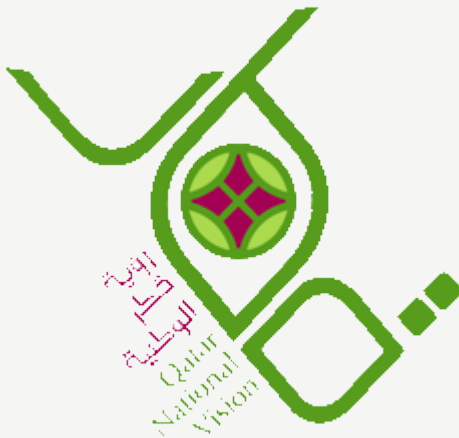


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In the Spotlight

National development Strategy executive groups & Task Teams meetings kicks off



The meetings of the specialized executive groups & Task Teams had started on the Second week of January, formulating sectors strategies which will formulate together the National Development Strategy.

As Per the decisions of the executive committee, each executive group is headed by the concerned minister in each sector and those national development executive groups are tasked with insuring consistency with the purposes of Qatar's vision 2030, preparedness to meet its challenges, identify development issues and the fundamental areas of execution of the first national development strategy, select work-groups and provide the resources they need and provide the national executive committee with final reports of the fundamental strategies.

The executive groups are made of six groups cover the areas of Educated & Capable Population, Healthy Population, Effective Qatari Participation in a Productive Labour Force, Caring and Cohesive Society, Sustainable Economic Prosperity and Environmental Sustainability.

Under the supervision of those executive groups operates large number of task teams specialized in analyzing the current situation, perform comparisons, define priorities in their areas, setting provisional targets and devising success standards and performance indicators, present options and recommendations regarding programs and projects to be put ahead of the executive groups, evaluate government's ministries and departments preparedness to carry out policies and programs proposed for the national development strategy. There are 12 task teams which represent the areas of Education & Training,

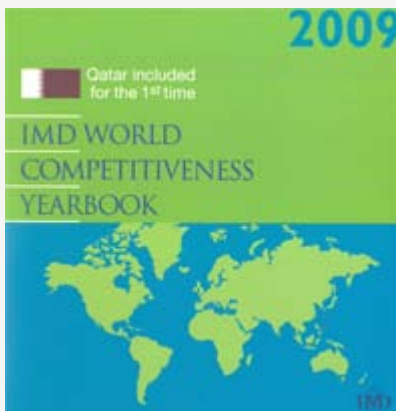
Healthcare, Population, Labour Force & Qatari Employment, Social Protection, Family Cohesion & Women’s Empowerment, Security & Public Safety, Culture & Sports, Economic Mgmt, Economic Diversification & Private Sector Growth, Natural Resource Mgmt, Econ Infra-structure and Environmental Management. The teams are made up of representatives of government ministries and departments, private sector and civil society organizations.

It may be noted that the national development strategy is aimed at setting provisional targets to achieve Qatar’s national vision 2030.

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News & Events Section

Executive opinion survey launched



The General Secretariat for Development Planning in co-operation with Qatar Statistical Authority and the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) are carrying out a field survey to gather the opinions of executive staff on the economic activities across companies and institutions in the mixed and private sector. The Executive Opinion Survey gathers data for economic factors that are of relevance to competitiveness: economic performance; government efficiency; business efficiency; infrastructure. Competitiveness falls within the framework of GSDP projects in alignment with the Qatar National Vision. Qatar will debut in the IMD World Competitiveness Report 2010. This report includes over 300 criteria and aims to:

- Evaluate Qatar’s economy through indicators that cover domestic economy, international trade, international investment, employment and prices.
- Show the extent to which government policies are conducive to

competitiveness through indicators that cover public finance; fiscal policy, institutional framework, business legislation and societal framework.

- Show the extent to which the national environment encourages enterprises to perform in an innovative, profitable and responsible manner through indicators that cover productivity and efficiency, labour market, finance, management practices and attitudes and values.
- Show the extent to which basic, technological, scientific and human resources meet the needs of business through indicators that cover basic infrastructure, technological infrastructure, scientific infrastructure, health and environment and education. This report will identify strengths and weakness in Qatar’s economy within the four main competitiveness factors; compare Qatar’s economy to that of 58 other nations, most of which are developed economies; showcase the characteristics and performance of Qatar’s economy and make it accessible to international investors.

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Qatar Economic Development Conference



The General Secretariat for Development Planning (GSDP) and the World Bank Hold a two day meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel on the challenges of economic diversification in the GCC. The meeting brought together international and regional experts and decision makers from the public and private sectors.

Like Qatar, other GCC states are heavily dependent on oil and gas.

“The challenge of diversification is about how to transform mineral assets which are exhaustible into sustainable forms of wealth creation”, said Dr Ibrahim Ibrahim, Secretary General of GSDP. “If Qatar’s Vision is to be realized,

now is the time to invest in the capabilities and institutions that will be required to spearhead diversification efforts”, added Dr. Ibrahim. “A more effective public sector and a strengthened private sector will both have to play their parts and we must walk on two legs”, he emphasized.

H.E. Sheikh Hamad Bin Jabor Bin Jassim Al Thani Director General of the General Secretariat for Development Planning (GSDP) emphasized that Qatar and GCC countries are keen to achieve the targeted goals of development and progress, pointing out that there is coordination between entities in the private sector to discuss ways of activating their role in the economic diversification. H.E noted that the new approach will ensure an effective role for Qatari nationals in economic activity,” he continued" that" there are factors and components that can be re-configured again to achieve our goals.

The meeting brought together over 150 stakeholders from Qatar and the GCC and there was in depth discussion of a number of critical challenges. International experts stressed the importance of viewing the diversification challenge in a broader context of sound economic management and investment in human and institutional capacities. There was agreement that different approaches would suit the circumstances and ambitions of different countries but that efforts would need to be disciplined by performance.

Qatar’s first national development strategy, which is now in preparation, will start in 2011 and will cover the period until 2016.

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GSDP in the Media

Qatar to shield economy from overheating

The government is concerned over possible overheating of the economy and would use oil revenue reserve to cushion growth, Secretary-General of the General Secretariat for Development Planning (GSDP) Ibrahim al Ibrahim said on Tuesday. [Read more...](#)

Qatar needs to explore other sources of energy

Dr Ibrahim was addressing yesterday the Energy Outlook seminar hosted by GSDP and ExxonMobil Qatar Incorporated (EMQ). Other panelists included Sheikh Hamad bin Jabor Al Thani, Director General of GSDP, Issa Al Ghanim, Director of Corporate Planning at Qatar Petroleum (QP) and Professor Sheikha Abdullah Al Misnad, President of Qatar University. [Read more...](#)

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