

## In the Spotlight



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Sheikh Hamad Bin Jabor Bin Jassim Al Thani, Director General of The General Secretariat for Development Planning (GSDP) and Acting President of Qatar Statistics Authority (QSA), has been elected chairman of the Alkhuwarazmi (Algorithm) Committee, an offshoot to the International Statistical Institute (ISI), on the sidelines of the ISI's 57th International Conference recently convened in South Africa.

Leaders of statistical authorities in more than 133 countries attended the conference.

H.E. Sheikh Hamad said that he would seize the opportunity to maximise cooperation with ISI, which has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

The Alkhuwarazmi (Algorithm) Committee seeks to increase the number of Arab statisticians affiliated to the ISI and encourage them to participate in the meetings of various committees of the Institute and support the statistical system in the Arab region with special emphasis on the establishment of national societies.

(The word 'Alkhuwarazmi' is derived from the name of the mathematician, Abu Abdullah Mohamed ibn Musa al-Khawarizmi, the founder of algebra, who excelled in astronomy and geography. He was one of the early Muslim mathematicians who contributed greatly to the development of mathematics).

[Read more about Sheikh Hamad bin Jabor bin Jassim Al Thani Biography](#)



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## News & Events Section

### Economic News Highlights

GSDP's Economic Development Department (EDD) has recently started a series of regular Economic News Highlights. The Highlights will be a twice monthly digest of news from across the economic landscape of Qatar, the region and globally. The first two issues have dealt with topics covering economic cooperation, trade and investment, population statistics, inflation and market movements.

The Highlights are based on English language sources and are available in both Arabic and English, and can be accessed from the Home Page of the GSDP website [www.gsdp.gov.qa](http://www.gsdp.gov.qa).

The Highlights do not offer any analysis or editorial commentary on the news items and all sources should be checked before citation. Early next year, EDD (in collaboration with QSA) will launch the first of a twice yearly analysis of economic developments in Qatar.

We very much welcome your comments and suggestions on the Highlights, and these should be addressed to Fidelis Sadicon ( [fsadicon@planning.gov.qa](mailto:fsadicon@planning.gov.qa) )

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### The National Steering Committee of the National Development Strategy

Following the first National Steering Committee (NSC) meeting held in June, GSDP is currently preparing for the second NSC meeting, which will take place on 15 October.

The meeting will discuss a number of important issues relating to the preparation of the National Development Strategy (NDS) and the best means to implement it. It will also provide the members of the NSC with an update on work that GSDP has done over the summer months. The meeting is an opportunity for the NSC to be briefed on important issues, including capacity building in the public sector and the ways in which ministries and agencies will work together to implement the NDS priorities.

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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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