

## **H.E. Abdullah A. Alswaha**

### **Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

His Excellency Engineer Abdullah Alswaha has over two decades of experience in leadership, innovation and entrepreneurship. Throughout his decades-long career, he built multi-billion riyal, high-performing organizations in the private and public sector.

His Excellency was appointed as the Minister of Communications and Information Technology in April 2017. Prior to this, he was the Chief Digital Officer of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in charge of leading key digitalization efforts across the public sector, including the creation of a national digital identity scheme, promoting open data and driving digital entrepreneurship.

Before His Excellency joined the Vision 2030 team, he was the Chief Executive Officer of Cisco Saudi Arabia. Under his leadership, the company consolidated its position as the leading digitalization partner in Saudi Arabia and the surrounding region. He also founded Ubieva, a social entrepreneurship incubator, that went on to launch the first mobile health app in the Middle East.

In addition to his role as the Minister of Communications and Information Technology, His Excellency chairs the Communications, Space and Technology Commission, the Digital Government Authority, Kind Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST), the Saudi Space Agency and the Research Development and Innovation Authority.

His Excellency is a member of several ministerial level social and economic committees and sits on the boards of the MISK Foundation, NEOM, and Kind Saud University.

His Excellency holds bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering from the King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals and computer science from the University of Washington and attended the Executive Education Program at Harvard Business School.