

## REGISTRATION OPENS FOR SECOND QATAR GREEN BUILDING CONFERENCE

*Annual Summit to Explore Qatar's Key Sustainability Challenges and Solutions*

**Doha, Qatar, 22 October 2016:** Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) has opened registration for the Qatar Green Building Conference 2016, which takes place from 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC).

The annual conference, to be held under the patronage of Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice Chairperson and CEO of Qatar Foundation (QF), invites academic researchers, sustainability experts, environmentalists and other industry practitioners, including urban planners, architects and property consultants from Qatar and beyond.

More than 70 renowned speakers from across various industries will present on a range of sustainability topics at this year's conference. The conference will feature four workshops and will provide Certified Continuing Education (CPD) hours. In addition, multiple sessions will be held covering the three inclusive themes: 'Future Sustainable Cities', 'Green Business is Good Business' and 'Sustainability as a Lifestyle'.

Engineer Meshal Al Shamari, QGBC Director, said: "Building on the success of last year's conference, we invite leading sustainability experts to the conference to discuss and exchange ideas on Qatar's sustainability agenda. We have received an overwhelming number of interesting papers to be presented during the event, and we look forward to welcoming them at the conference."

Delegates at this year's event will also have the opportunity to attend a wide range of thought-provoking side events as part the Qatar Sustainability Week 2016. As QGBC's newest annual initiative, the nationwide event will highlight the progress made by Qatar in areas of sustainability and green buildings.

Hamoda Youssef, Head of Communications at QGBC, said: "Qatar Sustainability Week is part of QGBC's continued efforts to raise awareness on the importance of sustainability among residents and other members of the Qatari society. This event essentially encourages broader community engagement and collective action towards achieving Qatar's sustainability goals."

The conference will coincide with the 22nd Session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP22), which brings together leading international speakers and policy makers to tackle global sustainability issues.

QGBC is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), and supports its mission to foster a progressive society and promote sustainable development. For more information about the conference, please visit:  
<http://www.qatargbc.org/conference/home>.

To learn more and register for the Qatar Sustainability Week:  
<http://qatargbc.org/conference/qsw>

**Image Captions:**

**Image 1:** Participants from last year's Qatar Green Building Conference, organised by QGBC.

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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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