

In the Spotlight



Dr. Ibrahim Ibrahim,
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Progress on Qatar's National Development Strategy

The latest progress in the National Development Strategy (NDS) was discussed at the second meeting of the National Steering Committee (NSC) on 15 October 2009.

At the meeting, GSDP reported on significant areas of progress in setting up the organisational framework of the NDS and sought approval of recommendations going forward. A number of important issues relating to the preparation of the NDS and the best means of implementing it were discussed, including how different ministries and agencies will work to identify priority project areas under the various economic, social, human and environmental development pillars.

The NDS process is intended to be participatory, including Task Teams from across government, the private sector and civil society organisations. GSDP will strongly support and coordinate the NDS process including the work that will be carried out by the Task Teams.

GSDP has already begun work on situation analysis across the various economic, social and human development dimensions of the NDS to feed into the initial work of the Task Teams and help identify priorities.

The NDS is intended to bring to reality the aspirations of the QNV 2030, transforming Qatar into an advanced knowledge-based economy. The Strategy will enhance capacity building in the areas of planning, design, and implementation of policies, which will directly influence the social, human, economic, and environmental landscape of Qatar over the next 20 years.

To learn more about the National Development Strategy, [Click here](#)

News & Events Section

Dr. Ibrahim Qatar TV Interview

Dr. Ibrahim Ibrahim, Secretary General of GSDP participated in Lakum Al Gharar (Decision is Yours) programme on Qatar Television on 31 October, 2009.

During the one-hour show, the official outlined the changes that the discovery of oil and gas has made in the lives of the people in Qatar. He said for the first time, gas surpassed oil in its contribution to the GDP last year. Gas accounted for 32 percent of the GDP while oil contributed to 28 percent.



Dr. Ibrahim stated that the QNV 2030 “aims to implement projects that lead to the employment of nationals.” Currently 92 percent of the workforce comprises foreigners. The National Vision will help in increasing the contribution of Qataris in the workforce by focusing on training and increasing women’s participation while reducing dependency on foreign employment.

Dr. Ibrahim spoke about the first National Development Strategy (NDS) currently being produced that will serve as a roadmap for QNV 2030. The NDS will take into account national priorities by sector.

The QNV 2030 aims at transforming Qatar into an advanced country by 2030, capable of sustaining its own development and providing for a high standard of living for its people for generations to come.

To watch the complete interview in Arabic, please [click here](#)

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Upcoming Events

Energy Outlook Seminar

14 December 2009 -- Location: Four Seasons Hotel

The Energy Outlook seminar will provide information and data on the most recent energy outlook (November 2010), which could potentially provide valuable information in support of the NDS formulation process. It will help build public understanding of the energy needs and challenges of Qatar, the region, and the world.

ExxonMobil Qatar Inc (EMQI) representatives have been working with GSDP to design a seminar on Corporate Strategic Planning (CSP) and the Energy Outlook.

In view of the relevance of the natural gas industry for Qatar, the seminar will include a special focus on the energy outlook in that sector.

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In the Media

NDS Body to Meet

The steering committee of the Qatar National Development Strategy (NDS) will meet to report on significant areas of progress in setting up the organisational framework of the NDS.

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Plans to Mark "National Population Day"

H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jabor bin Jassim Al Thani, Director General of the General Secretariat for Development Planning (GSDP), and Chairman of the Permanent Population Committee (PPC) said that the Committee plans to adopt a 'Population Day' which PPC will mark annually.

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Emir appoints ictQatar board of directors

The Economic Adviser at the Emiri Diwan and Secretary General of the General Secretariat for Development Planning H E Dr Ibrahim Al Ibrahim has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Supreme Council of Information and Communication Technology (ictQATAR).

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