

GREEN BUILDING CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON QATAR'S SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA

Conference to Review Progress of National Sustainability Objectives

Environmentalists, academics, and sustainability experts will explore recent developments in Qatar's sustainability agenda at the Qatar Green Building Conference 2016 in Doha later this year.

The conference, to be held under the patronage of Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice Chairperson and CEO of Qatar Foundation (QF), will take place from the 13th to 15th November at the Qatar Nation Convention Centre (QNCC).

The annual conference holds special significance as it coincides with the 22nd Session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP22) taking place in Morocco from 7th to 18th November, where world leaders will discuss solutions to greenhouse emissions and global warming.

Focusing on three overarching themes: 'Future Sustainable Cities', 'Green Business is Good Business' and 'Sustainability as a Lifestyle'; the conference will tackle some of the key environmental and social sustainability challenges in Qatar and beyond.

Engineer Meshal Al Shamari, QGBC Director, said: "We would like to achieve multiple goals at this year's conference in line with the national and global sustainability agenda. Qatar has introduced a number of key measures to reduce its carbon footprint, which include investing in renewable energy resources, green buildings, and public awareness campaigns. This conference provides us with an opportunity to review the progress of these sustainability initiatives and create an action plan for the future."

This year's conference will also mark the launch of Qatar Sustainability Week 2016, a QGBC initiative that promotes the nation's sustainability vision as well as community engagement among relevant stakeholders. Qatar Sustainability Week 2016 will showcase the efforts of Qatar's public and private sectors in achieving the nation's sustainable development goals.

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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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