

QATAR GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL TO LAUNCH QATAR SUSTAINABILITY WEEK 2016

Inaugural National Sustainability Initiative to Run from 13th to 17th November

Doha, Qatar, 25 May 2016: Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) is set to launch the first edition of Qatar Sustainability Week 2016. The event will take place from 13th to 17th November and aims to further engage the community in a wide range of sustainability-oriented activities.

The week-long QGBC initiative will serve as a unique platform to promote the nation's sustainability vision as well as community engagement with relevant stakeholders. The event will showcase the efforts of Qatar's public and private sectors, providing the support, coordination and expert advice needed to unite under an overarching umbrella to achieve the nation's sustainable development goals.

Coinciding with the 22nd Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the event will highlight Qatar's potential, commitment, and contributions to mitigate global climate change.

Engineer Meshal Al Shamari, QGBC Director, said: "The State of Qatar has undertaken numerous initiatives to achieve the nation's environmental protection and sustainable development goals. Qatar Sustainability Week will provide an opportunity for various stakeholders to showcase their innovative and practical solutions to the environmental challenges facing Qatar and the wider region. It will also assist in achieving the global sustainability goals outlined in the Qatar National Vision 2030."

"The effectiveness of the event will be determined by the active participation of the various stakeholders from both the private and public sectors. We look forward to welcoming widespread participation," added Eng Al Shamari.

QGBC invites all the interested parties and individuals to take part in the nationwide drive by either attending one of the events taking place, running activities, or endorsing the initiative. Those interested are encouraged to contact QGBC for more information.

Additionally, to initiate community engagement in Qatar Sustainability Week 2016, QGBC is launching the 'Qatar Sustainability Week Logo Design Competition'. For more information, or to enter, please visit: www.qatargbc.org.

QGBC is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). By launching Qatar Sustainability Week, QGBC supports QF's mission to foster a progressive society and promote sustainable development in line with the QNV2030.

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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.

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