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Dr. Khalil is an Economic Expert at the Economic Affairs Department. Since he joined the Planning Council in March 2004, and subsequently, the General Secretariat for Development Planning in June 2006, Dr. Khalil has worked on a number of major projects focusing on Qatar National Vision, Qatar Labor Market and Qatar Human Development. He is currently the project manager for the Small and Medium Enterprise project and is also actively involved in most of the EAD's work programs. As an economic expert, Dr. Khalil has led numerous study teams, wrote a number of background study papers, participated in many workshops and conferences, refereed journal articles and contributed economic articles to the Planning Council Journal and Doha Securities Market Journal.

Dr. Khalil has over 15 years of experience in the fields of economic policy research and university teaching. His expertise is in international economic development and microeconomics. Upon graduation from the U. of Khartoum with a B.Sc. degree in economics (honors, Second Class Upper Division), he worked in Africa for 4 years as an economic researcher for the National Council for Research in Sudan where he developed competencies in team work, leadership and technical research skills. He also developed hands on experience in economic development and a deep sense of understanding its mundane and core issues from engaging in field work in various parts of the country of Sudan.

Dr. Khalil obtained his Masters and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Colorado in Boulder and was hired by the university as a visiting Assistant Professor of Economics in upon his graduation in 1990. His Ph.D. research focused on measuring the technical efficiency of tenancy farms in one of the irrigated agricultural schemes in Sudan. He taught undergraduate and graduate level economic courses at several US universities. His last post in academia, prior to joining the Planning Council was the Campus Dean of Strayer University, Springfield, and the State of Pennsylvania. He was instrumental in the successful launch of the new campus and the management of the academic division of the campus while achieving a student retention rate of over 95%. Dr. Khalil is an adjunct faculty of the Strayer University.

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