



GInI Annual Report 2025

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Executive Director's Message

In 2025, Global Innovation Institute yet again expanded and solidified its impact around the world.

GInI's global presence was expanded further through its seven (7) Regional Centers, which now include:

1. The **GInI Latin America Center** – based in Guadalajara, Mexico – with content translation into Spanish.
2. The **GInI Brazil Center** – based in São Paulo, Brazil – with content translation into Portuguese.
3. The **GInI French Center** – based in Tunis, Tunisia – with content translation into French.
4. The **GInI Middle East Center** – based in Abu Dhabi, UAE – with content translation into Arabic.
5. The **GInI Korea Center** – based in Seoul, South Korea – with content translation into Korean.
6. The **GInI India Center** – based in Bengaluru, India.
7. The **GInI Indonesia Center** – based in East Java, Indonesia.

Of these, the GInI French Center, the GInI Korea Center, and the GInI Indonesia Center were all initiated in 2025. These centers all compliment GInI's network of **210 Authorized Providers** around the world delivering its unique programs to individuals and organizations globally.

2025 also saw the launch of the **Global Innovation Summit** (gins.org) – inaugurated in April of 2025 in Dubai, UAE. The Summit was attended by over 800 persons from all around the world, representing countless nations, with an unmistakable atmosphere of community and comradery by all. The Summit featured numerous insightful speakers and panel discussions, extensive global networking, the production of a podcast, and the spinoff of new topical communities designed to keep its impact alive all year round. 2026 will see the second installment of this Summit, being held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

GInI's global programming was expanded further through both new and existing programs – including:

- Its ongoing globally-regarded **professional certification program** (gini.org/certification/professional-certification).
- Its ongoing esteemed **business accreditation program** (gini.org/certification/business-accreditation) – with the new **Certified Innovative University (CIU)[®] accreditation** being launched in 2025 as an accreditation for innovative and entrepreneurial universities.
- Its ongoing **professional membership program** and **community** (community.gini.org/c/gini-community).
- Its ongoing **micro-learning programs** – including its monthly webinar series and other resources.
- Its multifaceted **Innovation Center** (gini.org/gini-centers).
- Its acquisition of **Innovation Library** (innovationlibrary.com) – a novel resource newly acquired in 2025.

2025 further saw the activation of the **Global Distinguished Innovator (GDI) Awards** (gini.org/gdi) – inaugurated in late 2024 and first awarded in 2025 at the Global Innovation Summit, thanks to a panel of distinguished independent judges from around the world. Following the rigorous judging process, 62 award winners were selected from the thousands of applications submitted, spanning the Award's 10 categories. The 2025 GDI Awards – to be awarded in 2026 – are witnessing even more applications.

Collectively, all of these programs and activities resulted in GInI's global influence and impact growing significantly in 2025. We can unequivocally say that no other organization in the field of applied business innovation has had, or is having, the level of global impact that GInI has.

As in years past, GInI is incredibly proud of these accomplishments – and is incredibly thankful to the countless individuals and organizations around the world in our worldwide community who have labored alongside us to make this a reality. 2025 was yet another year of immense growth for GInI, and we look forward to continuing that momentum well into the future.

As we look forward, we can be confident that GInI and its distinctive global community will be here to support the businesses, governments, universities, and individuals who aspire to advance their innovation capabilities and to have a lasting, positive impact on our world. It is GInI's desire to see innovation ecosystems around the world prosper and come together to make our world a better place through the democratization of innovation knowledge and capabilities – in each place doing their own unique take on this wonderful practice and thereby producing their own distinctive flavors of innovation. This will, in each and every case, create a legacy of innovation that won't soon be forgotten for those places. GInI is here to support that and to make it a reality. The world has no better partner for achieving these aspirations than Global Innovation Institute.!

The following are more specifics about GInI's activities in each region of the world.

The Americas

GInI made numerous advancements in the Americas in 2025 – further strengthening the profession of Innovation and Innovation Leadership there. Five GDI Awards were awarded to recipients in the Americas. In North America, there was continued strong adoption across industry, government, and academia. GInI hosted six American innovation thought leaders in its monthly webinar series – each sharing a unique perspective on the world of business innovation.

In Latin America, GInI made ongoing strides as well, with the continued development of the GInI Brazil Center in São Paulo (translating GInI’s materials into Portuguese) and the GInI Latin America Center in Guadalajara (translating GInI’s materials into Spanish). Both Centers stand to produce significant economic development in their affected region by helping to develop the innovation capabilities there that are so desperately-needed. 2025 also saw the appointment of Mr. Stefano Leverato as Regional Director for Brazil and Ms. Helena Levarato as Operations Director for Brazil.

Both of these individuals are highly-qualified, highly-regarded, and extremely active leaders on the Brazilian innovation scene.

GInI is fortunate to have them both onboard with us driving this great presence in Brazil. Furthermore, additional new Providers came online in Brazil and the Dominican Republic to deliver the GInI exam preparation courses in those countries for GInI’s professional certification program there – and in support of the different industries and professionals there.

GInI is incredibly grateful to all those who have worked alongside us in this region to bring these accomplishments to life. Each and every day, we work together to make the Americas better than it was the day before – bringing the positive impacts of applied business innovation to corners never before touched by it, and in so doing empowering thousands of individuals throughout the region to attain their lifelong dreams.



Europe

GInI made further inroads into Europe in 2025, growing its presence and impact there as well. Five GDI Awards were awarded to recipients in Europe.

In June 2025, GInI partnered with NayaOne of London, UK to launch the GInI Digital Sandbox Center – one of six Innovation Centers GInI operates at <https://gini.org/gini-centers/gini-innovation-center>. This partnership introduced GInI’s community to NayaOne’s digital sandbox platform for regulated AI trials, further enhancing our community’s adoption of leading AI tools and platforms.

GInI also hosted four European innovation thought leaders in its monthly webinar series – each sharing a unique perspective on the world of applied business innovation. You can watch each of these webinars at <https://gini.org/learning/gini-webinars>.

GInI also saw significant activity in Eastern Europe in 2025, particularly within and throughout Azerbaijan, where each of the country’s national incubators attained ABI accreditation from GInI and one of its accelerator programs attained AAP accreditation from GInI.

GInI remains committed to helping all of Europe develop and deploy the innovation capabilities it needs to prosper in peace. We are grateful to our many friends in Europe who have joined us on this spectacular journey, and we look forward to an even more spectacular journey in the days and years ahead!



Asia Pacific

In 2025, GInI continued making inroads into Asia Pacific, strengthening even more the innovation ecosystems therein.

In support of this, GInI continued developing its Regional Centers in India and Indonesia. Moreover, new Providers in Malaysia, Nepal, and Pakistan are now delivering GInI’s exam preparation courses in support of GInI’s professional certification program there, thus advancing these nations’ innovation capabilities as well.

GInI remains committed to the Asia Pacific Region, as it too strives to bring the prosperity of nations like Japan and South Korea to the broader region – allowing each nation there to make its own mark on the world – something it can only do with GInI’s innovation capabilities. GInI is Asia Pacific’s partner for making that a reality, and we thank all of our wonderful partners there for joining us in this great quest!



The Middle East and Africa

Ever since its founding, GInI's presence and impact in the Middle East and Africa have grown significantly each year. In 2025, a large number of individuals – particularly in Saudi Arabia – pursued and attained professional certification with GInI. This continues to be supported by the Saudi Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), which in 2025 further expanded its coverage of GInI's programs. We remain incredibly grateful to HRDF for this ongoing support! Additionally, in 2025 eleven new organizations in the Middle East received institutional accreditation from GInI for their innovation programs, while five organizations had their Innovation Labs and Centers accredited, and 32 innovations in the Middle East attained the coveted Innovation Endorsement from GInI.

The xGenome Biotech Company of Jeddah had eight of its training programs accredited by GInI as Accredited Innovation Training Programs (AInTPs), and GInI signed an MOU with Saudi Electricity Company of Riyadh for mutual cooperation. GInI also launched major new programs with the Islamic World Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) based in Rabat, Morocco.

In April 2025, I (Anthony Mills) was the guest speaker for the webinar 'Enabling Tomorrow's Health Innovator' with the Saudi National Institute of Health (NIH) of Riyadh, and in October 2025, I was the guest speaker for the 'Corporate Innovation and Excellence' Forum hosted by Averroes Business Advisory of Doha, Qatar. Later, in November 2025, I served as a judge at the World Entrepreneurship Conference hosted by Monsha'at of Riyadh, and then traveled to Doha, Qatar in support of the many organizations there working to organize themselves for Innovation in support of Qatar Vision 2030.

Moreover, new Providers in Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE are delivering the GInI exam preparation courses in support of GInI's professional certification program there – further advancing the innovation ecosystem of the Middle East.

In Africa, GInI continues to see strong activity as well. New Providers in Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Sudan, and Tunisia are delivering the GInI exam preparation courses in support of GInI's professional certification program there – likewise advancing the innovation ecosystem of Africa.

GInI remains fully committed to the Middle East and Africa as both seek to develop their unique innovation capabilities and ecosystems, and from those prosper and grow with ever-increasing economic diversification. We're incredibly grateful to all those in this region who have joined us for this wonderful journey.



Conclusion

In 2025, GInI's global presence grew significantly, particularly with the launch of the Global Innovation Summit and the awarding of the Global Distinguished Innovator Awards. With its (now seven) Regional Centers and 140 Authorized Providers around the world, GInI has become the undisputed global authority defining the practice of Innovation and Innovation Leadership the world around. No other organization carries the weight and impact of GInI.

This has allowed – and continues to allow – GInI to have a measurable impact on the economic development of nations all over the world and their respective innovation ecosystems. By helping these nations and their regions develop the innovation capabilities they so desperately need, GInI has done what no other organization has – helped entire nations develop innovation ecosystems that are capable of lifting up the dignity and prosperity of their nations. This is the power of democratizing Innovation knowledge and capability broadly!



62+
Countries



1,200+
Accredited
Businesses



25,000+
Certified
Innovators



210+
Authorized
Providers

GInI's Evolution in 2026 – Strategic Focus & Priorities

In looking forward to 2026 and beyond, we believe with complete confidence that GInI will continue to play a pivotal role in developing the world's economies and ecosystems – helping each one to grow and prosper through GInI's unique Innovation knowledge and capabilities. This will shape our collective future to be a truly positive one. We invite everyone in our community to join us in this immensely exciting journey to become a part of making history together!

More specifically, in 2026 GInI will be launching an entirely new professional certification focused on shaping the future – the Certified Future Shaping Professional (CFSP)[®] – anchored by an entirely new body of knowledge book called the Applied Future Shaping Master Book (AFSMB)[®].

This is the culmination of nearly five years of work in studying leading practices from all over the world and thereafter developing an even better and more strategic approach to Strategic Foresight and Strategic Futuring – one that lets organizations fully institutionalize these practices as an ongoing, integrated, cyclical strategic process inside their organization. This will empower organizations – through appropriately certified staff – to embark on strategically-sound Future Shaping Programs that let them foresee new futures and ultimately shape the future to become what they desire.

Alongside this, GInI will also be launching a new Future Shaping Maturity assessment and accreditation to reflect organizations' capabilities and maturity in these practices.

2026 will also see certain of GInI's Regional Centers – in particular those developing the Portuguese, Spanish, and French translations of GInI's Innovation programs – achieve maturity and launch these language translations into the marketplace, thereby expanding GInI's global reach around the world into new corners it has not previously reached.

Moreover, 2026 will see GInI's Innovation programs deployed at incredibly large scales in several organizations around the world, getting thousands of individuals newly trained and certified to be the Innovation Professionals these organizations need to move the needle on their respective Innovation programs.

Finally, 2026 will see the second installment of the Global Innovation Summit, being held in Riyadh, and the awarding of the second round of the Global Distinguished Innovator (GDI) Awards at the Summit. We look forward to seeing everyone there, and to recognizing each award winner for their incredible accomplishments.



Anthony Mills
Executive Director
Global Innovation Institute



Global Innovation Summit 2025

Summit Overview and Outcomes

The inaugural Global Innovation Summit 2025 was hosted by the Global Innovation Institute (GII) at the SEE Institute in The Sustainable City, Dubai on 25–26 February 2025. More than 1,200 participants from over 20 countries—including government ministers, business leaders, academics, policymakers and innovators—convened to explore how innovation can drive both global and regional impact. The summit adopted the theme “Driving Global and Regional Impact Through Innovation.” Attendees from countries such as the United States, Canada, Brazil, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Spain, Nigeria, Egypt, Germany, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman, Iraq, Australia, South Korea, India, Libya and Lebanon represented a diverse cross-section of the global innovation community. More than forty distinguished speakers and panelists from eight nations and six sectors set the tone for the summit, sharing insights on embedding innovation within organizations, societies and nations.



Day One opened with a guided tour of The Sustainable City and featured case studies on innovation in the USA, Australia and the UAE; panel discussions examined innovation in government services, law enforcement and healthcare. Day Two highlighted innovation case studies from Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Oman and included panels on innovation in community service and education before culminating in the Certified Government Innovative Organization (CGInO)/ Certified Innovative Organization (CInOrg) and Global Distinguished Innovator (GDI) Awards ceremonies.



During the closing ceremony, GII presented the inaugural Global Distinguished Innovator (GDI) Awards to over sixty trail-blazing individuals, teams and organisations from more than twenty countries across the Americas, Europe, Asia-Pacific, and the Middle East and Africa. The awards recognised exceptional creativity, measurable impact and leadership in advancing innovation. The ceremony underscored the strength of GII’s global ecosystem and highlighted the value of collaboration across borders and sectors.

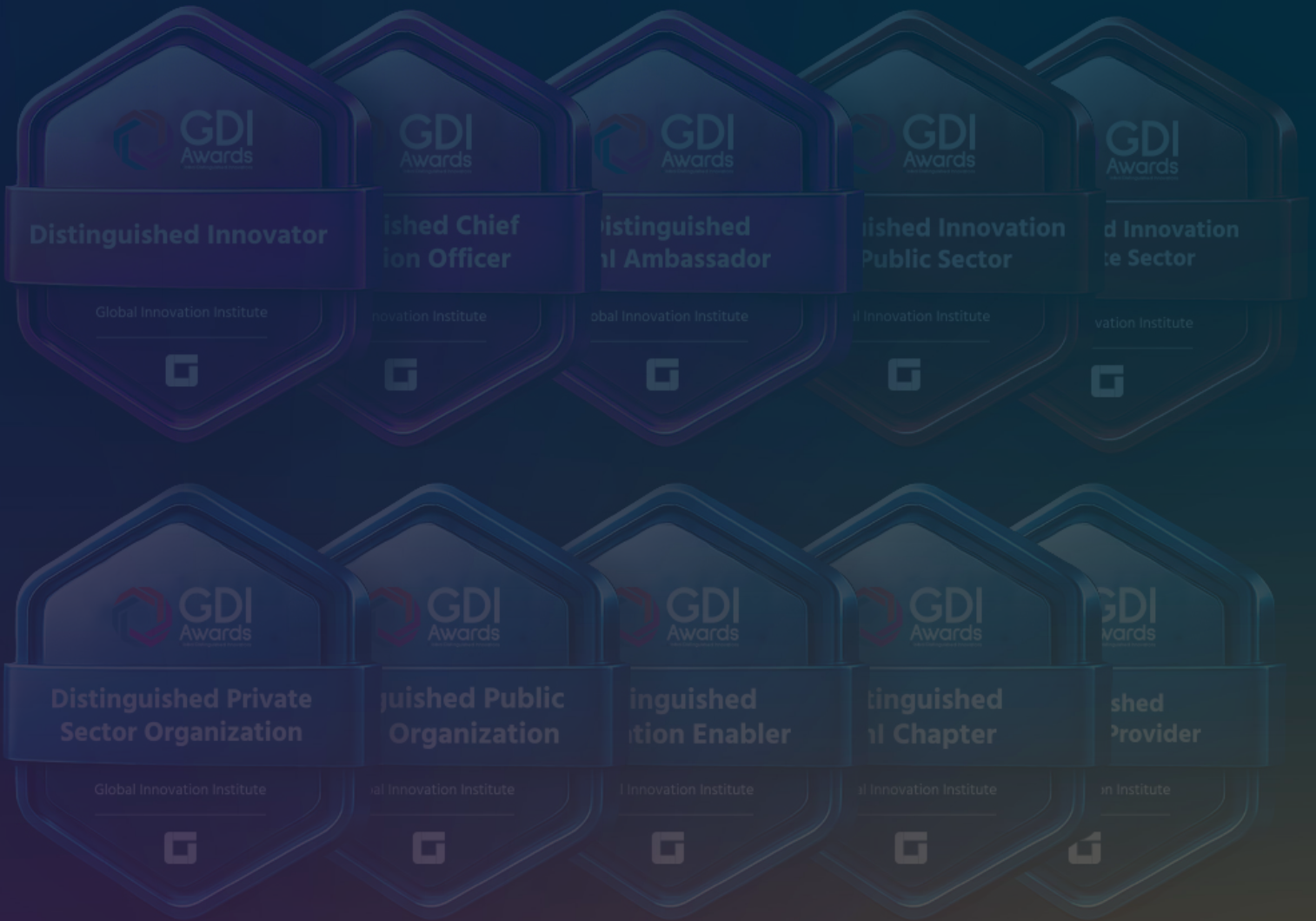
The summit concluded with a suite of strategic recommendations intended to guide governments and organisations in shaping future innovation agendas. Recommendations included: developing a national innovation index; establishing open data dashboards to enhance transparency; creating youth advisory councils within ministries; setting up public-sector innovation incubators; allocating a dedicated national innovation budget and emergency innovation fund; launching legislative sandboxes; periodically reviewing legislation to keep pace with technological change; implementing national participation and ideas platforms; fostering cross-ministerial exchanges; introducing AI-powered tools to support decision-making; mandating annual reports on failed projects to promote institutional learning; adopting digital twins, weekly innovation hours, and dedicated training platforms to build future-ready workforces. Collectively, these proposals reflect the summit’s ambition to catalyse systemic innovation and to produce broad social, economic and environmental impacts.



Innovation Communities

A lasting outcome of the Global Innovation Summit 2025 was the launch of several sector-based Innovation Communities. These communities extend the dialogue beyond the summit by bringing together practitioners and thought leaders throughout the year to share insights, co-develop white papers and build global networks. Each community is co-led by recognised experts and offers monthly sessions, peer-to-peer knowledge exchanges and quarterly synthesis of insights. Together they serve as a living extension of the summit’s mission to drive innovation through collaboration across industries and regions.

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|  <p>Education & Lifelong Learning
Digital learning technologies, lifelong learning strategies, alternative credentialing and AI in education</p> |  <p>Digital Transformation & Emerging Technologies
AI, automation, cloud infrastructure, data analytics and resilient digital transformation</p> |
|  <p>Finance & FinTech Innovation
Digital banking, blockchain & DeFi, financial inclusion, regulatory innovation and digital identity</p> |  <p>Sustainability & Climate Innovation
Clean energy systems, circular economy, climate resilience and ESG practices</p> |
|  <p>Innovation in Government Services
Digital service delivery, civic tech, data-driven policymaking, innovation labs and cross-sector collaboration</p> |  <p>Smart Cities & Urban Development
Smart mobility, digital infrastructure, equitable urban planning and climate-smart design</p> |
|  <p>Innovation in Community Services
Civic engagement, social innovation and community-led solutions</p> |  <p>Healthcare & Well-being Innovation
Digital health, diagnostics & biotech, mental health strategies and equitable access</p> |



Global Distinguished Innovator Awards 2025



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Global Distinguished Innovator Awards

Awards Overview and Framework

Global Innovation Institute's Global Distinguished Innovator (GDI) Awards serve as the Institute's premier platform for spotlighting individuals, teams and institutions whose work delivers measurable innovation impact. Now in their 2025 edition, the GDI Awards built upon the success of the 2024 program, which drew over 2,800 applications from around the world and culminated in 62 awardees across ten categories. The 2025 cycle attracted nearly three thousand applications, reflecting continued growth and global interest in GInI's recognition framework. Winners will be honored at the Global Innovation Summit 2026 in Riyadh, highlighting GInI's commitment to elevating innovation excellence on a global stage.

The awards recognize excellence across ten categories, capturing a broad spectrum of individual and organizational contributions. Each category may honor more than one distinguished recipient, and individuals or organizations are eligible to be recognized in multiple categories:

Distinguished Innovator

Individuals who have played a leading role in driving an impactful innovation from conception to execution and achieved measurable external impact.

Distinguished Chief Innovation Officer

Senior leaders who have developed and launched multiple innovation initiatives across the enterprise over the past two years.

Distinguished GInI Ambassador

Individuals or organizations who have advanced GInI's mission through advocacy and regional influence.

Distinguished Innovation by Private Sector

Private sector organizations that have conceived and launched a high-impact innovation using a structured innovation process.

Distinguished Innovation by Public Sector

Public sector organizations that have introduced impactful innovation to advance public value and societal outcomes.

Distinguished Private Sector Organization

Corporations that sustain a formal innovation program and have launched at least three major innovations over the past five years.

Distinguished Public Sector Organization

Public-sector institutions that operate a sustained innovation program and have launched three or more high-impact initiatives over the past five years.

Distinguished Innovation Enabler

Innovation labs, accelerators or centers that empower stakeholders to deliver at least two significant innovations through structured processes.

Distinguished GInI Chapter

Official GInI-chartered chapters that demonstrate sustained activity, strong council engagement and regional impact.

Distinguished Authorized Provider

GInI-authorized training providers who deliver high-quality certification services and advance GInI's global mission.

The 2025 GDI Awards were judged by a diverse committee comprising seasoned innovation practitioners, academics and industry leaders. GInI assembled a nineteen-member panel to evaluate applications, ensuring objectivity through expertise spanning corporate innovation, entrepreneurship, digital transformation, design thinking, and strategic technology partnerships. Members of the committee included Anthony Mills (Executive Director, GInI), Dr. Kellee Franklin, Bryan Mattimore, Dr. Bettina von Stamm, Finbar O’Hanlon, Susan Lindner, Carlo Mahfouz, Ludovit Garzik, Frank Mattes, Dheeren Velu, Ralph-Christian Ohr, Ranjan Malik, Dr. Tammy Madsen, Dr. Rhonda Farrell, Claus Raastad, Dave Moran, Harvey Wade, Jason Voiovich, and Tim Sharpe. Their combined expertise provided a robust and transparent framework for selecting this year’s winners.

2025 Award Highlights

From the nearly 3,000 submissions received, the **2025 GDI Awards** celebrated over sixty distinguished recipients spanning the Americas, Europe, Asia-Pacific, and the Middle East & Africa. Winners represented both established organizations and emerging ventures, underscoring the breadth of innovation activity taking place across regions and industries. Key themes among this year’s winning entries included digital transformation, sustainability and climate innovation, healthcare and well-being solutions, smart cities and urban development, and inclusive finance.



50
Individuals

24
Organizations & Enablers

21
Innovations

Distinguished Innovator

Abdul Moeed Nadeem Khawaja
Beaconhouse National University



Ahmed Ibrahim Al Suwaidi
Department of Human Resources – Ajman Government



Burhan Zain FakhurjiW
xGenome



Debashish Roy
CSP India Network Private Limited



Dilvo Grolli
Coopavel Cooperativa Agroindustrial



Dr. Hessa Jaffar Hassan
Dubai Municipality



Dr. Madawi Alotaibi
Princess Noura University



Dr. Majed Alawad
King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST)



El Mahadi Amin
Independent Researcher and Innovator



Eng. Elfarazdag Hassan Khalil Mohamed
GDIFA



Engy Yahia
Dubai Government Human Resources Department



Federico Foria
ETS



Hamda Almatroshy
Ajman Tourism, Culture and Media Department



Harvey Jiang
SEEKWAVES



Helena Levorato
Sociedade Brasileira da Inovação



Hiba Al Jabr
Independent



Hidayatullah Bin Mohammad Ali
Universiti Putra Malaysia



Jakkrit Thavorn
Thammasat Business School, Thammasat University



Jong-Hoon Lee
Airmon Inc.



Malak Al Turki
Sipchem



Mashaal Ali Al-Ejail
Hamad Medical Corporation



Md Tasruzzaman Babu
Bangladesh Railway



Muthla Al-Flaiti
Ministry Of Social Development - Childhood Care Center



Rasim Abdullayev
Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction



Reem Omar Ali Hussein
King Abdulaziz University



Sandeep Mahajan
Walmart



Simon Hill
Wazoku



Teo Foresti Girardi
Govtech Lab



Thomas Troch
Human8



Timothy Jameson
Express Merchants



Distinguished Chief Innovation Officer

Amal Said Ali AL Mashaikhi

Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology



Bassam Jayed Taher Al-Shammari

Kuwait National Petroleum Company



Carlos Bello Marcos

ILUNION Hotels



David Wambui

SATASOL group



Dr. Hussam Mohammed

Dubai Customs



Dr. Saeed Asiri

Saudi Awwal Bank



Dr. Shamsa Almarri

GDIFA



H.E. Mohammed Ahmed Yousif Saleh Al Obaidli

Dubai Courts



Hussein Ali Ibrahim Al-Lawati

Development Bank



Jeremy Myers

CACI



Sally Mabrouk

ICESCO



Stefano Gabriel Levorato

Brazilian Innovation Society



Taghreed Hatim Sindi

King Abdullah Medical City



Distinguished GInI Ambassador Winners

Ahmad Theeb Ahmad
Tlogia College



Amjed Sid Ahmed Mohamed Sid Ahmed
Modern College of Business and Science



Iffat AlRowaithy
Saudi Awwal Bank



Mayid Alshaeir
General Directorate for Identity and Foreigners Affairs - Dubai



Mohammed AlShehri
Riyadh Second Health Cluster



Osama Badandy
Innovologia



Shahin Shakarli
Code Academy



Distinguished Innovation by Private Sector

AI- and InSAR-Enabled CMPRF Foundation System for Sustainable and Resilient Grain Storage Infrastructure
GeoStruXer Constructs



Breeze: Procure with Ease
Express Merchants Ltd



Conecte Saúde – Collaborative Health Interoperability Ecosystem
Centro de Inovação e Tecnologia em Saúde (CitS) – Hospital Ernesto Dornelles



CSP.in
CSP INDIA NETWORK PRIVATE LIMITED



naPorta
NAPORTA TECNOLOGIA LTDA.



NeoJaus ONE Conversational Intelligence
Innovologia



SHOPIQ
Beaconhouse National University (BNU)



Distinguished Innovation by Public Sector

Agriculture 4.0 Program

Abu Dhabi Agricultural Food and Safety Authority



Digital Factory

National Center for Government Resource Systems



eMicro – Digital Loan Application Platform

Development Bank



Ghalia: “Dubai Municipality’s Nutrition AI Chat Agent for Food Safety and Nutrition in Educational Institutions”

Dubai Municipality



Projetek - Architect

Secretariat of Science, Technology and Higher Education of the State of Paraná / Government of the State of Paraná - Brazil



Qiyas

Digital Government Authority



Saudi Air Navigation Services (SANS)

Saudi Air Navigation Services



Simulation-Based Machine Learning for Detection of Rarely Occurring Behaviors Based on Human Trajectories

Kyoto University



The Modernization of Lalmonirhat Railway

Bangladesh Railway



The Red Carpet - GDRFA

GDIFA



The Smart Judgments and Legal Principles Platform

Dubai Courts



Traffic Accident Prediction Program Electronic Traffic Accident Prediction Program

Ministry of Interior





Distinguished
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Distinguished



Distinguished Private



Distinguished Public
Sector Organization

Global Innovation Institute



Distinguished Private Sector Organization

Alserkal Group LLC
United Arab Emirates



COOPAVEL COOPERATIVA AGROINDUSTRIAL
Brazil



Dr. Sulaiman Al Habib Medical Group (HMG)
Saudi Arabia



Instituto Nacional de Empreendedorismo e Inovação - INEI
Brazil



Kuwait National Petroleum Company
Kuwait



Porto do Açú
Brazil



Saudi Awwal Bank
Saudi Arabia



Seekwaves
China





Distinguished
Authorized Provider

Global Innovation Institute



Distinguished



Distinguished Private



Distinguished Public
Sector Organization

Global Innovation Institute



Distinguished Public Sector Organization

Digital Government Authority
Saudi Arabia



Dubai Customs
United Arab Emirates



Dubai Land Department
United Arab Emirates



Innovation and Digital Development Agency
Azerbaijan



Ministry of Energy
Saudi Arabia



Ministry of Interior
Qatar



Roads and Transport Authority
United Arab Emirates



Wasser 3.0 gGmbH
Germany



Distinguished Innovation Enabler Winners

Azerbaijan Innovation Center
Innovation and Digital Development Agency



BFC International & Academy
BFC International & Academy



Creativity and Innovation Program
Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia Cultural Bureau in London



LEAP Africa
LEAP Africa



Research, Development and Innovation Authority (RDIA)
Research, Development and Innovation Authority (RDIA)



Sociedade Brasileira de Inovação
Brazilian Innovation Society



UF Innovate | Accelerator
Accelerate - UF Innovate - University of Florida



Vale Production System (VPS)
Vale Oman Pelletizing Company LLC



Distinguished GInI Chapter

GInI KSA Chapter



Distinguished Authorized Provider

Code Academy
Azerbaijan



Dare Innovation
Saudi Arabia



International Centre for Training and Development
United Arab Emirates



Modern College of Business and Science
Oman



Accreditation and Certification Developments

Certified Innovative University

In April 2025, GInI unveiled the Certified Innovative University® (CInU®) accreditation – a global standard designed to recognize universities that demonstrate institutional maturity in innovation and entrepreneurship.

The CInU framework evaluates universities across nine domains – operations, research, curriculum, pedagogy, faculty, facilities, intellectual property & technology transfer, professional certification efforts, and new venture incubation. This comprehensive approach ensures that accreditation reflects a university’s culture, environment, systems, and practices for enabling innovation and entrepreneurship.

Starting 1 May 2025, universities undergo a seven-tier star ranking tied directly to their overall assessment score. Scores below 3.00 result in a non-innovative rating, while higher scores earn three- to seven-star designations reflecting progressively higher levels of innovation maturity. Assessments are carried out onsite by two independent Authorized Innovation Assessors® (AIAs) coordinated through an Authorized Training and Assessment Provider® (ATAP), with final decisions issued by GInI. To ensure objectivity, a new reassessment policy requires that each reassessment be conducted by a different set of assessors than those involved in the preceding cycle.

Universities interested in attaining CInU accreditation follow a three-step process: submitting their application through a GInI ATAP, completing the Innovation Enablement Capability Assessment conducted by independent assessors, and paying GInI’s administrative fee. The assessment uses GInI’s InECAT framework to score 24 weighted categories across the nine domains, evaluating each on presence, application, effectiveness and success. Universities receive a final rating from 0 to 10 and are designated as non-innovative or three- to seven-star CInUs based on that score. Benefits of accreditation include international recognition, enhanced reputation among stakeholders, clear visibility into institutional strengths and access to GInI’s global innovation ecosystem.



Star-Based Ranking and Reassessment



In an effort to provide greater clarity and consistency across all organizational accreditations, GInI introduced a unified star-based ranking system and revised reassessment policy effective 1 May 2025.

This new framework replaces the previous three-tier classification and applies uniformly to the Certified Innovative Organization® (CInOrg), Certified Governmental Innovator® (CGInO), Certified Innovative University® (CInU) and Certified Innovative Growth Venture® (CInGV) accreditations. Rankings are tied directly to an organization’s final assessment score, offering a transparent and scalable reflection of innovation maturity across academic, public, corporate and entrepreneurial sectors.

The revised reassessment policy enhances evaluation integrity by requiring that each reassessment be conducted by a new set of assessors, different from those who performed the previous evaluation.

This ensures every organization is reviewed with a fresh perspective at least every other assessment cycle, strengthening the credibility and impartiality of the process. The move to a unified seven-star scale not only harmonizes accreditation across diverse sectors but also provides organizations with clearer benchmarks for continuous improvement and more transparent communication of their innovation capabilities.

Strategic Partnerships

Innovation Library

To strengthen its knowledge ecosystem, GInI acquired Innovation Library – a leading digital platform that curates next-generation innovations across sectors – in early 2025.

The acquisition brought the platform under GInI’s ownership and governance, expanding access to high-value research and insights for professionals worldwide. Innovation Library’s curated collections, case studies and articles provide a comprehensive view of breakthrough solutions and emerging technologies, helping innovators stay abreast of trends shaping the future.



Integrating Innovation Library into GInI’s ecosystem enhances the resources available to certified professionals and member organizations. All individual members now receive three months of complimentary premium access to the platform, enabling them to explore in-depth case studies, expert perspectives and curated insights that support professional development and informed decision-making. Individuals with portal accounts also receive one month of premium access, ensuring seamless access across GInI’s certification, membership and knowledge platforms. This integration underscores GInI’s commitment to continuous learning and reinforces the link between certification, research and practice <https://innovationlibrary.com/>.

Digital Sandbox Center

In June 2025, GInI launched the Digital Sandbox Center in partnership with NayaOne to give innovation teams a compliant environment in which to evaluate, test and scale new technologies. The press announcement described the collaboration as a bridge between strategic intent and execution, allowing banks, insurers, regulators and ministries to accelerate adoption of technologies such as artificial intelligence, payments solutions and embedded finance.



Karan Jain, chief executive of NayaOne, noted that the platform acts as a vendor-delivery infrastructure that gives innovation teams ‘the horsepower to execute their ideas in a secure and safe way’. GInI Executive Director Anthony Mills emphasized that the partnership turns strategic ambition into real-world outcomes.

A separate overview of the center explains how NayaOne functions as the execution layer for innovation delivery. It enables leaders to discover, test and deliver third-party solutions across domains such as AI, ESG, regtech and payments without friction. Certified organizations can manage pipelines of proof-of-concepts and scale innovations using a secure sandbox, a structured pipeline aligned to their innovation framework, benchmarking across teams and geographies, and live delivery environments. The platform is designed for compliance, providing a secure, auditable environment to evaluate vendors and run live tests. It reduces proof-of-concept timelines from six months to weeks, aligns cross-functional teams around a shared process, and allows institutions to scale from five to 500 vendor engagements without losing control. Mills explains that safe digital sandboxes powered by synthetic data are essential to rapidly test and deploy emerging technologies, especially in regulated industries.

State of Corporate Innovation Survey

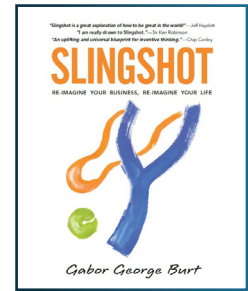
Since 2015 GInI has supported the annual State of Corporate Innovation Survey, published by HYPE Innovation and its partners. The tenth edition, released in January 2025, was conducted with Deloitte, The Conference Board, ISPIM and other organizations and captured the perspectives of innovation professionals across industries. The survey benchmarks the maturity of innovation practices and identifies persistent gaps in turning ideas into business outcomes.



Key insights from the 2025 report highlight the challenges organizations face in progressing concepts into results. Eighty-seven per cent of respondents cite converting ideas into business outcomes as the top obstacle in their innovation pipeline. Seventy-seven per cent indicate that process improvement is the leading trigger for core innovation, while 72 per cent use challenges and contests as their primary crowdsourcing mechanism. Sixty-nine per cent say leadership efforts focus on fostering culture and recognizing innovators, and 68 per cent highlight financial metrics as the principal measure of innovation effectiveness. These findings have informed GInI’s strategic priorities, emphasizing the need for stronger governance frameworks, leadership support and structured processes to turn ideas into measurable results.

Slingshot Framework

In 2025 GInI opened licensing for the Slingshot Framework, a strategic methodology created by Gabor George Burt—one of the originators of Blue Ocean Strategy and a member of GInI’s Board of Advisors. Through this program, qualified coaches, advisors and trainers can deliver the Slingshot Framework to organizations seeking to unlock creativity and redefine markets. The initiative empowers licensees to help companies apply Blue Ocean Strategy continuously, redefine markets and align business success with personal fulfilment. Participants receive exclusive training materials and ongoing support, enabling them to build long-term client relationships across sectors and regions.



The Slingshot Framework’s focus on combining strategic and creative thinking resonates with GInI’s mission to provide structured yet imaginative pathways for innovation. By collaborating with Burt, GInI extends access to a methodology that helps organizations transcend traditional boundaries and turn crises into opportunities. This partnership highlights GInI’s dedication to equipping innovation professionals with diverse tools, from certification programs to advanced frameworks, that catalyze breakthrough thinking and sustained value creation.

GInI and Saudi Electricity Company MoU

At the Global Innovation Summit 2025 in Dubai, GInI and Saudi Electricity Company signed a Memorandum of Understanding to advance innovation in the energy sector.

The February 2025 agreement aims to enhance collaboration in innovation, and research and technological development, fostering a culture of innovation and cutting-edge solutions. Through the partnership, Saudi Electricity Company will draw on GInI’s expertise in innovation strategy, professional certification, and research-driven initiatives, helping its innovators build advanced skills and connect with a worldwide network of thought leaders.



The collaboration focuses on forward-thinking projects, best practices and innovative methodologies that enhance efficiency, sustainability, and technological excellence within the energy sector. By joining forces with GInI, Saudi Electricity Company reinforces its role as an industry leader in innovation and positions itself at the forefront of energy and sustainability advancements.

GInI and Community Development Authority (CDA) MoU

On 26 February 2025, the Community Development Authority (CDA) – Dubai and GInI signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding at the World Innovation Summit in Dubai Sustainable City. The partnership aims to embed innovation into government services and community development by fostering knowledge exchange, joint research and training programs. The MoU establishes a framework for joint initiatives, research collaboration and capacity-building to equip government professionals with cutting-edge innovation practices.



CDA Director General H.E. Hessa bint Issa Buhumaid noted that the partnership allows CDA to benefit from GInI's innovation training, certification, and advisory services, improving service excellence and fostering a culture of continuous innovation. GInI Director General Anthony Mills echoed this sentiment, emphasizing that the collaboration will help develop forward-thinking policies, train government professionals, and adopt global best practices to drive impactful change in community services. The agreement highlights Dubai's vision for a more innovative and future-ready public sector.

GInI and Ajman Municipality MoU

Also signed during the World Innovation Summit, the Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipality and Planning Department – Ajman and GInI seeks to enhance technical and technological cooperation to drive innovation in government work and institutional excellence. The agreement underscores a mutual commitment to knowledge exchange, research collaboration and professional training. It ensures that Ajman's government professionals and university students can access capacity-building programs and internationally recognized innovation certifications through GInI.



The MoU was signed by H.E. Abdulrahman Mohammed Al Nuaimi, Director General of Ajman's Municipality and Planning Department, and GInI Director General Anthony Mills in the presence of officials and innovation experts. As part of the summit, Ajman X Center Director Sheikha Dr. Noura Humaid Al Nuaimi participated in a panel on 'Innovation in Government,' exploring strategies to integrate innovation into public services and enhance the customer experience. The partnership paves the way for joint initiatives, participation in global conferences and the exchange of best practices, reinforcing Ajman's role as a regional leader in innovation-driven governance.

Education and Regional Engagement

Webinars and Learning Programs

To support continuous learning, GInI offers a comprehensive webinar series and on-demand training programs.

Throughout 2025 the Institute hosted monthly webinars featuring thought leaders such as Irena Yashin-Shaw, Brianna Sylver, Josh Barker and Geoffrey Moore. Their sessions explored topics ranging from intrapreneurialism and leadership during periods of disruption to corporate innovation strategy and leveraging AI in the innovation process.



A sampling of the year's webinar topics illustrates the breadth of the program. Sessions covered:





- Intrapreneurialism: The Human Potential Revolution
- Leading Through Free Fall
- Zone to Win – Organizing to Compete in an Age of Disruption
- Moving Innovation from a Siloed Event to a Strategic Capability
- Leveraging AI for the Innovation Process and Rapid Validation of AI Solutions
- The GInI Certified Innovative University accreditation
- Navigating the AI Revolution: Placing Humans at the Heart of Workplace Transformation
- Pivotal – Creating Stability in an Uncertain World
- NOW and NEW: How Companies Can Use Their Capabilities for Scaling Innovation and Generating New Growth




This diverse line-up of speakers and subjects underscores GInI's commitment to address emerging trends and practical insights across industries. In the 2024 annual report, the Institute noted that its webinar series brought together six American and two Canadian thought leaders, and four European thought leaders. The 2025 program built on this foundation, further broadening geographic reach and thematic diversity.

Alongside its webinars, GInI expanded on-demand training through the Unleashing Genius Program. This twelve-week, twelve-module micro-credential introduces world-class practices in strategic and corporate innovation. Participants learn how to start a corporate innovation program, structure it for maximum impact, secure stakeholder support, cultivate a culture of innovation, develop innovation strategies and manage the innovation process. The curriculum covers foundations of corporate innovation, leadership and culture, human-centered design, ideation, strategic foresight and advanced innovation practices. Graduates earn 15 Innovation Development Units (IDUs) towards maintaining their professional certifications. Teams can also enroll in cohort-based versions of the program that include monthly mastermind sessions with rotating instructors, fostering collaborative learning and tailored guidance.

Regional Centers and Expansion

GInI’s regional centers extend the Institute’s reach by localizing content, building communities and delivering certifications in native languages. Significant expansion continued through 2025:

Regional Center	Location & Partner	Key Contributions
 <p data-bbox="289 548 480 583">Brazil Center</p>	<p data-bbox="630 453 1026 562">São Paulo, Brazil – partnership with Sociedade Brasileira de Inovação (SBI)</p>	<p data-bbox="1075 453 1438 814">Aims to provide Brazilian professionals direct access to GInI programs. It translates the Applied Innovation Master Book and professional certification materials into Portuguese and fosters workshops, webinars and collaborations with universities, industry and government.</p>
 <p data-bbox="228 951 539 987">Latin America Center</p>	<p data-bbox="630 861 1011 926">Guadalajara, Mexico – partnership with International Lean Six Sigma</p>	<p data-bbox="1075 861 1474 1182">Launched to serve Spanish-speaking countries by translating GInI’s learning materials and certification exams into Spanish. The center provides professional certifications and accreditations and hosts events and workshops to empower innovators across the region.</p>
 <p data-bbox="289 1314 480 1350">MENA Center</p>	<p data-bbox="630 1224 1011 1289">AbuDhabi, UAE – partnership with TQ Consulting</p>	<p data-bbox="1075 1224 1474 1503">Launched to offer GInI’s professional certifications and innovation services in Arabic. The center ensures that Arabic-speaking professionals can access training and resources in their native language.</p>
 <p data-bbox="289 1623 488 1659">French Center</p>	<p data-bbox="630 1547 995 1612">Tunis, Tunisia – partnership with BFC International and Academy</p>	<p data-bbox="1075 1547 1455 1822">Established to expand GInI’s reach across French-speaking regions by supporting the translation and localization of GInI’s learning materials, certification resources and professional development programs into French.</p>

 <p>Korea Center</p>	<p>South Korea – partnership with IPConsulting</p>	<p>Established in 2025 to advance applied innovation in South Korea, the center provides training, assessments, and community engagement. Led by Byung Sun Kang, it also oversees the Korean translation of the Applied Innovation Master Book, now 80% complete.</p>
 <p>Indonesia Center</p>	<p>Jakarta, Indonesia - In partnership with PT. Mitra Inovasi Prima Indonesia.</p>	<p>The center provides Indonesian professionals and organizations with access to GInI certifications and accreditations, while offering localized resources, workshops, and seminars tailored to Indonesia’s evolving innovation landscape.</p>
 <p>India Center</p>	<p>Bengaluru, India – collaboration with Simsy Ventures</p>	<p>Serves India and South Asia, providing tailored certifications and accreditations. Established in response to India’s rise in the Global Innovation Index, the center delivers workshops and webinars while partnering with academia, industry, and government to advance innovation.</p>

These centers complement existing operations in North America and Europe, where new Authorized Providers and chapters deliver exam preparation courses, host regional events and strengthen local innovation ecosystems. Throughout 2025 GInI also noted growing activity in Indonesia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, and other parts of Asia Pacific, reflecting the Institute’s commitment to support emerging markets.

Translation and Accessibility

A key enabler of regional engagement is the translation of GInI’s knowledge resources into multiple languages. In 2024 the Institute launched Latin American and Brazilian centers to translate its materials into Spanish and Portuguese and distribute them throughout the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking worlds. The MENA Center, launched recently in Abu Dhabi, provides all certifications and innovation services in Arabic. In South Korea the newly established Korea Center is overseeing translation of the Applied Innovation Master Book, with 80% of the work already completed. These initiatives ensure that GInI’s frameworks, tools and exam materials are accessible to professionals in their native languages.

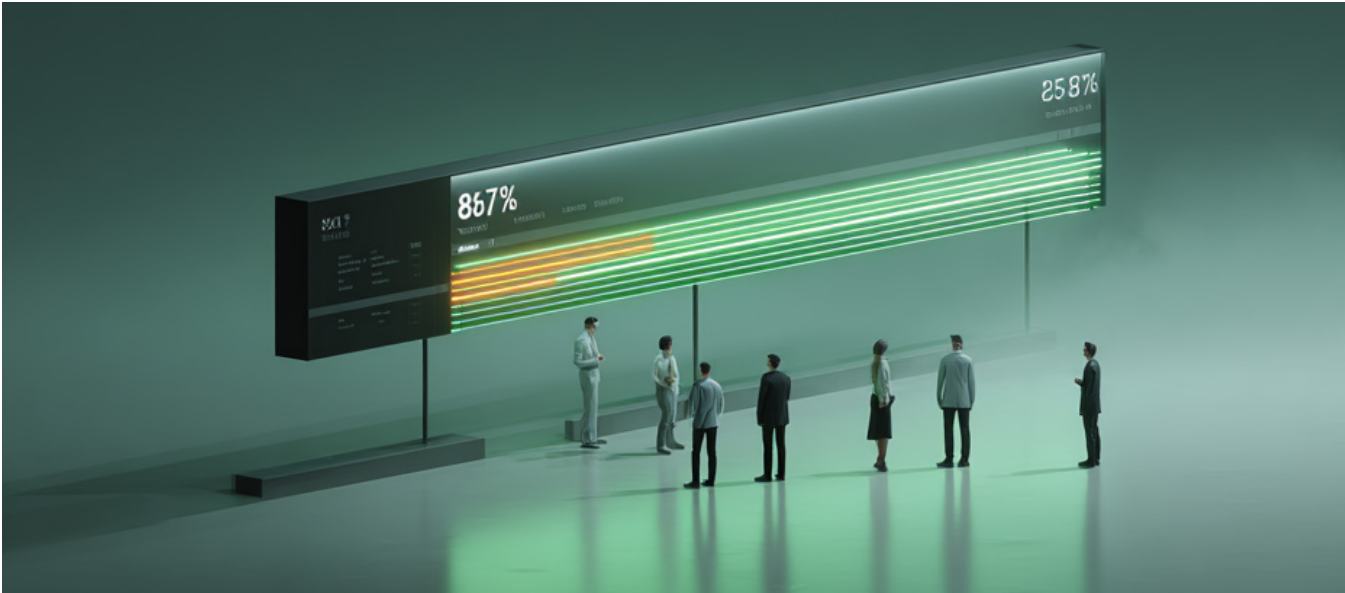
GInI also increased accessibility by modularizing the Applied Innovation Master Book into six specialized booklets. This reorganization, introduced in 2024 and fully implemented in 2025, enables learners to access targeted knowledge on ideation, strategy formulation, implementation and scaling while still drawing on the rich case studies and tools found in the comprehensive volume. The modular format makes complex concepts more approachable and supports educators in tailoring instruction to diverse audiences. Combined with on-demand webinars, micro-credentials and local language offerings, these changes help GInI advance its mission to democratize innovation education and empower professionals worldwide.

Redional Innovation Performance Scoreboard

Scoring Methodology

Global Innovation Institute’s (GInI) Innovation Performance Scoreboard evaluates national innovation ecosystems through a rigorous, data-driven lens. For 2025, the analysis continues to examine five core indicators—Certified Innovation Professionals, Accredited Organizations, Authorized Providers, Active Partnerships, and the Global Innovation Index (GII). This year’s dataset shows an approximate 20% increase across most quantitative metrics compared with 2024, underscoring the accelerating maturity of innovation systems worldwide.

Each metric is weighted to balance human-capital development with systemic accessibility. Certified professionals and accredited organizations receive the greatest weight, while authorized providers, partnerships, and the GII anchor the broader ecosystem view. This weighting ensures the final performance score captures both a country’s innovation capacity and the infrastructure that supports it. The methodology serves as a diagnostic and strategic tool—enabling policymakers, institutions, and businesses to understand their innovation standing, identify gaps, and prioritize investments where they will have the greatest impact.



Regional Innovation Performance

The Americas

Country	Certified Professionals	Business Accreditations	Authorized Providers	Partnerships	Combined GInI Score	Global Innovation Index Score	Innovation Score
United States	1920	103	7	9	987.7	61.7	802.5
Canada	876	64	2	5	454.8	51.1	374.1
Brazil	600	10	2	4	303.2	32.9	249.1
Mexico	480	9	0	4	242.7	30.5	200.2
Argentina	300	9	0	1	152.4	26.8	127.2
Uruguay	240	0	0	1	120.1	28.8	101.8
Colombia	168	4	0	1	85.1	28.5	73.8
Bolivia	98	0	0	1	49.1	N/A	39.3

Table 1. Innovation Performance Metrics – Selected Countries in the Americas
 This table presents a breakdown of key innovation indicators for countries across the Americas, reflecting relative performance and ecosystem development based on GInI’s scoring methodology. Most statistical figures are rounded to the nearest hundred, though some entries reflect more precise values where relevant. Performersperformers

Top Performers

- United States – Innovation Score: **802.5**. The United States continues to lead the region and the world, reflecting roughly **1,920** certified professionals, more than 100 accredited organizations, eleven authorized providers and a broad partnership network. Its score underscores the country’s unmatched scale and maturity.
- Canada – Innovation Score: **374.1**. Canada maintains its position as the number two innovator in the Americas. With nearly **876** certified professionals, expanded partnerships and an increase in business accreditations, Canada’s innovation ecosystem continues to deepen. Further development of authorized providers would help unlock additional growth.

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- Brazil – Innovation Score: **249.1**. Brazil’s innovation ecosystem continues to build on a solid foundation of certified professionals and growing accreditations. Decentralizing delivery channels and expanding collaborative networks remain critical to unlocking its full potential.
- Mexico – Innovation Score: **200.2**. Mexico registers a notable increase in certified professionals and business accreditations. While provider and partnership metrics remain moderate, targeted investment in training infrastructure and ecosystem connectivity will help propel it toward leadership within Latin America.

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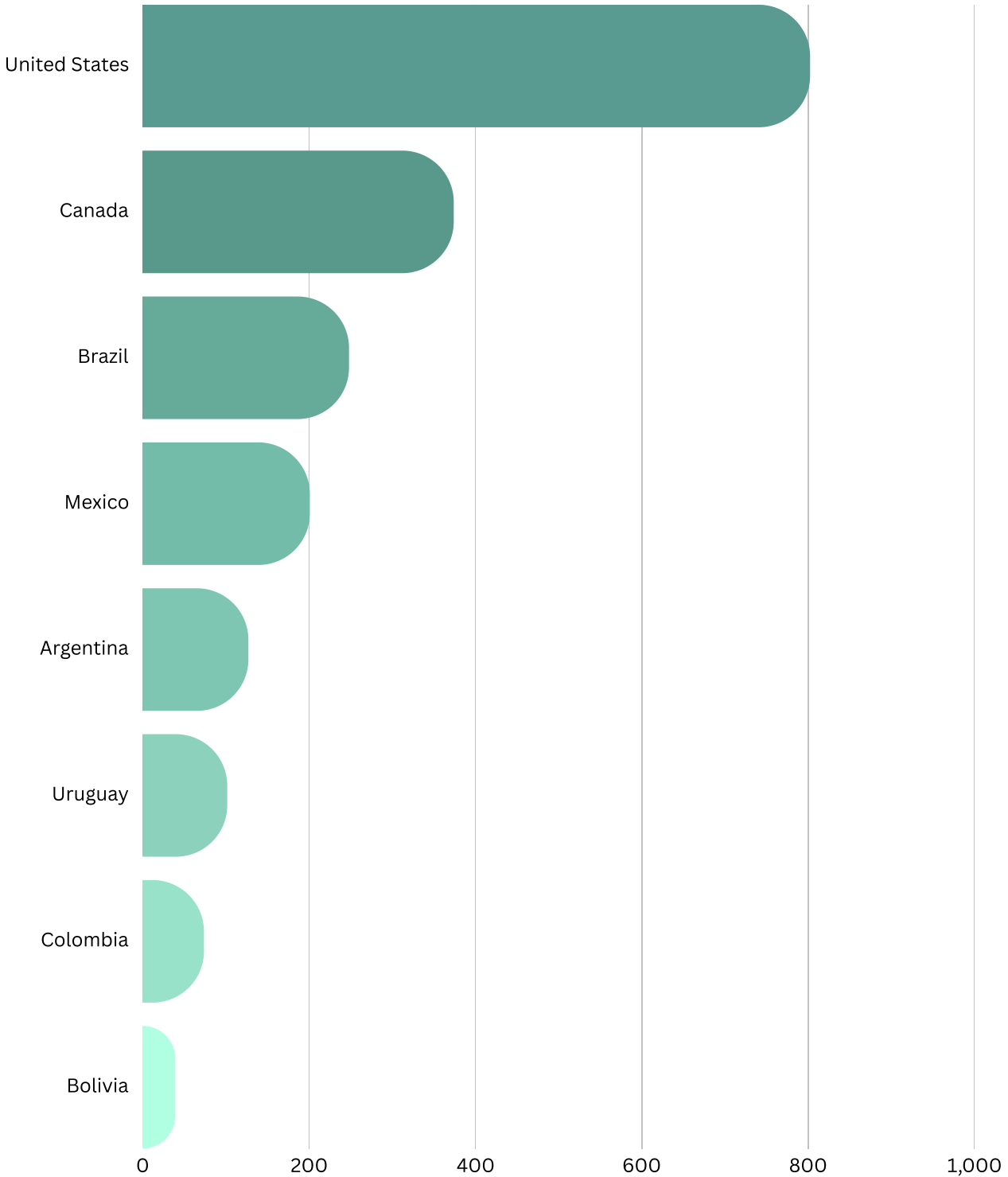


Figure 1. Innovation Performance Distribution – Americas
This chart visualizes the relative performance of selected countries in the Americas across GINI’s innovation indicators.

Europe

Country	Certified Professionals	Business Accreditations	Authorized Providers	Partnerships	Combined GInI Score	Global Innovation Index Score	Innovation Score
Germany	1,440	11	1	6	723.5	55.5	589.9
United Kingdom	1,020	20	5	8	516.6	59.1	425.1
Italy	900.00	17	0	4	454.7	44.9	372.7
Spain	840	7	0	5	422.3	44.6	346.7
Sweden	720	6	0	4	361.9	62.6	302.0
Switzerland	540	17	0	2	274.5	66	232.8
Norway	480	24	0	2	246.2	49.2	206.8
Luxembourg	360	18	0	1	184.6	47.3	157.1
Denmark	300	17	1	2	154.6	56.9	135.1
Turkey	240	14	1	6	124.3	37.2	106.8
Belgium	240	3	0	1	120.9	48.5	106.4
Croatia	216	1	0	1	108.4	37.7	94.2
Azerbaijan	180	5	2	5	92.1	22.9	78.2
Cyprus	156	7	1	1	80.0	45.5	73.1
Estonia	144	10	0	1	74.6	51.1	69.9

Table 2. Innovation Performance Metrics – Selected Countries in the Europe

This table presents a breakdown of key innovation indicators for countries across the Europe, reflecting relative performance and ecosystem development based on GInI's scoring methodology.

Most statistical figures are rounded to the nearest hundred, though some entries reflect more precise values where relevant. Performersperformers

Top Performers

- Germany – Innovation Score: **589.9**. Germany excels in human-capital development and partnership engagement. With **1,440** certified professionals and growing organizational accreditations, expansion of provider capacity and new certification pathways will enable further inclusivity.
- United Kingdom – Innovation Score: **425.1**. UK demonstrates accelerated progress, particularly in business accreditations (20) and an expanding cadre of certified professionals. Scaling infrastructure and enhancing awareness of innovation programs across sectors will be essential for continued advancement.

Emerging Markets

- Italy – Innovation Score: **372.7**. The United Kingdom remains Europe’s most balanced innovation ecosystem, with around **900.00** certified professionals, 17 accredited organizations, seven authorized providers and a robust partnership network. Its ability to align policy support with industry-led action continues to set the regional benchmark.
- Spain – Innovation Score: **346.7**. Spain’s innovation system benefits from strong partnership networks and an increasing number of business accreditations. Fostering effective governance, encouraging private-sector participation and localizing certification pathways will support sustained growth.

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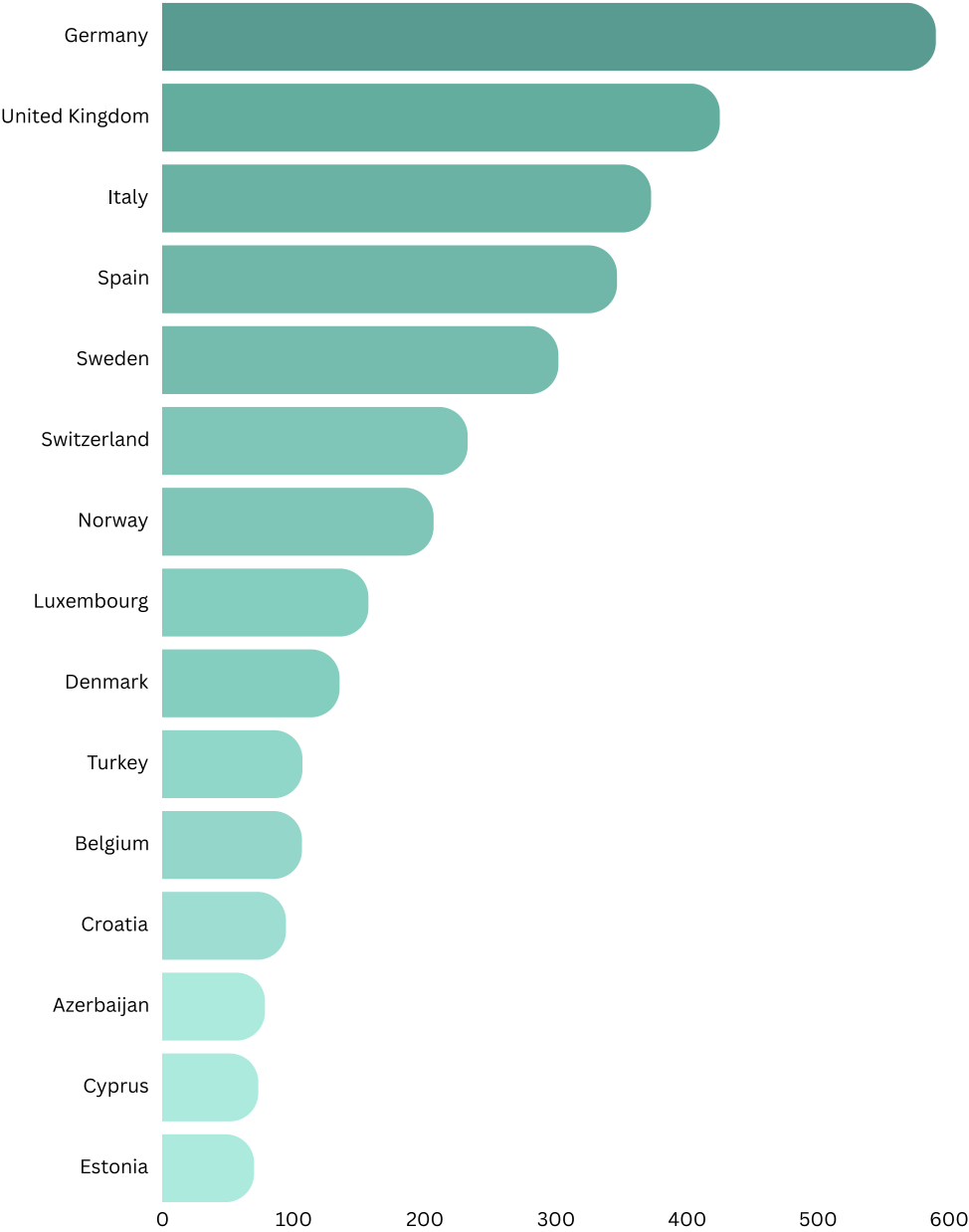


Figure 2. Innovation Performance Distribution – Europe
This chart visualizes the relative performance of selected countries in the Europe across GInI’s innovation indicators.

Asia Pacific

Country	Certified Professionals	Business Accreditations	Authorized Providers	Partnerships	Combined GInI Score	Global Innovation Index Score	Innovation Score
India	3,000	18	1	10	1,505.7	38.2	1,212.2
Japan	2,160	12	0	5	1,083.5	53.6	877.5
Singapore	1,560	11	0	5	783.3	59.9	638.6
Australia	1,440	10	1	4	723.1	48	588.0
Malaysia	1,320	8	2	5	662.8	40.6	538.4
Indonesia	1,200	7	1	5	602.4	31.3	488.2
South Korea	1,080	6	1	4	542.1	60	445.6
China	950	1	1	1	475.5	56.6	380.4
Thailand	840	6	0	2	421.7	36.7	337.4
New Zealand	720	5	0	2	361.5	45.5	298.3
Vietnam	600	16	1	2	304.4	37.1	250.9
Pakistan	600	4	2	4	301.7	22.1	245.8
Philippines	480	6	0	2	241.7	33.6	200.1
Sri Lanka	480	2	0	1	240.6	22.9	197.1
Cambodia	180	7	0	1	91.9	22	77.9
Taiwan	120	0	0	0	60.0	N/A	59.3

Table 3. Innovation Performance Metrics – Selected Countries in the Asia Pacific

This table presents a breakdown of key innovation indicators for countries across the Asia Pacific, reflecting relative performance and ecosystem development based on GInI's scoring methodology.

Most statistical figures are rounded to the nearest hundred, though some entries reflect more precise values where relevant. Performersperformers

Top Performers

- India – Innovation Score: **1,212.2**. India remains the region's powerhouse, expanding to approximately **3,000** certified professionals and eighteen accredited organizations. Strategic investment in authorized providers and public-private partnerships will be critical to turning this scale into system-wide maturity.
- Japan – Innovation Score: **877.5**. Singapore continues to demonstrate strategic efficiency. With around **2,160.00** certified professionals and eleven accredited organizations, its ecosystem delivers high performance without heavy infrastructure. Expanding provider access remains a key opportunity.

Emerging Markets

- Singapore – Innovation Score: **638.6**. Singapore’s momentum is fueled by 11 business accreditations, and a growing base of certified professionals. Continued capacity building and regional collaboration will help Vietnam move from emerging to leading status.
- Australia – Innovation Score: **588.0**. Australia exhibits a balanced innovation profile with **1,440** certified professionals, a diversified accreditation base and an expanding provider network. Deepening public-sector integration and strengthening national partnerships will further elevate its ecosystem.
- Malaysia – Innovation Score: **538.4**. Malaysia exhibits a balanced innovation profile with **1,320+** certified professionals, a diversified accreditation base and an expanding provider network. Deepening public-sector integration and strengthening national partnerships will further elevate its ecosystem.

Innovation Performance



Figure 3. Innovation Performance Distribution – Asia Pacific
 This chart visualizes the relative performance of selected countries in the Asia Pacific across GINI’s innovation indicators.

Middle East & Africa

Country	Certified Professionals	Business Accreditations	Authorized Providers	Partnerships	Combined GInI Score	Global Innovation Index Score	Innovation Score
Saudi Arabia	4,200	100	38	18	2,132.5	36	1,713.2
United Arab Emirates	3,840	268	27	18	1,992.9	44.2	1,603.1
Nigeria	1,200	22	4	5	606.6	21.1	489.5
Jordan	720	7	6	5	363.2	29.7	296.5
Morocco	720	2	0	4	360.9	31.1	294.9
Tunisia	600	24	1	2	306.4	27	250.5
Lebanon	480	0	2	2	240.5	23.6	197.1
Egypt	432	0	1	6	216.8	24.7	178.3
Kuwait	360	25	0	3	186.6	28.2	154.9
Oman	360	5	3	7	182.4	28.7	151.7
Bahrain	300	7	2	2	152.3	30	127.8
Qatar	282	3	6	7	143.4	33.6	121.6
Sudan	180	12	2	1	93.4	N/A	74.7
Libya	180	1	2	1	90.7	N/A	72.5
Botswana	120	2	0	1	60.6	24.6	53.4
Syria	108	6	1	1	55.8	N/A	44.6
Mauritania	96	1	1	1	48.5	15.4	41.9

Table 4. Innovation Performance Metrics – Selected Countries in the Middle East & Africa

This table presents a breakdown of key innovation indicators for countries across the Middle East & Africa, reflecting relative performance and ecosystem development based on GInI's scoring methodology. Most statistical figures are rounded to the nearest hundred, though some entries reflect more precise values where relevant. Performers

Top Performers

- Saudi Arabia – Innovation Score: **1,713.2**. Saudi Arabia leads the MENA region in innovation performance, driven by strong growth in certified professionals, accredited organizations, and authorized providers. The Kingdom’s continued investment in innovation as a core pillar of its economic transformation agenda, combined with the expansion of national innovation capabilities and provider networks, continues to accelerate its regional leadership position.
- United Arab Emirates – Innovation Score: **1,603.1**. The UAE continues to demonstrate a highly mature and dynamic innovation ecosystem, supported by strong national policies, strategic partnerships, and an extensive network of authorized providers. Its sustained performance across all indicators reinforces its position as one of the region’s most advanced and globally connected innovation hubs.providers continue to drive its unmatched performance.

Emerging Markets

- Nigeria – Innovation Score: **489.5**. Nigeria maintains a balanced profile, showing progress across certifications, accreditations and provider access. Expanding institutional partnerships and launching sector-specific programs will help accelerate this growth.
- Jordan – Innovation Score: **296.5**. Jordan continues to demonstrate capability across all pillars with an increasing number of authorized providers and partnerships. Aligning innovation initiatives with national economic objectives will amplify results.
- Morocco – Innovation Score: **294.9**. Morocco’s ecosystem displays strong regional collaboration and an expanding provider base. Ongoing investment in certification delivery and innovation education positions Qatar to become a regional innovation hub.

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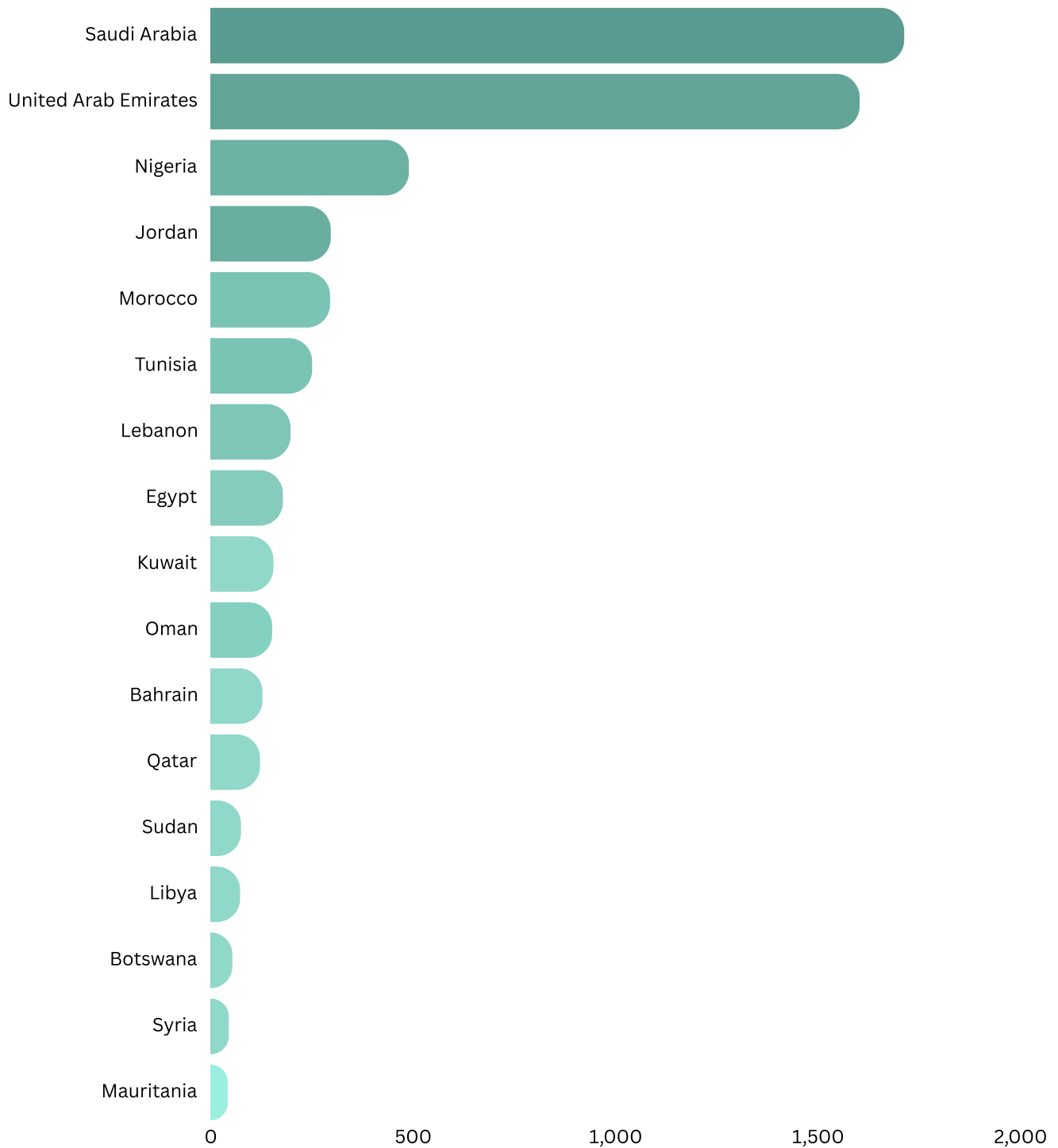


Figure 4. Innovation Performance Distribution – Middle East & Africa

This chart visualizes the relative performance of selected countries in the Middle East & Africa across GInI's innovation indicators.

Conclusion

As Global Innovation Institute (GInI) closes another remarkable year, the trajectory of innovation is unmistakably upward. From expanding regional footprints and inaugurating the Global Innovation Summit to launching new accreditation frameworks and forging transformative partnerships, 2025 marked a milestone in GInI's mission to empower nations and organizations to cultivate thriving innovation ecosystems.

The institute remains steadfast in its global mission to cultivate and advance innovation ecosystems, reinforcing the progress of leading nations while nurturing emerging economies and those poised for future breakthroughs. The vision is clear: innovation should not be a privilege, but a universal force for progress, enabling every society to harness transformative ideas for a more sustainable, prosperous and forward-thinking future.

In 2025 GInI:

- Achieved significant global expansion, launching new regional centers and translating core learning resources into multiple languages to enhance accessibility.
- Unveiled the inaugural Global Innovation Summit, convening leaders from over fifty countries and culminating in 20 policy recommendations for advancing innovation worldwide.
- Elevated the Global Distinguished Innovator Awards, with nearly 3,000 applications reviewed by a distinguished judging panel and winners announced at the summit's grand finale.
- Introduced the Certified Innovative University accreditation and unified star-based ranking system, signaling a new era of standardized assessment and continuous improvement in innovation education.
- Forged strategic partnerships and memoranda of understanding spanning digital sandbox testing, innovation surveys, knowledge hubs, and collaborative frameworks with organizations and governments across the Americas, Europe, Asia-Pacific, and the Middle East & Africa.
- Expanded webinars, micro-credentials and regional learning programs, reaching thousands of professionals and fostering innovation communities in diverse sectors.
- Published the Innovation Performance Scoreboard, revealing substantial growth in certified professionals, accredited organizations, authorized providers and partnerships—with scores rising roughly twenty percent across regions.

Looking ahead, GInI will continue to raise the bar. In 2026, the Global Innovation Summit moves to Riyadh, promising an even broader global dialogue and the launch of the second edition of the Global Distinguished Innovator Awards. Continued expansion of regional centers, deeper translation and accessibility initiatives, and intensified collaboration with government and corporate partners will build on this year's momentum. Through rigorous certification, influential thought leadership, and vibrant community engagement, GInI will keep championing innovation as the engine of sustainable, inclusive growth across all regions of the world.