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Under the Patronage of His Highness
Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of Qatar
VISION

Doha Forum is a global platform for dialogue, bringing together leaders in policy to build innovative and action-driven networks.
MISSION

Established in 2000, Doha Forum is a platform for global dialogue on critical challenges facing our world. Doha Forum promotes the interchange of ideas, discourses, policy making, and action-oriented recommendations. Built on values of diplomacy, dialogue and diversity, Doha Forum is an open space for constructive dialogue based in the heart of the Middle East.
Discussing topics that enrich global dialogue ... ...with esteemed guests from around the world

- Shaping Public Opinion & Democratization
- International and Regional Status Quo
- Democracy and the Arab World - The Way Forward

2003
Mr. Klaus Schwab
CEO, World Economic Forum

2007

2000

2005
H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdogan (2008)
Prime Minister, Turkey

2009
H.E. Ban Ki-moon (2016)
Secretary-General, United Nations

Development, Stability and the Refugee Crisis

H.E. Saad Rafic Al-Hariri (2017)
Prime Minister, Republic of Lebanon

Reimagining Governance in a Multipolar World

Democracy and Free Trade

Enriching the Middle East’s Economic Future
DOHA FORUM 2018

Since 2000, Doha Forum has been a clear voice on the global political stage. However in recent years, the strength and impact of the Forum has reached new levels, culminating in the 2018 edition which saw delegate numbers rise by 400% year-on-year from 2017-2018.

2018 Doha Forum addressed ‘Shaping Policy in an Interconnected World’ with a focus on four essential themes: **Security; Peace & Mediation; Economic Development; Trends & Transitions.**

Building on the success of Doha Forum 2018, the 19th edition in December 2019 will bring discussion and networking to new heights, creating increased impact and even greater opportunities for targeted action.
Last year, the Doha Forum addressed ‘Shaping Policy in an Interconnected World” with a focus on four essential themes.

Security

Peace & Mediation

Economic Development

Trends & Transitions

Including discussion topics such as;

- The Global Order Revisited: Old Actors, New Alliances
- Fact or Falsehood? The Consequences of Misinformation
- Prospects for International Trade and Investment
- The Geopolitics of Natural Resources
- The Targeting and Demonization of Journalists and News Outlets
I congratulate the Doha Forum and its mission to serve as a platform for global dialogue on critical challenges facing our world. Perhaps the most precious – and increasingly scarce – resource in our world today is dialogue.

Places to broaden understanding, share ideas, think out of the box and find common ground. We need more such platforms to respond to our collective challenges. I thank you for the space you have created through the Doha Forum.

António Guterres
Secretary-General
of the United Nations
featured guests
2018
Theme: Shaping Policy in an Interconnected World

H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani,
Amir of Qatar

H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdulrahman Al Thani,
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qatar

Mr. Lenín Moreno,
President of Ecuador

H.E. Hassan Ali Khaire,
Prime Minister of Somalia

Mr. Tarō Kōno,
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Mr. Teodor Viorel Meleşcanu,
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania

Ms. Kamissa Camara,
Minister of Foreign Affairs Mali

H.E. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu,
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Turkey

H.E. Mohammad Javad Zarif,
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Iran

Dr. Mohamad Maliki bin Osman,
Senior Minister of State Singapore

Mr. António Gutteres,
UN Secretary General

Mr. Staffan de Mistura,
UN Envoy for Syria
H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa,
President of The United Nations General Assembly

H.E. Ali Shareef Al-Emadi,
Minister of Finance, Qatar

Ms. Henrietta H. Fore,
Executive Director, Unicef

H.E. Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi,
Minister of State for Energy Affairs,
President & CEO Of Qatar Petroleum

Mr. Vladimir Voronkov,
Under-Secretary-General of United Nations
Office of Counter-Terrorism

H.E. Ali Bin Ahmed Al Kuwari,
Minister of Commerce and Industry, Qatar

Mr. Ghassan Salamé,
Head of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya

Mr. Robert Malley,
President and CEO International Crisis Group

Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger,
Chairman of Munich Security Conference

Dr. Michael Rich,
President and CEO of RAND Corporation

Mr. Matthew Swift,
CEO of the Concordia Summit

Mr. Samir Saran,
President of Observer Research Foundation (ORF)

Mr. Christian Sewing,
CEO of Deutsche Bank

FEATURED GUESTS
2018
Theme: Shaping Policy in an Interconnected World
Recent trends in world affairs point to global shifts in power, trade and technology. A worldwide transition from unipolarity to multipolarity brings forward new challenges and complex issues that require an equally complex system to govern it. Undergoing this transition exposes the gaps that exist in our world. Issues of migration, trade, security, technology, culture and identity are more fraught than ever requiring complex governance that comes from diplomacy, dialogue and diversity.
With 2019 panel debate and discussions on;

- Whose Migration Challenge? Regional Cooperation and the New Balance of Power
- Technology and the Challenges of Global Governance
- The Geopolitical Contest for Tech Leadership in the Asian Century
- How ISIS Wins Women; How Women Win the War Against ISIS
- Digitization of the Global Economy: Data as the New Engine of Growth
- Weaponization of Tourism: Preserving the Benefits of Tourism in Times of Geopolitical Conflicts
- Rules of Engagement for Non-Military Conflict
- The Role of LNG in Meeting the World’s Growing Energy Demand
- US-China Relations and the Future of the Rules-based International System
- The United Nations at 75: A Time for Renewal and Innovation
- Technology and the Challenges of Global Governance
The world is more interconnected than it has ever been, yet it is also more fragmented. Smaller countries that are geographically far from each other are making strategic connections more than ever before, at the same time, at the other end of the spectrum, existing regional alliances across the globe are being broken down and challenged. International institutions and norms are under siege.

Opening new dialogues on existing matters, discussing forward-looking solutions, and strengthening growing networks of collaboration is essential. Doha Forum’s aim is to provide tangible action towards supporting international institutions and promoting connectivity across the world, at every level.
The main theme of the Forum "Shaping Policy in an interconnected World", focuses on a number of major issues that require the urgent attention of global leaders.

I really appreciate the efforts by the Qatari government and its partners to draw the world’s attention to these important topics.

Tarō Kōno
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan
Doha Forum 2018
This year, the Doha Forum welcomes a new strategic partner for 2019, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, widely known as Chatham House.