



# SADEX 2026

STEPPING TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF  
DRONE & UAS

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**RIYADH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE  
RIYADH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

A futuristic drone with a sleek, aerodynamic design and four rotors is shown in flight against a backdrop of a city skyline at dusk. The drone is positioned in the lower-left foreground, angled towards the right. The city buildings are illuminated with warm lights, and the sky is a deep blue. The word "ABOUT" is written vertically in large, white, sans-serif capital letters on the left side of the image.

# ABOUT

## SADEX 2026

### **Powering the Kingdom's Smart Air Mobility: Shaping the Future of Unmanned Aviation Systems!**

Launched in 2023, the Saudi Drone Exhibition - SADEX was created to advance the Kingdom's digital and technological transformation and to position Saudi Arabia as a regional and global hub for drone innovation, regulation, and investment, fully aligned with the ambitious objectives of Vision 2030.

As Low Altitude Economic Technologies evolve at unprecedented speed, propelled by breakthroughs in artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, edge computing, data analytics, and precision navigation, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) are becoming indispensable tools across an expanding range of sectors. These advances have redefined the possibilities of unmanned systems, accelerating their integration into critical national industries and driving a new era of efficiency, safety, and sustainability.

Following two highly successful editions marked by remarkable growth and international recognition, SADEX has now been officially expanded to encompass the entire Unmanned Aviation System (UAS) ecosystem. This evolution reflects the Kingdom's exceptional progress and ambition in this transformative domain.



# SADEX 2026: A DEDICATED UAS EXHIBITION

**Unlocking New Business Potential !**

**Inspiring the Next Wave in Low Altitude Economy !**

In line with the Kingdom's groundbreaking ambition to build one of the most advanced and thriving economies globally, the commitment to developing a pioneering low-altitude economy perfectly aligns with Saudi Arabia's broader goals of diversification, digitalization, performance, and sustainability. Organizing a dedicated Unmanned Aviation Systems (UAS) exhibition embodies this vision, creating a strategic platform to shape, regulate, and expand an ecosystem that will redefine how industries, cities, and services will operate in the decades ahead.

A specialized UAS exhibition provides an ideal scientific, technological, and business platform to connect global innovators with national stakeholders, fostering collaboration, investment, and knowledge exchange across this rapidly advancing field. By showcasing cutting-edge advancements in smart aerial mobility and logistics' autonomy, AI integration, communication systems, the event will accelerate the adoption of unmanned aerial systems across Saudi Arabia's key growth sectors, while driving the development of supporting infrastructure, regulatory frameworks, and local talent.

Ultimately, SADEX's evolution into a dedicated UAS platform supports the rise of a dynamic low-altitude economy that will open new markets, attract advanced technology solutions, and enhance operational efficiency. It underscores Saudi Arabia's readiness, not only to adopt state-of-the-art UAS applications, but also to shape global standards governing their safe and effective use, cementing the Kingdom's position as a regional and international hub for unmanned innovation and industrial transformation.

# FACTS AND FIGURES

SADEX 2026 isn't just an exhibition...

it's Where the Future of the Low-Altitude Economy Takes Flight

	2024	2025	2026
<b>DAYS</b> 	3 DAYS	3 DAYS	3 DAYS
<b>SIZE OF THE EXHIBITION</b> 	6,000 SQ.M	11,000 SQ.M	14,000 SQ.M
<b>EXHIBITORS</b> 	75	110	+250
<b>VISITORS</b> 	6,500	14,643	+20,000
<b>COUNTRIES</b> 	12	18	+20
<b>SIGNED AGREEMENTS</b> 	13	20	+50
<b>SPEAKERS</b> 	50	30	+70

The background image shows a large, modern exhibition hall. In the foreground, several men are dressed in traditional Saudi attire, including white thobes and ghutra headwear. They are engaged in conversations or looking at displays. The background features various exhibition booths with logos, including 'GACA' and 'YC'. A large Saudi flag is visible on the right side. The overall atmosphere is professional and high-tech.

## WHY EXHIBIT AT SADEX 2026? WHERE INNOVATION MEETS OPPORTUNITY

SADEX 2026, the premier gateway to the leading and booming UAS market of the region, brings together the entire unmanned ecosystem, manufacturers, regulators, investors, operators, and end users under one roof. It is the leading Saudi and Middle Eastern drone market, offering an exceptional environment for business generation, strategic collaboration, and technology showcase.

At SADEX 2026, exhibitors will gain direct access to decision-makers and qualified buyers. Through tailored matchmaking sessions, exhibitors will connect with high-ranking officials, mega-project executives, government buyers, and industry leaders to discuss business opportunities, explore partnerships, and unveil breakthrough innovations.

Exhibitors at SADEX 2026 will have extensive opportunities to:

- Access the Fastest-Growing Saudi and the Middle East Drone Market
- Prospect Saudi Government programs and mega projects accelerating local drone adoption across sectors
- Connect with a Highly Targeted Audience, showing innovations to the right business audience.
- Showcase latest innovation, meet and discuss with government officials, from Giga-project stakeholders, public and private buyers
- Leverage opportunities for joint ventures, distribution deals, and R&D collaboration
- Stay ahead of competition by displaying latest drone solutions positioning.
- Gain Media Exposure & Market Visibility, benefiting the coverage from local and international news outlets, trade media, and influencers, amplifying your brand's reputation across the region and beyond.

# WHO SHOULD EXHIBIT AT SADEX 2026



Institutions, Companies and Start-ups from drone and UAV design, engineering and drone manufacturing sectors, technology solutions and services providers, are welcome to exhibit at SADEX 2026.

SADEX 2026 brings together the full UAV ecosystem, featuring:



## **HARDWARE & COMPONENT PROVIDERS**

Airframes, propulsion, avionics, payloads, sensors, batteries, and communication modules.



## **SYSTEM INTEGRATORS & AI SOLUTION PROVIDERS**

Airframes, propulsion, avionics, payloads, sensors, batteries, and communication modules.



## **TELECOM & CONNECTIVITY SOLUTIONS**

Ground control stations, BVLOS links, 5G, telemetry, and real-time data transmission.



## **SERVICE & INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDERS**

Drone-as-a-Service (DaaS), fleet operations, hangars, droneports, and IoT-enabled facilities.



## **RESEARCH, CERTIFICATION & TESTING INSTITUTIONS**

R&D, pilot and system certification, safety trials, and regulatory compliance.



# SECTORS SERVED BY SADEX 2026

All types and categories of drones, UAVs without restriction, including Fixed Wing Drones, Rotary-Wing Drones, Powered-lift Drones, Electric, Solar, Gas, Hybrid, Hydrogen, and Laser-Charging Drones, Quadcopters, Hexacopters and Octocopters, Helicopter Drones and eVTOL, are invited to exhibit at SADEX 2026, to serve the wide range of key sectors.



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**HOMELAND  
SECURITY**



**DELIVERY, LOGISTICS  
& TRANSPORTATION**

# VISITORS AND THEIR FOCUS

**SADEX 2026** will attract a diverse range of stakeholders interested in UAS technologies across various sectors:

- Government & Authorities:** Policymakers, security, civil protection, customs, emergency response, environmental, and agriculture agencies exploring drones for regulation, surveillance, crisis management, and smart city operations.
- Industry & Business:** Mega projects, oil & gas, and precision farming companies enhancing monitoring, inspection, and automation through drone integration.
- Urban Development & Municipalities:** Urban planners and smart city leaders adopting drones for infrastructure monitoring, traffic control, and environmental inspection.
- Delivery & Logistics:** Operators in warehousing, transport, ports, airports, and delivery exploring drones for cargo handling, last-mile delivery, and inventory automation.
- Buyers & Procurement:** Public and private buyers and distributors seeking innovative drone solutions and partnerships.
- Investors & Traders:** Venture capitalists and business chambers scouting emerging technologies and market opportunities.
- Academia & Training:** Research institutions and training centers advancing collaboration, innovation, and drone pilot certification.
- Entrepreneurs:** Start-ups showcasing innovations, meeting investors, and gaining visibility in the drone economy.



# UAS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## THEME

### “Autonomy, AI and UAS Ecosystems: Transforming Skies, Expanding Potentials”

The Conference program will create a dynamic on the development of **integrated UAS ecosystems**, their impact on industry transformation, and the expanding opportunities they create across sectors such as air mobility, logistics, defense, energy, agriculture, and smart cities. It will be appropriate platform to shape the future of intelligent, connected, and sustainable low-altitude economy.

Key discussions will address challenges such as latest global trends in drone capabilities, airspace integration, data security, and ethical deployment, while also highlighting Saudi Arabia's strategic advancements in drone services, geospatial mapping, local manufacturing, and AI integration, driven by global partnerships aimed at building a robust, localized drone ecosystem for the Kingdom's future.

The **International UAS Conference 2026** will feature a dynamic program including keynote addresses, panel discussions, case study presentations, and fireside chats. These diverse formats are designed to deliver strategic insights, share real-world applications, and encourage engaging dialogue among global experts. The conference aims to foster collaboration and drive the responsible growth of drone technologies in Saudi Arabia and beyond.

The Conference will host a distinguished lineup of local and international speakers, including senior government officials, global drone industry leaders, drone experts, AI and robotics researchers, UAV regulators, innovators in logistics, infrastructure, and geospatial technologies. Together, they will share strategic insights, regulatory perspectives, and real-world applications



## B2B MATCHMAKING OVERVIEW

Building on the success of SADEX 2025, which facilitated business deals totaling more than 1.5 billion Saudi Riyals, the upcoming edition aims to further establish itself as the leading platform for UAS industry partnerships and growth.

The business program will feature a focused B2B matchmaking schedule connecting local and international stakeholders across UAS ecosystem. This platform fosters strategic networking among manufacturers, service providers, regulators, investors, and end-users, enabling partnerships, joint ventures, and technology exchange.

Designed to accelerate collaboration and commercial growth, these business and trade sessions will drive innovation and investment within Saudi Arabia's rapidly expanding drone sector.



## WORKSHOPS

Workshops will offer interactive, expert-led sessions focused on key UAS technologies, regulatory frameworks, and real-world applications. Designed for diverse participants, including industry professionals, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and students, these workshops will incorporate hands-on activities such as live demonstrations and simulation exercises to deepen practical understanding.

Scheduled throughout the conference with varied durations, the sessions aim to foster active engagement and skill development. To ensure quality interactions, workshops will require pre-registration and have limited seating capacity.





**Mr. John Dagklis**

Chairman, Greek Chapter - World UAV Federation

"We have already seen the progress made since last year. This exhibition is much bigger and much more effective. We can see around the booths, many different products and solutions, and good companies, and many experts that are serving their expertise around."



**Mr. Omar Abu Nayan,**

CEO - ADREK

"There is a significant progress from the first to the second edition, and God willing, we will be attending the third edition which should be more bigger. (...) Thanks to God that the exhibition properly attracted high profile exhibitors and a large number of visitors. It is also amazing as the event is patroned by the General Authority for Civil Aviation."



**Mrs. Yvonne Winter**

CEO - FlyNow Arabia

"We are very happy to be part of SADEX. It's amazing, it is a major feat, if you look at the future mobility. This exhibition is a testimonial for this new era and actually we are on the age of the new revolution in mobility."



**Mr. Jordi Salvador Bernardi**

CEO - BCN Drone Center

"I have been excited about different companies that are showcasing their solutions here, seeing it as dynamic and growing market, that is really expanding to the option of the new technologies."



**Mr. Lucas Passone**

Co-Founder, CTO & General Manager - FALCONVIZ

"We met a lot of potential partners, clients, suppliers. I think this year has really step-up a lot. I think it's very interesting and useful (...) There's a lot of great companies here. Big infrastructure, wonderful event."

**WHAT THEY HAVE SAID ABOUT SADEX 2025**

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