

In the Spotlight

Steering Committee discusses preparation of National Development Strategy



Dr. Ibrahim Ibrahim,
Secretary-General of the
GSDP

The National Steering Committee (NSC), established to prepare Qatar's first National Development Strategy (NDS), held its first meeting on 7 June 2009 at GSDP, where committee members discussed several important issues related to the preparation of the NDS and the best means for its implementation.

The NSC was established by [a decision issued by the Heir Apparent, HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani](#), Chairman of the QNV 2030 Oversight Committee. The Committee consists of the fourteen members including Dr. Ibrahim Ibrahim, Secretary-General of the GSDP, and Sheikh Hamad Bin Jabor Al Thani, Director General of the GSDP. The members include HE Minister of State for Interior Affairs, HE Minister of Economy and Finance, HE Minister of Labor, HE Minister of Municipality and Urban Planning, HE Minister of State for Energy and Industry Affairs, HE Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, HE Minister of Environment, HE Minister of Social Affairs, HE Minister of Education and Higher Education, HE Minister of Public Health, HE Minister of Business and Trade, and HE Governor of Qatar Central Bank. The Committee will hold a bimonthly meeting, chaired by Dr. Ibrahim. Its tasks include the following:

- To engage with GSDP in establishing and supporting sectoral workgroups and Inter Agency Task Teams (IATTs) and to provide appropriate resources.
- To identify studies, work papers and reports prepared by sectoral workgroups and IATTs on various human, economic, social and environmental activities and sectors, ensuring their consistency with the national strategic goals.
- To review developmental proposals, goals, and strategic sectoral priorities and submit to the QNV 2030 Oversight Committee.
- To obtain from ministries and government agencies the relevant human resources for the IATTs' membership and to provide the data and information required for preparing the NDS.
- To review and approve periodical reports on the progress achieved in the formulation and implementation of the NDS, including recommendations for addressing problems and obstacles, if any.



Sheikh Hamad Bin Jabor Al-
Thani, Director General of
the GSDP

To ensure the effective accomplishment of its tasks, the Committee has been authorized to seek the expertise of individuals and agencies, when necessary, to assist with the completion of its work.

The Committee will submit a report to the Chairman of the QNV 2030 Oversight Committee that includes the results of its work. [Read more ...](#)

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News and Events

GSDP's Forum on Labour Market Strategy (LMS)



Some 80 senior-level participants from across all sectors of Qatari society attended a one-day forum hosted by GSDP on June 14 2009 at the Four Seasons Hotel. The aim of the forum was to launch Phase II of the LMS and enable participants to share experiences on labour market issues in Qatar. [Read More...](#)

Qatar performs well in IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2009



Qatar debuted with a rank of 14th out of 57 countries in the International Institute for Management Development (IMD's) yearly exercise measuring economic competitiveness. This is the first time Qatar has been included in the survey. In the context of the global economic upheaval, IMD analyzed how well the 57 economies are equipped to tackle the recession. This so called "Stress Test" placed Qatar in third place, after Denmark and Singapore. [Read More...](#)

Capacity Building Workshops for Strategic Planning



During the month of May, GSDP organized Capacity Building workshops for public sector agencies. The workshops, which used an outcomes-based planning methodology, will help ministries align their strategies and ambitions with the QNV2030 and the NDS. The workshops were well received by ministries and government agencies with a high number of participants. After the workshops were completed, GSDP organized individual meetings with several ministries and government agencies to help facilitate their planning needs. [Read More...](#)

Stakeholder Engagement



To enhance active participation in the implementation of QNV 2030 and the preparation of the NDS, GSDP will continue to conduct face-to-face interviews with ministries, other government agencies, private sector establishments and civil society organizations. To date, 37 interviews have been conducted, 11 of them with ministries, 21 with authorities and public institutions and 5 with the private sector. [Read More...](#)

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Upcoming Events

Launch of Qatar Second Human Development Report/ National Seminar, 'Advancing Sustainable Development'

8 July 2009 at the Grand Hyatt

GSDP, in partnership with relevant ministries and government agencies, the private sector, civil society and the UNDP Abu Dhabi Office, has completed the preparation of Qatar's Second Human Development Report (HDR), Advancing Sustainable Development. The launch will disseminate the findings and recommendations from the HDR and review its recommendations in order to determine how best to translate them into policies, regulations, programs and strengthened institutions, to support the QNV environmental goal.

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GSDP in the Media

Qatar ranks 14th in IMD survey

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Unskilled migrants 'a major challenge'

Dr Ibrahim B Ibrahim, Secretary-General GSDP, has said the rising number of unskilled migrant workers in Qatar is a big challenge before the country. [Read more...](#)

New Zealand team holds trade talks

A delegation of leading New Zealand professional service companies met with public sector agencies in Qatar to explore areas of mutual co-operation, as part of a trade visit organised by New Zealand Trade and Enterprise. [Read more...](#)

Native talent underutilised: GSDP

The second phase QNV 2030 faces a number of challenges as it aims at forming concrete strategies, said Director-General of GSDP Sheikh Hamad bin Jabor Al-Thani, at the Forum on Labour Market Strategy, organized by the GSDP. [Read more...](#)

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