



Qatar Economic Development Conference on “Meeting the Challenges of Diversification in the GCC”

**February 9th and 10th, 2010
Four Seasons Hotel, Doha, State of Qatar**

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Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, the Heir Apparent**

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PROGRAM

February 9th, 2010

Day 1:

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| 7:45-8:15 | Registration |
| 8:15-9:00 | Welcome Remarks Opening formalities, <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ H E Sheikh Abdullah Bin Saud Al-Thani, Governor, Qatar Central Bank◆ HE Dr. Ibrahim Ibrahim, Secretary General, Secretariat for Development Planning◆ Luis Serven, Senior Advisor, World Bank Research Department |
| 9:00-9:30 | Break |



9:30-11:30

Panel 1: Global Experience in Economic Diversification

Moderator, Darren Jordon, Al Jazeera English

- ◆ Adel al-Wugayan , General Secretary, The Supreme Council for Planning and Development, Kuwait
- ◆ John Page, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution and Director, International Growth Center, formerly World Bank
- ◆ Tan Sri Suleiman Mahbob, Chairman of the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority
- ◆ Thorvaldur Gylfason, Professor of Economics, University of Iceland
- ◆ Gerard Lyons, Chief Economist, Standard Chartered Bank, London .

11:30-12:00

Break

12:00-2:00

Panel 2: Strategies for Diversification in the GCC

Moderator: Luis Serven (Senior Advisor, World Bank):

- ◆ H E Sheikh Hamad Bin Jabor Bin Jassem Al Thani, Director General, Secretariat for Development Planning, Qatar
- ◆ Mr. Kamal Ahmed, Chief Operating Officer, Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB), Bahrain
- ◆ Dr. Saleh Suliman Al-Rashid, College of Management Sciences, King Faisal University, Saudi Arabia
- ◆ Mr. Ahmad Abu Ghaida, Acting Director of Economic Planning, Department of Economic Development, Abu Dhabi
- ◆ Mr. Ali Aissaoui, Senior Consultant, Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation (APICORP), Saudi Arabia

2:00-2:30

Lunch

17:00-18:30

Closed Door Session: Diversification in the context of the Qatar National Development Strategy (NDS); invitation only



February 10th, 2010

Day 2:

- 8:00-10:00 Working Group Sessions (parallel)**
- **Creating New Market and Product/Service Opportunities**
John Page, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution and Director, International Growth Center, formerly World Bank
 - **New Frontiers in the Energy Sector**
David V. Scott, Executive Director of Economic Affairs, Abu Dhabi
 - **ICT, innovation**
Adnan Abu-Dayya, Executive Director, QU Wireless Innovations Center (QUWIC)
 - **Human Resources**
Zafiris Tzannatos (World Bank—retired)
- 10:00-10:45** Group Presentations prepared
- 10:45 -12:00 Presentations and discussion**
- 12:00-12:30 Break**
- 12:45-1:15 Lessons: where does the GCC go from here?**
Luis Serven, Senior Advisor, World Bank Research Department
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