

In the Spotlight

Emiri Decision Organizing GSDP: A Major Move in Development Planning

The Heir Apparent, H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, issued [Emiri decision No \(50\)](#) organising the General Secretariat for Development Planning (GSDP). The 22-article decision stipulates that the GSDP is a corporate body reporting directly to HH the Heir Apparent and focused on monitoring the implementation of a comprehensive development vision.

The Decision specified the GSDP's roles and responsibilities, amongst which the most significant is the preparation of the strategic development plan for the achievement of the comprehensive development vision in the economic, social and demographic fields and determining the mechanisms necessary for achieving these objectives. This is to be done in consultation with government agencies and by surveying the opinions of the private sector and civil society organizations.



The Heir Apparent, H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani

GSDP is also tasked with explaining the comprehensive vision and the strategic development plan to stakeholders across government and civil society; conducting research studies related to the vision and strategic plan, and providing technical assistance on the preparation of executive plans.

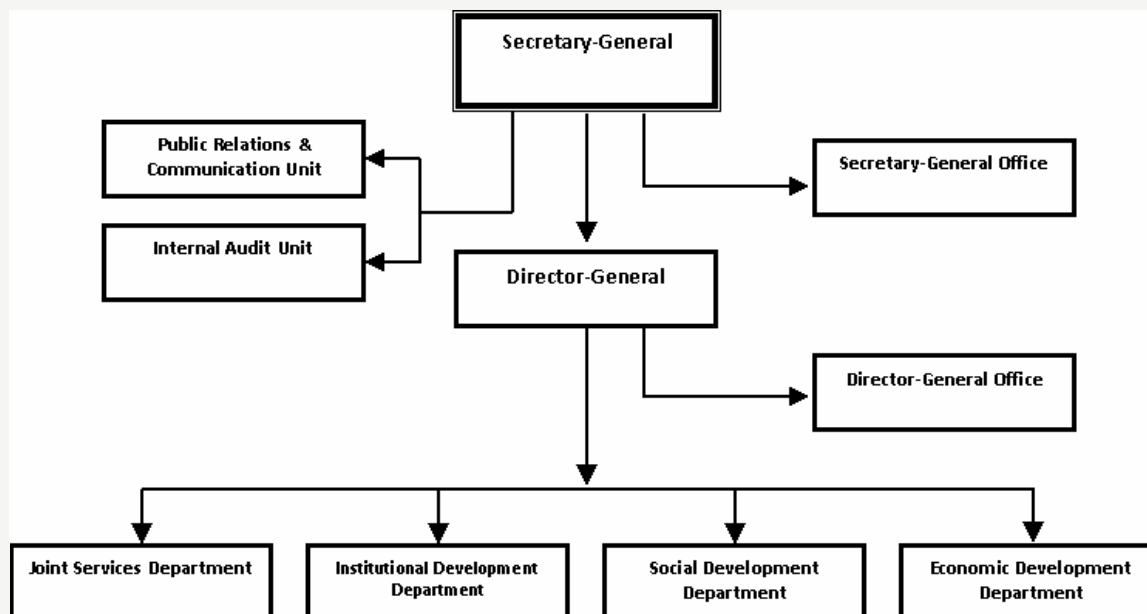
GSDP will review the executive plans set by different agencies to ensure effective coordination among these agencies, and verify that all planning documents are aligned with the strategic development plan and work towards its achievement. The Emiri Decision has also assigned the GSDP to periodically monitor the progress in this area and prepare performance assessment reports that will include the necessary corrective measures based on an analysis of official statistical data.

The Emiri Decision also specifies the GSDP's administrative arrangements. It will be presided over by a Secretary General who oversees the Secretary General's Office, Public Relations and Communications Unit and the Internal Auditing Unit. Other departments will report to the Director General, including the Director General's Office, Economic Development Department (EDD), Social Development Department (SDD), Institutional Development Department (IDD) and the Joint Services Department (JSD).

The new arrangements will enable GSDP to work effectively towards achieving the goals of the Qatar 2030 Vision through its management and facilitation of the National Development Strategy.

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Structure of GSDP The Organizational



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Upcoming Events

Doha Business Roundtable

29 September at the Ritz Carlton

Sheikh Hamad bin Jabor bin Jassim Al Thani, Director-General of GSDP, will join a senior audience of top-level executives, experts and corporate leaders in a day of open debate and discussion during the Doha Business Roundtable. Organised by the Economist Group, the conference will look at the future of Gulf business and scenario planning in a post-crisis world economy.

HE the Prime Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabor Al-Thani will formally open the Roundtable.

Workshop on SME Development in Qatar: Constraints and Opportunities for Sustainable Development

October 27-28 or November 2-3, 2009 (Location: TBD)

SME development in Qatar will play a central role in driving the economic diversification goal of the NSD. Promotion and growth of the SME sector is crucial for private sector development with potentials for creating employment opportunities for Qatari in high value added economic activities. The workshop will engage stakeholders, help generate interest and raise awareness among decision makers about the role of SMEs and the private sector in the implementation of Qatar National Development Strategy.

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