

DOHA 2012

UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

COP18|CMP8

A Global Welcome



The State of Qatar is proud to host the UN and 194 nations from around the world for the 18th Conference of the Parties (COP18) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 8th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP8). We hope that your visit will be productive, and that we can work together to make much needed progress towards preserving the health of our planet.

We extend our warmest greetings in Qatar's time-honoured spirit of hospitality and invite our guests to enjoy the beauty and wonder of our city, coasts and desert. We invite you to discover our little corner of the world, and we hope that you will return many times to continually rediscover our dynamic, innovative, and rapidly growing city by the sea.

May we suggest that you take a few hours away from the demanding work of the conference to stroll along the serene Corniche, sail across our stunning bay, or pay a visit to one of the many fascinating attractions that make this place we call home so special.



The incoming President of COP18/CMP8 is His Excellency Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, Director of the Qatar Administrative Control and Transparency Authority. H.E. Al-Attiyah brings significant experience to the role. Prior to holding the current office, H.E. Al-Attiyah's career of service to Qatar has included the offices of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Industry, and extensive leadership experience in both the public and private sector.

Doha – A Modern City In A Country Of Rapid Change



Pronounced “adDaw-ha,” Doha is Qatar’s principal city, economic and cultural centre and home to over 80 percent of Qatar’s residents. The population of Qatar is estimated to be almost 1.5 million with residents hailing from regions throughout the world.

Qatar has long served as a centre of trade, fishing and pearl diving. The nation remains today at the intersection of new and old. Qatar is an emerging and progressive state dedicated to forging a knowledge economy while retaining its cultural and heritage links.

Qatar’s is a progressive society – open, relaxed – a regional hub for the arts that proudly celebrates its traditions and heritage. Enjoy searching for bargains along the alleys and stalls of Souq Waqif, wander spellbound among one of the world’s most extensive

collections of Islamic art in the I.M. Pei-designed Museum of Islamic Art or take the family for a stroll along the scenic Corniche or beaches and shops of Doha’s Cultural Village Katara. For the more adventurous, a short drive yields everything from abandoned forts, archaeological sites and old cities along the northwestern coast to singing sand dunes, an inland sea and desert adventures in the south.

And that’s just the start. Qatar’s natural heritage extends far beyond its timeless desert. The State’s 10 terrestrial and marine protected areas cover 30% of the country’s land surface. Qatar’s eastern cape is home to mangroves, flamingos and a host of biodiversity, and her waters provide shelter to the planet’s second largest population of Dugongs.



We invite you to explore this amazing gem of the Arabian Gulf during your time in Doha.

Climate: 24° C max / 14° C min.

Average December temperatures



Local Time: GMT+3

No daylight savings adjustments. Work week: Sunday - Thursday.



Currency: US \$1 = Qatari Riyals 3.64

Fixed rate



Electricity: 220-240v

British standard plugs.



Health:

First-aid professionals will be available at all times at the conference venue and a range of high-quality medical facilities are available throughout Doha.



Useful Contacts



Al-Anoud Al-Meghaisib

Head of Accommodation, Transportation & Workforce

Al-Anoud Al-Meghaisib is appointed to the COP18/CMP8 - Doha 2012 Organising Committee as Head of Accommodation, Transport and Workforce. She will oversee the operational planning and event execution of the Accommodation and Transport services as well as the successful delivery of the Volunteer Workforce. a-almeghaisib@cop18.qa



Hend Fakhroo

Head of Venues and Facilities Management COP18/CMP8

Hend Fakhroo is appointed to the COP18/CMP8 - Doha 2012 Organising Committee as Head of Venues and Facilities Management. She and her team will ensure that all venues, meeting rooms, temporary structures, facilities, and support services are prepared ahead of time and fully functioning for the event. In addition, her responsibilities include ensuring a smooth and efficient registration process for delegates and visitors.

h-fakhroo@cop18.qa



Hala Kilani

Head of the Outreach and Public Engagement team in charge of NGO engagement COP18/CMP8

Hala Kilani is appointed to the COP18/CMP8 - Doha 2012 Organising Committee as Head of the Outreach and Public Engagement team, in charge of NGO engagement. She will be the COP18 interface with all international NGOs and will play a role along with other members of the Media and Communication team in coordinating intimately with the UNFCCC on all NGO agendas. h-kilani@cop18.qa



Jamil Mroue

Head of Media & Communications COP18/CMP8

Jamil Mroue is appointed to the COP18/CMP8 - Doha 2012 Organising Committee as Head of Media & Communications. His main responsibilities will be to ensure a smooth flow of all communication requirements including all media related activities. j-mroue@cop18.qa

A Green Venue – QNCC



Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) is the first of its kind built to the gold certification of U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED). Officially opened on 4 December 2011, the QNCC is an unparalleled convention facility, boasting iconic design and cutting edge facilities in a world-class green-technology venue. QNCC's sheer size, sensational spaces over three levels and high-tech conference solutions set a new standard in conference hosting.

Facts And Figures

- 40,000 m2 of exhibition space
- Conference halls
- 2,300-seat lyric style theatre
- Three additional tiered auditoriums
- Theatre-style seating and banquet space for up to 10,000 in exhibition halls
- 52 meeting rooms with space available for a variety of additional custom-built temporary meeting rooms and offices
- Spacious pre-function, exhibition foyers
- Luxurious lounges and hospitality suites
- Dedicated registration areas, business centre, media rooms

The QNCC has combined cutting edge design, functionality and sustainability to meet the complex needs of the COP18/CMP8 sessions and delegates. Its world-class features include:

- 3,676 m2 (39,570 ft2) of solar panels to produce 12.5-percent of the building's total energy requirements
- Wireless conference management system
- 108 inch and larger LCD screens in all meeting rooms
- Energy efficient full colour LED lighting in the exhibition halls (no metal halide)
- 100% fibre optic connections for all service pits

Venues

View the map for further information about QNCC, visit www.qatarconvention.com



Transport & Accommodation



Getting Around

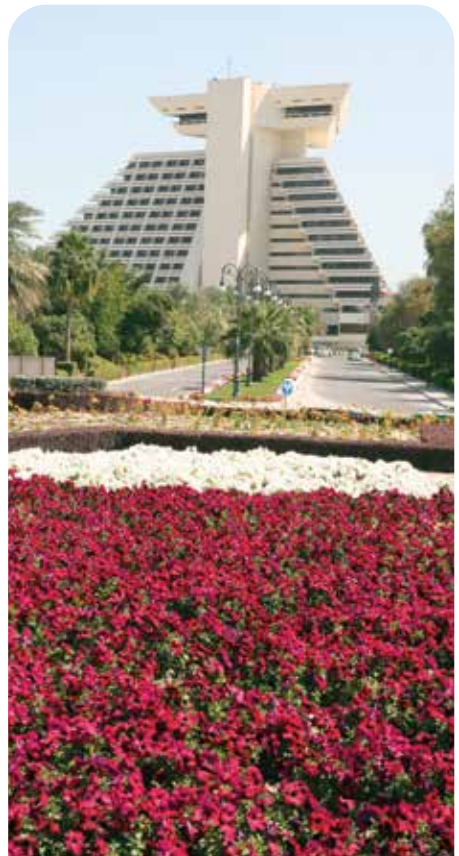
We are dedicated to partnering with COP18/CMP8 participants to make the Doha 2012 UN Climate Change Conference a responsible and carbon-neutral event and look forward to helping you enjoy the hospitality of Qatar through the convenience of our conference transportation system.

Upon arrival at the Doha International Airport (DOH), a variety of transportation options will be available to provide delegates with transfer to hotels and the conference centre.

Home Away from Home

A wide variety of accommodation types are found in Doha, from 5-star hotels, to villas and fully furnished apartments. Although part of the period during which COP18/CMP8 will be held falls in the high season for travel to Doha, every effort is being made to ensure prices are affordable. Qatar Airways has been appointed as the official air carrier and Qatar Airways Holidays has been appointed as the recommended accommodation provider for COP18/CMP8 to ensure a quality experience. Delegates can learn more about options by visiting the Qatar Airways website at www.qatarairways.com/cop18

Delegates are free to make bookings directly through local hotels or utilise the services of Qatar Airways Holidays to research the full range of options and facilitate the booking process. Visit our website at www.cop18.qa for a list of partnering properties.



Obtaining your eVisa



General Information

All delegates, members of the media and other participants need to secure an entry/visitors' VISA to attend COP18/CMP8 in Doha, Qatar.

The State of Qatar has made special arrangements to help make the VISA application process simple for all delegates and members of the media. This convenient online process is available through the COP18/CMP8 eForm on our site at www.cop18.qa

The Procedure

eVisa

1. Click on the COP18/CMP8 VISA eForm on our site www.cop18.qa and submit the requested information.
2. After the VISA online application is completed, a VISA application receipt with serial number will be issued. Applicant can save, email or print the VISA application receipt.
3. Upon successful VISA processing and approval, applicants will receive their visas by email. This will be in the form of electronic VISA number (eVisa Number) similar to an eTicket Number used by the airlines. This eVisa Number will be sufficient to be presented to airlines and/or immigration desks upon arrival.

***Please note that your VISA will only be approved after the UNFCCC have accredited you for COP18/CMP8.**

4. Applicants can check the status of their VISA applications at the following link: www.moi.gov.qa/site/english/

Travel Reminders

1. You need to bring a hard copy of your VISA or have your eVisa Number handy with you when you board your aircraft for Doha, Qatar.
2. VISA Applicants should make sure that their passports have at least six months validity from November 1st, 2012.
3. Travel and accommodation documents must be available.

Have a pleasant journey and we look forward to seeing you at COP18/CMP8.



FAQs



Accommodation

Who is the authorised agent to deal with the accommodation requirements and can we use anyone else?

The recommended accommodation facilitator for COP18/CMP8 is Qatar Airways Holidays. Information on this service is available at www.cop18.qa. Delegates are free to contact hotels directly as well.

Can we book directly with the hotels? Yes.

What are the requirements?

The conditions attached to specific hotels will be listed on the COP18/CMP8 website.

Transport

Will transport be provided for accredited delegates from the airport to their hotels?

Yes. Taxis and hotel shuttles will be made available for all accredited delegates. A fixed fee system is being negotiated for airport transfer.

Will the bus stops for COP18/CMP8 delegates be clearly identified?

Yes. Bus stops will support the various hotels in zones where the delegates will be staying. A timetable of shuttle services will also be available.

Can Embassies use their vehicles to transport their VIP from the airport to the hotels? Yes.

Will there be dedicated shuttles/ minibuses for the Ministers to and from the venue daily?

Yes. A separate service is being planned for and details will be provided at a later date.

Will there be transport provided for all delegates staying wherever they have booked accommodation?

A citywide hub-and-shuttle service will be in place throughout COP18/CMP8. To minimise our carbon footprint and bring as much efficiency as possible to this system, delegates staying in some areas of the city may need to walk or arrange for a short taxi ride to the nearest shuttle hub. Detailed maps and schedules will be provided to all delegates and published online.

Can Embassy vehicles be used for the transportation of their leaders of delegations and be dropped off and picked up from the closest point to the venue?

Yes. Details of where drop off points are will be provided at a later date.

Exhibition Space

Will delegations be able to hire office/ exhibition space within the UN precinct at the Qatar National Convention Centre?

Yes. The process is well underway with allocating the limited space available. For more information, please email the COP18/CMP8 Project Team at info@cop18.qa

While in Doha



Explore History – Qatar Heritage Village

The Heritage Village was created to remind the emerging generation of our fathers' and grandfathers' heritage, of how they lived before the discovery of energy resources. Discover how the Qatari people used to build their homes, earn a living from their handicrafts and prepare their cuisine.

Find Inspiration - Art in Doha

From student exhibits at Virginia Commonwealth University Qatar to the Qatar Museum Authority's Gallery at Katara, the Al Markhiya Gallery at Souq Waqif, and galleries along the Corniche, Doha has a variety of world-class installations to inspire the imagination and capture the heart.

Shop 'Til You Drop – Wide Array of Malls

Shopping malls are great for finding everything you need. Everything is under one roof and there are food courts where you can relax, grab a bite, and have soft drinks. These large artistic shopping complexes are great to meet people over a cup of coffee and socialise with multi-national shoppers.

Discover Nature

As a nation made up entirely of desert and coast line, Qatar has a stunning array of unique plants and animals. Snorkeling and diving are available for the adventurous and walks along the ruins of old coastal villages and historic forts provide perfect backdrops for photography excursions.

Explore Sand and Sky

Whether riding camels or horses along the beach or pushing deeper to explore whistling sand dunes or the magic of a star-filled desert night, do yourself a favour and take some time to explore the sands and skies of Qatar.

Take A 'Dhow' Cruise – Corniche

After lunch, while away an afternoon out on the water in one of Doha's 'dhow' boats. Just pay the fare (don't forget to haggle) and hop on board next to the Balhambar building. While the dhow sails across the bay, all you have to do is kick back, pull up a cushion, and enjoy the view.





Park Life - The Corniche and Parks

The Corniche is a long seaside promenade that goes along the bay and offers pretty views of Palm Tree Island and the city's majestic skyline. Cycling is prohibited along the Corniche but you will meet many people jogging. There are many parks near the Corniche which are ideal for families.

Nightlife in Doha

Doha offers a variety of glittering restaurants and vibrant bars; simply order a drink and enjoy the ambiance while chilling to some relaxing tunes.

Grab A Bargain – Souq Waqif

Souk Waqif is one of Doha's must-sees. It has been expertly rebuilt to the exact design of its predecessor, using traditional building techniques. You won't find the big chain retailers here, only the real deal with delicious local produce, exquisite crafts and wonderful art. The souk comes to life in the evening with locals meeting up in the many cafes and restaurants.

Get Some Culture – Museum of Islamic Art

Built by the world famous architect I.M Pei, overlooking the Corniche area, the Museum of Islamic Art is highly understated from the outside but, oh boy, once inside you will be stunned by the building's inner beauty. And while you're there, take some time to delve into a rich world of Islamic Culture.



Green Projects At A Glance In Qatar



Qatar Environment And Energy Research Institute

Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI) aims to mitigate climate change and contaminants harmful to the environment as well as contaminants affecting humans. QEERI's environmental work focuses on Qatar's desert and marine ecologies, plant and animal life and air quality. Its work on contaminants affecting humans considers issues such as lead and mercury levels in the environment, carbon emissions and other pollutants that pose risks for human health.

www.Qeeri.org

Qatar National Convention Centre – Green Initiatives

Qatar National Convention Centre is committed to supporting and encouraging sustainability practices. To achieve this goal, QNCC develops and incorporates into its operations environmentally friendly products and processes. The QNCC was conceived with a focus on sustainability. It is the first convention and exhibition centre of its kind being built to the gold certification of the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED).

www.qatarconvention.com

Al Haya Waste Management & Projects W.L.L.

Founded in 2003, Al Haya provides comprehensive services in the field of waste management and reutilisation of waste. A proud winner of "Qatar Today Green Award" for two consecutive years. As a Qatari company, Al Haya is oriented in improving the quality of life by managing waste in the most proper and hi-tech way.

<http://www.alhayaqatar.com>

Ford Conservation And Environmental Grants

Supported by UNESCO Doha, Ford is encouraging individuals, community and non-profit groups that have projects currently running in the areas of preservation of the natural environment, environmental education and conservation engineering to apply for the grants. The programme was initially created to empower individuals and nonprofit groups that are donating their time and effort to preserve the environment. By providing the necessary funding and visibility, they hope to encourage the multiplication of similar grassroots efforts that they will serve as catalysts for change across the globe.

www.unesco.org/en/doha

Qatar National Food Security Programme

The QNFSP seeks sustainable and environmentally friendly solutions to protect Qatar's environment in alignment with the Qatar National Vision. The QNV implies that Qatar will seek preserving and protecting the environment, including air, land, water and biological diversity. As for the QNFSP, it will be addressing

the issue of Food Security through innovative and environmentally friendly solutions at a regional level.

www.qnfsp.gov.qa

RasGas Environmental Initiatives

RasGas has proactively implemented three innovative technological initiatives as part of its core commitment to the preservation of the environment. Since 2005, RasGas has undertaken a retrofit programme using Dry Low NOx (DLN) technology on its combustion units to ensure that emissions of harmful Nitrogen oxides are reduced. The DLN retrofit programme is the first of its kind in Qatar and RasGas announced it had succeeded in exceeding the MoE's targets for NOx emissions.

www.rasgas.com

Al-Khaliji Bank Sponsors World Environment Day 2012

The worldwide campaign itself is managed by the United Nations Environment Programme. Similar to previous years, the celebrations are designed to directly engage the public with a painting contest encouraging people of all ages to creatively portray the contest's theme 'Save the Environment.' Al Khaliji's support of World Environment Day 2012 falls under the bank's corporate social responsibility umbrella, whereby Al-khaliji lends support to social, environmental, and humanitarian programs that benefit the community.

www.alkhaliji.com/mediacenter/PressRelease179_en_gb.asp

Sustainable Qatar

This young, independent, volunteer-based organisation meets monthly to address environmental issues relevant

to Qatar. SustainableQatar started out in 2008 to share resources and foster collaboration. It is an organisation that regularly and consistently meets to raise awareness about environmental matters of broad interest.

www.sustainableqatar.com

Environmental Project Deal In Qatar

Yara Company International and Sahara Forest Project signed a cooperation agreement to build a pilot environmental plant in Qatar. The environmental plant is to demonstrate the potential for cultivating desert land and making it green. It will contain outdoor hydroponic raceways for cultivation of halophytes - plants tolerant of irrigation with salty water.

In addition, YARA, a leading Qatari-Norwegian joint venture, has developed AdBlue, an industrial chemical solution that is considered the premiere environmentally friendly CO2 and NOx emitter reducer. YARA claims that AdBlue reduces up to 90% of CO2 emissions from diesel engines.

www.yara.com/media/news_archive/sahara_forest_project.aspx





Qatar National Convention Centre

QNCC
Qatar National Convention Centre

Al-Farooq
Qatar Foundation
Unlocking human potential

Grand Heritage Doha Hotel and Spa

The Torch Doha

Qatar University

College of The North Atlantic

Landmark Shopping Mall

Dahl El Hamam Family Park

Traffic Dept.

English Modern School

Al Jazeera TV

Al Rayyan Park

Wyndham Regency

Millennium Hotel Doha

British Council

Qtel Tower

Hayat Universal Bilingual School

Muaitheer School

Villagio Mall

Beverly Hills Gardens

Al Waab City

Al Wejba St.

Al Salfam St.

Umm Al Dameen St.

Al Sedaira St.

North Road St.

St. 850

Al Gharafa St.

Al Ittihad St.

Al Bedy St.

D Ring Road

Al Rayyan Al Jadeed St.

Al Furuusya St.

Al Jazeera St.

Al Rayyan Road

Al Sadd St.

D Ring Road

Al Waab St.

Salwa Road

Haloul St.

West Bay Lagoons

Newton International School

Onaiza

InterContinental Doha

Central Business District

State

Civil Defense

Al Khateeb

C Ring Road

Al Bin Abi Talib

North Inter



The Ritz Carlton Doha

Grand Hyatt Doha

Pearl Qatar

Katara Cultural Village

The St Regis Doha

InterContinental Doha

Doha Exhibition Centre

Al Safiya Island

W Doha Hotel & Residences

Courtyard by Marriott

Hilton Doha

Doha City Center

Rajaj Al Rayyan Hotel

Movenpick Tower & Suites Doha

Sheraton Doha Resort & Convention Hotel

Conference Shuttle Hubs

Ezdan Hotel & Suites

Renaissance Hotel

Khalifa Tennis Federation

Post Office

Museum of Islamic Art

Movenpick Hotel Doha

Marriott Hotel

Hotel Crystal Palace

La Cigale Hotel

Mercure Grand Hotel Doha

Ramada Encore

Radisson Blu

Holiday Villa Hotel & Residence City Centre Doha

Horizon Manor Hotel

Salata Park

K108 Hotel

Crown Plaza Doha The Business Park

Al Najma Souk

Gulf Cinemas

Century Hotel

Sharq Village

Airport Arrivals Terminal

Oryx Rotana Doha

Family Food Centre

Ezdan Village



Doha Airport

International School

The Mall

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