including senior executives and leadership teams of major and listed organisations.

Fahad is currently the CEO of Synthesis Corp, a purpose-driven corporate capability and transformation firm, and Co-founder of Fairflow Solutions, a Canada-based technology solutions company. He also contributes to the wider professional dialogue on AI, leadership, finance and the future of the profession. His work is grounded in a simple principle: AI transformation is not primarily a technology challenge, but a business, leadership and organisational change challenge.

Muhammad Arshi Wasique is a technology and cybersecurity leader with more than 25 years of experience across cybersecurity, IT governance, risk management, digital trust, and emerging technologies.

He currently serves as Executive Vice President, Growth at TransVare Corporation. His areas of expertise include AI governance, responsible AI, cybersecurity, GRC, and emerging technology risk.

He is passionate about sharing practical experience and helping young professionals develop the perspective, skills, and confidence needed to navigate an evolving technology landscape.



Muhammad Arshi Wasique
Executive Vice President,
Growth at TransVare
Corporation

Session Overview & Key Takeaways



Ms. Rizwana Abdul Karim
CPD Convener – Industry &
Technology, SRC, ICAP

Rizwana is an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) and a seasoned tax and finance professional with over 15 years of experience across KPMG, PwC, and EY. Currently serving as Director in the Tax Services department at KPMG in Pakistan, she brings deep expertise in taxation, advisory, and cross-border structuring for both corporate and individual clients. She is also member of Southern Regional Committee of ICAP for the term 2026–30. Her work spans diverse sectors including banking, insurance, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, healthcare, and aviation. She has extensive experience representing clients before the Federal Board of Revenue and higher appellate forums and advising on complex local and international tax matters.

Beyond her professional role, Rizwana contributes actively to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) through its Fiscal Law, Economic Advisory, CPD, and CA Women Committees. She is also a member of the Karachi Tax Bar Association and serves on the Executive Committee of the CA Toastmasters Club.

Bashir Ahmed is an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) with a distinguished professional background in public sector finance and financial governance. He has contributed to the accounting profession through his service on several ICAP committees, including the Professional Accountants in Business Committee, Education & Training Committee, and Fiscal Law Committees, where he supported policy development, regulatory strengthening, and professional capacity-building initiatives.

He commenced his professional career with one of the Big Four accounting firms in Pakistan, where he developed strong foundations in auditing, financial advisory, and regulatory compliance. His core areas of specialization include Public Financial Management, with particular emphasis on budgeting and fiscal planning, taxation policy, public debt management, and investment strategy.

Currently, he serves as Head of the Debt, Risk & Investment Management Unit in the Finance Department, Government of Balochistan.

Closing Remarks



Mr. Bashir Ahmed
Chairman, Southern Regional
Committee – ICAP

Programme

Time	Programme
2:30 to 3:00 pm	Networking and tea
3:00 to 3:05 pm	Tilawat and National Anthem
3:05 to 3:15 pm	Opening remarks, Mr. M. Samiullah Siddiqui President ICAP
3:15 to 3:30 pm	AI training briefing, Mr. Hussein Hassanali
3:30 to 3:55 pm	Session 1: AI Strategy and the Responsible Adoption Roadmap, Mr. Syed Fahad Jilanee
3:55 to 4:35 pm	Session 2: AI Governance, Risk and Controls, Mr. Muhammad Arshi Wasique
4:35 to 4:55 pm	Asr prayer break
4:55 to 5:30 pm	Session 3: Practical AI, From Learning to Doing, Mr. Syed Fahad Jilanee
5:30 to 6:00 pm	Group exercise
6:00 to 6:20 pm	Maghrib prayer break
6:20 to 6:40 pm	Round table: group exercise presentations and discussion
6:40 to 6:50 pm	Session overview and key takeaways, Ms. Rizwana Abdul Karim
6:50 to 7:00 pm	Closing remarks, Chairman SRC, and memento distribution



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