

*Draft Agenda*  
**13th Doha Forum**  
*20-22 May 2013*

00:00 – 00:00

**Official Opening**

00:00 - 00:00

**Welcoming Speech:**

• H.E. Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabr Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Opening Speech:**

• H.H Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar

**Guests of Honor Statements:**

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- H.E. ....

**First Session**

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Moderator: .....

Speakers:

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00:00 – 00:00    Lunch / or Break

00:00 – 00:00  
*Qatar Embassy  
(Paris)*

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**Doha Forum**  
Second Session  
**Arabs and Future Challenges in a Changing World**  
( *What a new World Order!* )

**Moderator:** **Amb.** Dr. Nassif Hitti, former Head of the Arab League Delegation to France. **(confirmed)**

**Topics of Discussion:**

- The US and the Gulf: How to shift from a Marriage of Convenience to a Force for Good?
- United States and the Challenge of Position and Status.
- Europe and the European Structure.
- Role of the Civil Society in the World Governance: Challenges and Opportunities.
- Russian Federation: Features of the Russian power; the return to building the world status and role, and priorities in this regard.
- People's Republic of China: Economy serving foreign policy.

**Speakers:**

- Richard LeBaron, Former Ambassador, Visiting Senior Fellow, the Atlantic Council. **(confirmed)**
- Hubert Védrine, former Foreign Minister of France. **(confirmed)**
- Dr. Pascal Boniface, Director, Institute for International & Strategic Relations (IRIS) - Paris. **(confirmed)**
- Dr. David Armstrong, professor of International relations, University of Exeter, UK. **(confirmed)**
- Yelena Sobonina, Asia and the Middle East Centre, Russian Institute for Strategic Research – Mosco. **(proposed)**
- Sir Sherard Louis Cowper, Coles KCMGLVO, Foreign Secretary's Special Representative to Afghanistan and Pakistan (2009 – 2010), BAE System's International business development director.

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*Qatar Embassy*  
*(Washington)*

**Doha Forum**  
Third Session  
**Global Economy and Development**

**Moderator:** Dr. Steve Clemons, Editor at large, the Atlantic Magazine.  
**(confirmed)**

**Topics of Discussion:**

- The role of NGOs in the Global Economy.
- Financing instruments in the Arab Spring Countries : new trends.
- Economic Intelligence and Intellectual Property.
- Development indicators in the North-South debate.
- Economic policies and the current fiscal crises.
- Revisiting the 3rd Arab Economic Summit.
- The Role of Women and youth in the post 2015 Development Agenda.
- Global Trends in the Global Economy.

**Speakers:**

- Rt. Hon Simon Hughes MP, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats Party and Government's Advocate for Access to Education.  
**(proposed)**
- Dr. Jean Alain Rodriguez, State Secretary, Exec. Director, Export and Investment Center - Santo Domingo. **(confirmed)**
- Prof. Hedi Nasheri, Professor of Sociology, Kent University.  
**(confirmed)**
- Brady W. Dougan, CEO, Member of the Executive Board of Credit Suisse Group AG and Credit Suisse AG. **(proposed)**
- Frederic Kempe, President of the Atlantic Council – USA.  
**(confirmed)**

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Fourth Session

**Democracy**

Challenges facing the New Democracies in the Region

❖ **Moderator:**

- Baroness Morris of Bolton, Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Jordan, Kuwait and the Palestinian Territories; Chair of the APPG on Qatar. (proposed)

**Topics:**

- Building the state institutions, the rule of law, accountability and constitution.
- Safeguarding social, cultural, sectarian and religious cohesion.
- Maintaining civil rights- freedom of expression and peaceful protest: people's right to self-determination.
- Role of civil society organizations in supporting reform.
- Role of international financial institutions/ international aid in development and reconstruction
- Tackling corruption, poverty, illiteracy and unemployment.
- Achieving security, stability and reconciliation.

**Speakers :-**

- Rt. Hon Sadiq Khan Mp, Shadow Lord Chancellor and Shadow Secretary of State for Justice – UK. (confirmed)
- Ms. Mona Yacobian, Senior Advisor, Middle East Project Director, Pathways to Progress, Stimson Center. (confirmed)
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• *Speaker (from the Arab World).....*

• *Speaker (from France).....*

• *Speaker (from the GCC/Qatar).....*

**Session Rapporteur:** Shahid Malik, former Minister for International Development (2007 – 2008).

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Fifth Session

**International Cooperation: Prospects for partnership- Challenges and Requirements for success**

**Moderator:** H.E. Amb. John Ashe, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the UN. **(confirmed)**

**Topics of Discussion:**

- Conflict Resolution and the Superpower's diverging Strategic Interest.
- Role of regional and international institutions and organizations in promoting institutionalization of cooperation in order to achieve sustainable development.
- Role of aid, assistance and public joint enterprises in development.
- Partnership between public and private sectors (PPP) and civil society organizations.
- Challenges in the field of creating job opportunities and alleviation of poverty.
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**Speakers:**

- Hon. Jim Marshall, Former Congressman, President and CEO, United States Institute of Peace. **(confirmed)**
- Sarah Cliffe, Director and Special Representative, World Bank. **(proposed)**
- Dr. Robin Wright, Distinguished Scholar, Journalist, Author and Foreign Policy Analyst, Woodrow Wilson International Center. **(confirmed)**
- Dr. Muhammad Yunus, founder of Grameen Bank, Nobel Prize recipient – Bangladesh. **(proposed)**
- Dr. Nader Abdullatif, Senior Advisor, World Bank. **(confirmed)**
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Sixth Session

**Brookings Doha Center Session**

*Building New Democracies: Institutional Reform after the Arab Spring*

**Moderator:** Salman Sheikh, Director, BDC

**Topics of Discussion:**

- The newly democratic countries of the Arab Spring, including Egypt, Tunisia, and Yemen, are now working to reshape all aspects of the state – including its security, economic, and administrative apparatuses. As they move forward, how should they deal with the pre-revolutionary state and how can they best define their reform goals?
- How can these countries balance the demand for revolutionary change in state ministries with the need for continuity and stability? Can they introduce new blood to state institutions while retaining those with actual knowledge of how the state functions?
- How should they prioritize accountability for the old regime against the requirements of an inclusive process of reform? Is there a tension between revolutionary demands for reform and the practical moves needed for economic recovery and a functioning state?

**Proposed Speakers:**

Abu Alula Madi, Head of the Wasat Party (Egypt), Hamadi Jebali, Ali Ahmed M. Al-Amrani (Minister of Information), Abu Bakr Al-Qirbi (Minister of Foreign Affairs), Catherine Ashton, Nabil Elaraby, Richard Hass, Javier Solana/ Bogdan Borusewicz (Speaker of the Senate).

- Amb. Nabil Fahmy, former Egyptian Amb. to USA, Dean, Public Affairs College – AUC. . **(confirmed)**
- Dr. Rafik Abdessalam, Minister of Foreign Affairs – Tunisia. . **(confirmed)**
- Dr. Bernardino Leon, the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Southern Mediterranean – Espagne. **(proposed)**
- Dr. Yassin Said Noaman, Secr. General, Yamen Socialist Party. **(confirmed)**
- Michael Posner, former Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. **(confirmed)**

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**Doha Forum**  
Seventh Session  
**National Human Rights Committee Session**  
**The Repercussions of the Global Economic and Financial Crisis of Human Rights**

**Moderator:** Dr. Ali Bin Smeikh Al Marri, Chairman, **NHRC - Qatar**

The expansion of the global financial and economic crisis is now having a negative impact on most of the world's societies especially in the areas of employment, food stability, housing, basic health care and education. In addition, these societies are witnessing an increase in social problems such as racial discrimination and high crime rates which, in turn affect security and stability at the local, regional and international levels.

The State of Qatar, in its statement to the Tenth Special Session of the Human rights Council of 23 February 2009, called upon the international community to join forces in an effort to address the challenges posed by the current global financial and economic crisis to the full enjoyment of human rights, in particular to economic and social rights, as well as to the right to development. Qatar's statement underscored the need to take into account the human rights dimension in the implementation of economic and financial measures to address the crisis. The organization of an international conference in Qatar on the repercussions of the global economic and financial crisis on the enjoyment of human rights presents an opportunity for wide discussion of these problems. It also presents an opportunity to contribute towards guiding the focus of the international debate towards finding solutions to the crisis that are based on the realization and protection of economic and social rights.

**Topics of Discussion:**

- Social responsibility of the private sector in the field of human rights.
- Protection of the rights of migrant workers in light of the current economic crisis.
- The role of appropriate international specialized agencies in dealing with the crisis – the International Labor Organization (ILO) as a model.
- The effects of the crisis on achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
- The World Trade Organization (WTO) and the issue of human rights.
- The mechanisms of activating the awareness of the laws on the rights of migrant workers in Arab countries.

**Speakers:**

- Mr. Paolo Lembo, UN Resident Coordinator/ UNDP Resident Representative. *(proposed)*
- Peter Maurer, President, International Committee of the Red Cross – Switzerland. *(proposed)*
- Alfred Fernandez, Director University College "Henry Dunant" – France. *(proposed)*
- Dr. Zidane Zeraoui, Director of the Catedra de investigation, ITESM, Mexico. *(confirmed)*
- Azfar Fasih Khan, Senior Migration Specialist, ILO Regional Office for the Arab States – Beirut. *(confirmed)*
- Dr. Khaled Al Qadi, President, Arab Center for Law awareness – Cairo. *(confirmed)*

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Eight Session  
**Digital Media**

**Moderator:** .....

**Topics of Discussion:**

- National Security and Digital Media: Challenges or Opportunities.
- Cyber-security and national security: defence against aggression.
- Social Media and Diplomatic Communication.
- E-diplomacy: a new emerging trend.
- Organizational Competency of Diplomatic missions in the Digital Age.
- Parameters and rules of using communication through the internet.

**Speakers:**

- Victoria Esser, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Digital Strategy – USA. (proposed)
- Dr. Mahmoud Alam Eldin, Vice Dean, Mass Media College – Cairo University.
- Prof. Francisco Gomes de Matos, Professorial Chair, University Bernamnoko – Brazil. (proposed)
- Dr. Seas Hamlink, Professor of International Communication, University of Amsterdam – Netherlands. (proposed)
- Philippe Seib, Director, Center for Public Diplomacy – USA. (proposed)
- Dr. Atef Al – Saadawi, W.Wilson Public Policy Scholar, Chief Editor. "Democracy" Magazine, Political & Al Ahram Strategic Studies Center – Cairo. (confirmed)
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**Closing Joint Session**

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**Chairperson:**

• **H.E. Sheikh Ahmed Bin Mohammed Bin Jabr Al Thani**,  
Minister's Assistant For International Cooperation Affairs, Moderator :man of  
Permanent Committee for Organizing Conferences.

• **Prof. Steven L. Spiegel**, Director of the UCLA Center for Middle  
East Development(CMED),University of California, USA.

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