

## QATAR GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL ANNOUNCES SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Deadline for Papers, Presentations and Posters is 12<sup>th</sup> May*

**Doha, Qatar, 25 April, 2015:** Following the success of last year's event, Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) has announced its second annual conference, which will take place at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

Aiming to tackle some of the key environmental and social sustainability topics and challenges faced worldwide, the Qatar Green Building Conference 2016 will focus on three overarching themes: 'Future Sustainable Cities', 'Green Business is Good Business' and 'Sustainability as a Lifestyle'.

Industry practitioners, sustainability experts and academic researchers are encouraged to submit their papers, presentations and posters by 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 through the QGBC website: <http://www.qatargbc.org/conference/abstracts>. Successful entries will receive notifications in the lead up to the conference following a rigorous peer-review process.

Engineer Meshal Al Shamari, QGBC Director, said: "Our inaugural conference was a remarkable success, it saw over 500 leading experts discuss Qatar's vision behind sustainability and green building. The 2016 edition of the conference will highlight and explore feasible ways to translate the nation's sustainability vision into action. This year's programme also offers a unique opportunity for delegates to study and debate the impact of sustainability in people's everyday lives under the 'Sustainability as a Lifestyle' theme."

He continued: "Since its establishment, QGBC has been at the forefront of Qatar's sustainability movement and has made vital contributions to the delivery of the Qatar National Vision 2030. Our team along with our esteemed members and volunteers have been working on an array of research, education and awareness projects throughout the years, which have had a tangible impact on the community."

QGBC is a non-profit, membership-driven organisation dedicated to advocating green building solutions, leading industry research, as well as promoting sustainable practice in the community. Through QGBC, Qatar has joined a network of 80 different countries that run active national green building councils under the umbrella of the World Green Building Council.

QGBC is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), and, through this conference, is supporting QF's mission to foster a progressive society as

well as promote sustainable development. For more information about the event, please visit: <http://www.qatargbc.org/conference/home>

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**About Qatar Green Building Council:**

Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) is a non-profit, membership-driven organisation providing leadership and encouraging collaboration in conducting environmentally sustainable practices for green building design and development in Qatar. QGBC also aims to support the overall health and sustainability of the environment, the people, and economic security in Qatar for generations to come. The council, a member of Qatar Foundation, was formally established in 2009 by a decree signed by Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser and is helping Qatar on its journey to establish a post-hydrocarbon, knowledge economy and progressive society. Through QGBC, Qatar is part of a network of 80 countries that run active national green building councils under the umbrella of the World Green Building Council.

QGBC's members include, representatives from government, real estate developers, investors, facilities managers, consultants, constructors, manufacturers & suppliers, oil & gas, professional firms, financial services, telecom/technology, academia, NGOs & media.

QGBC is setting up operations from its HQ, organising awareness events, knowledge seminars, training, forums, and networking sessions with the like-minded. To learn more, please visit [www.qatargbc.org](http://www.qatargbc.org).

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