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Kuwait

30+

Years of professional experience

20

Civil aviation leadership assignments

35

Training & executive programmes

7

Professional memberships

PROFILE

Senior aviation executive with more than 30 years of experience in civil aviation, air transport management, strategic planning, government projects and institutional development. Currently serving as the Acting Director General and Deputy Director General for Planning and Projects Affairs of Kuwait's General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA), formerly the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Brings deep expertise in aviation operations, regulatory affairs, governance, infrastructure projects, crisis management and public communication, built through leadership roles at GACA and Kuwait Airways.

EDUCATION

Master's Degree in Air Transport Management	2002
City University, School of Engineering · London, United Kingdom	
Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering	1993
Kuwait University, College of Engineering & Petroleum · Kuwait	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA)

Formerly the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)

● Acting Director General	2026 – Present
● Deputy Director General for Planning & Projects Affairs	2021 – Present
○ Director, Inspection & Audit Office	2021
○ Director, Office of the President of Civil Aviation	2019 – 2021
○ Chief Specialist Engineer, Technical Office	2017 – 2019

Kuwait Airways

○ Head of Media Office	2005 – 2012
○ Head of Communications Office	2004 – 2005
○ Communications Expert	2003 – 2004
○ Head of Communications Department	1998 – 2003
○ Computer Engineer	1994 – 1998
○ Junior Engineer	1993 – 1994

PERSONAL DETAILS

DATE OF BIRTH

3 October 1968

PLACE OF BIRTH

Kuwait

NATIONALITY

Kuwaiti

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Aviation Management & Air Transport Strategy
- Government Relations & Institutional Governance
- Strategic Planning & Project Management
- Aviation Infrastructure Development
- Crisis & Emergency Management
- Public Relations & Government Communication
- Executive Leadership
- Organizational Development
- Committee Leadership & Stakeholder Management
- Information Systems & Technology Management

DIRECTORSHIPS

Kuwait Aviation Fuelling Company (KAFCO)
Board Member · 2026 – Present

Kuwait Aviation Services Company (KASCO)
Board Member · 2008 – 2013

KASCO Al-Batteel, Qatar
Board Member · 2010 – 2013

CIVIL AVIATION LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

CURRENT

Chairman, Purchasing Committee	2026 – Present
Head, National Guide for Institutional Governance Team Deputy Head since 2022	2026 – Present
Chairman, Right of Access to Information Committee	2026 – Present
Chairman, State Audit Bureau Observations Response Committee Member since 2022	Present
Deputy Head, Development Plan Working Group	2021 – Present
Vice Chairman, Higher Planning Committee Member since 2021	Present
Vice Chairman, Major Auctions Committee	2024 – Present
Member, Staff Affairs & Supervisory Positions Committee	2021 – Present
Member, Technical Committee for Reviewing Working Groups & Committees	2021 – Present
Member, Organizational Structure Development Committee	2021 – Present

PREVIOUS

Rapporteur, Higher Committee for the New Passenger Terminal (T2)	2021 – 2024
Official Spokesperson, Civil Aviation	2017 – 2023
Head, Government Communication Center (CGC) Working Group	2019 – 2023
Head, COVID-19 Repatriation Flights Operating Team	2020
Member, Higher Committee for Human Resources Development & Training	2019 – 2021
Member, Relocation Committee for the New Administrative Building	2019 – 2021
Member, National Celebrations Committee	2017 – 2021
Chairman, External Courses Committee	2019 – 2020
Rapporteur, Higher Committee for Kuwait Aviation Show 2020	2019 – 2020
Head, Air Transport & Information Systems Working Group	2018 – 2019

KUWAIT AIRWAYS BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Secretary, Board of Directors, Kuwait Airways	1999 – 2012
Head, Communications Team	1999 – 2005
Member, Strategic Planning Team	2004 – 2012
Member, Crisis Management Team	2004 – 2012
Member, Emergency & Rapid Response Plan Team	2004 – 2012
Member, Assessment & Measurement Center	2005 – 2012

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

AL-ZAHRA COOPERATIVE SOCIETY

Chairman, Board of Directors	2014 – 2015 · 2018 – 2020
Vice Chairman, Board of Directors	2015 – 2016 · 2020 – 2021
Chairman, Administrative & Financial Committee	2013 – 2014 · 2021 – 2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Kuwait Society of Engineers Since 1993
Royal Aeronautical Society, United Kingdom Since 2001
International Public Relations Association (IPRA) Since 2005
Kuwait Journalists Association Since 1991
International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) Since 1991
Arab Journalists Federation Since 1991
Dubai Press Club Since 1991

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP (continued)

Secretary & Chairman , Social Services Committee	2012 – 2013
Chairman , Public Relations & Media Committee	2011 – 2012

TRAINING & EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT

Held in Kuwait unless stated otherwise.

2025	Institutional Excellence Strategies (London, UK) • Digital Governance • Etiquette & Protocol in Meetings
2024	Leadership in the Age of Digital Transformation
2023	Senior Leadership: Preparing Second-Tier Leaders • Aviation Environment & Sustainability (Dubai, UAE) • Governance & Its Role in Promoting Sound Practices • The Art of Crisis & Risk Management
2022	Strategies for Preparing National Development Plans
2021	Artificial Intelligence for Government Sector Leaders
2009	Certified Institutional Leader (Florida, USA)
2005	Advanced International Public Relations (London, UK)
2004	Total Quality Management • Organization & Improvement of Procedures
2003	Total Quality Concepts & Principles • Speed Reading
2002	Fundamentals of Training of Trainers • IATA Principles • SITA Network Training (Amsterdam, Netherlands) • Presentation Skills • ISO 9000/2000 Quality Management Standards
2001	Excellent Customer Service • Self-Development • Streamlining Procedures • Organizing Media Campaigns
2000	Principles of Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) • Principles of Management Skills
1999	Decision-Making & Problem-Solving • Internal Customer Service • Keys to Success • Communication Skills
1998	Comprehensive Strategic Planning • Positive Professional Loyalty • Recent Developments in Journalism Worldwide
1995	W920 Operation Training (Canada)

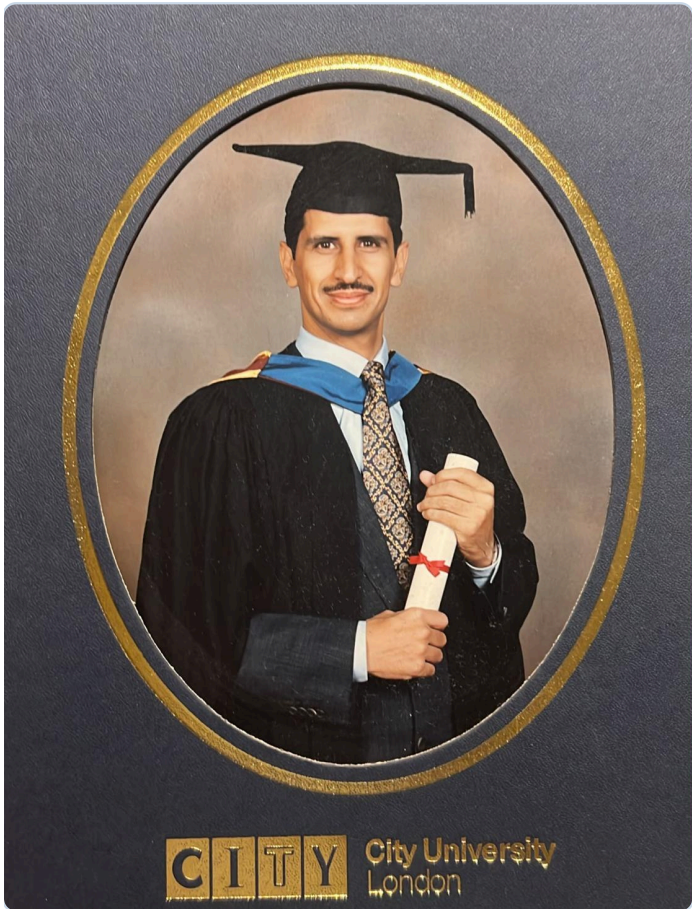
IN PICTURES



Television interview



Official ceremony



Master's graduation

City University London · 2002



Certificate of achievement

Institutional Excellence Strategies in the Public Sector · London, 2025