

## **Qatar Second National Human Development Report: Sustainable Development**

### ***Purpose***

Qatar's First Human Development Report, published in 2006, addressed the various dimensions of human development in the country. It was decided that subsequent national HDRs will be theme-specific dealing with pressing development issues in Qatar.

Industrialization and the changes that accompany industrialization from within and outside Qatar are resulting in increased environmental degradation. Qatar's rapid population growth, averaging 20 per cent per year between 2004 and 2008 is virtually unprecedented historically and globally and is greatly increasing demand on natural resources and the built-up environment. Further, industrial development and higher carbon emission levels are also posing environmental challenges.

Qatar's National Vision 2030 commits to maintaining a balance between development needs and protecting the environment. Some of the most pressing environmental issues facing Qatar are water security and air and marine pollution, loss of biodiversity, water scarcity, climate change and desertification. With strong political will and the necessary financial resources, Qatar is poised to act as a pioneer in advancing sustainable development. It is against this background that Qatar's Second Human Development Report will focus on the issue of sustainable development.

### ***Partners***

United Nations Development Programme  
Permanent Population Committee  
Ministry of Environment, Qatar  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture  
Ministry of Energy and Industry  
Qatar General Electricity and Water Corporation  
Public Works Authority  
Urban Planning and Development Authority  
Qatar Foundation  
Qatar University  
Qatar Petroleum  
ExxonMobil  
QatarGas

### ***Project Duration***

May 2008 – July 2009

### ***Activities***

- Preparation of background papers on 'Sustainable Development in Qatar', 'Water and Human Development in Qatar', 'Marine Biodiversity and Human Development in Qatar', 'Climate Change and Human Development in Qatar', and 'Qatar Sustainable Development Indicators'
- National and international workshops on sustainable development in Qatar
- Printing and publication of Qatar Second Human Development Report
- Launch and dissemination of Qatar Second Human Development Report

**Expected Outputs**

- A world class National Human Development Report on sustainable development in Qatar
- Relevant policy recommendations for ensuring sustainable development in Qatar as envisaged in the Qatar National Vision 2030

**Project Progress**

- Outline of Report prepared
- Experts recruited and drafting chapters

**Key Related Documents**

- Qatar Second Human Development Report - Draft Outline
- Qatar First Human Development Report
- Human Development Report 2007/2008, Fighting Climate Change: Human Solidarity in a Divided World <http://hdr.undp.org/en/>

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