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**Enriching the Middle East's
Economic Future Conference**

9th – 11th May, 2011

*Doha, Qatar
Sheraton Hotel*



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Sunday: 8 May 2011

19:30-20:30 Salwa Hall	Opening Reception
20:30	Dinner at leisure in respective hotels



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Monday: 9 May 2011

Time/Hall	Events
<p>10:30-11:00</p> <p>Al Dafna Hall</p> <p>11:00 - 12:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Official Opening</u></p> <p>Welcoming Speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabr Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs <p>Opening Speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.H. Heir Apparent, Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Opening Session</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Insights on the World Political Scene Transformations in the Middle East</p> <p>Moderator: David Foster, Aljazeera English Channel</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Dr. Barham Salih, Prime Minister, Iraqi Kurdistan• H.E. Carl Bildt, Foreign Minister, Sweden• H.E. Luis Amado, Foreign Minister, Portugal• Rev. Jesse Jackson, Civil Rights Activist, founder of Rainbow/PUSH• H.E. Maurice Leroy, Minister of the City -France
<p>12:30 - 14:00</p> <p>Conference Foyer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch</p>



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<p>14:00 – 15:30 Al Dafna Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Second Session</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Art and Technology in the Service of Development</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Richard Koshalek, Director, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Michaëlle Jean, Special Envoy for Haiti for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, former Governor-General of Canada. • Mr. Wyclef Jean, Singer, Musician, Producer – Haiti. • Ms. Gina Diez Barroso, founder of the University of Centro, Mexico • Mr. Salah Stetie, Writer and Poet, former Lebanese Ambassador • Mr. Jean Plantureux, Cartoonist, Le Monde Newspaper, France <p>Topics of Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural diplomacy and its importance in international relations • Artistic creativity as an engine of social change and a tool to fight poverty • The media's role in the revolutions of the people and political change • Contribution of art in the reconstruction of the affected areas • Organization and political struggle over the web • Technology as a tool for communication between people and the promotion of world peace
<p>14:00 – 15:30 Salwa 1</p> <p>Salwa 3</p>	<p>Workshops</p> <p>1. Could an Early Warning Risk Assessment Have Predicted the Current Situation in MENA? Chair: Dr. Abdullah Toukan, Chief Executive Officer, Strategic Analysis and Global Risk Assessment (SAGRA) Center</p> <p>2. Successful Responses to Great Power Independent Economic Strategies Chair: Dr. Hani Findakly, CEO, Potomac Capital</p>
<p>15:30 – 16:00</p>	<p>Break</p>



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<p>16:00 – 17:30</p> <p>Al Dafna Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Third Session</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Politics</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Political Future of the Middle East</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Anoush Ehteshami, International Relations, Durham University</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patricia Janet, Baroness Scotland of Asthal, Shadow Attorney General for England and Wales • Mr. Eric Raoult, Former Minister, Member of France-Qatar Friendship Association • Senator Eduardo Matarazzo Suplicy, Brazil • Dr. Mohamed Al-Rumaihi, Kuwait • Mr. Khalid Abdulla-Janahi, Group CEO, Dar Al Maal Al Islami • Elizabeth Symons, The Rt Hon Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean <p>Topics of Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the reform process started in the region? What are the trends of democracy in the Middle East? What are the contributions of the West in promoting democracy? What are the mechanisms for reform? • Ensuring basic civil liberties, safeguarding human rights, tackling corruption, tyranny and its implications • The political, social and economic divide between regional regimes and peoples • Religious and cultural pluralism, the protection of minorities and promotion of the concept of citizenship; the role of the state and the law in the protection of religious and cultural rights • Millennium Development Goals (the fight against poverty, unemployment, and illiteracy); Successes, failures and the impact of global economic recession in supporting the programs of the millennium. Development problems in the region • What is the role of regional blocs (League of Arab States - African Union - Gulf Cooperation Council, OIC) in promoting reforms? • The role of electronic social networks in promotion of peaceful reform
<p>16:00 – 17:30</p> <p>Salwa 1</p> <p>Salwa 2</p> <p>Salwa 3</p>	<p>Workshops</p> <p>1. Franchising Principles & Practice in the Regional Economy & Local Business I Chair: Mr. Josh Elbaum, Managing Director, Media Investment Group, LLC</p> <p>2. The Role of Youth in Democracy Transformation Chair: Dr. Ali Bin Smaikh al Marry, Chairman of NHRC-Qatar Moderator : Dr. Adil Eskandar, Washington</p> <p>3. Innovations for a Green Economy Chair: Ms. Melissa McGinnis, TV Producer and Host for Greenopolis, Eco-Advocate</p>
<p>17:30-18:00</p>	<p>Break</p>



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<p>18:00-18:30</p> <p>Al Dafna Hall</p> <p>18:30-20:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Enriching the Middle East's Economic Future Opening</p> <p>Introduction: Prof. Steven L. Spiegel, Director, Center for Middle East Development (CMED), UCLA Professor of Political Science</p> <p>Remarks: Dr. Gene Block, Chancellor, University of California Los Angeles, UCLA</p> <p>Welcome: H.E. Yousef Hussain Kamal, Minister of Finance, Qatar</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fourth Session</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Economic Root Causes of Discontent</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Cornelia Meyer, Chairman & CEO, MRL Corporation, United Kingdom</p> <p>Introductory remarks: H.E. Mohamed Abu Hammour, Minister of Finance, Jordan</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Suleiman Al-Herbish, Director General and CEO, OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) • Mr. Christopher Dickie, Middle East Editor, <i>Newsweek</i> • Mr. Abdel Aziz Khalaf, Former Minister of Finance and Economy, Algeria, President of Arab Bank for Development in Africa • Mr. Islam Shalaby, Lawyer, Coalition of Youth Revolution, Egypt • Ms. Nadezhda Neynsky, Senior Member of the European Parliament on the Committee of Foreign Affairs, former Bulgarian Foreign Minister <p>Topics of Discussion: This panel will look at the economic challenges facing the Middle East, such as unemployment, demography, education, inflation (food & energy), and lack of infrastructure. Panelists will discuss how the region can work together to address these issues.</p>
<p>18:30 – 20:00</p> <p>Salwa 1</p> <p>Salwa 2</p>	<p>Workshops:</p> <p>1. Asia's Changing Role in the Region Chair: Dr. Michael Yaffe, Professor, National Defense University</p> <p>2. Franchising Principles/Practice in the Regional Economy & Local Business II Chair: Mr. Josh Elbaum, Managing Director, Media Investment Group, LLC</p>
<p>20:00</p> <p>Conference Foyer</p>	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Remarks: Cam Kerry, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Commerce</p>



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Tuesday, 10 May 2011	
09:00 – 10:30 Al Dafna Hall	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fifth Session</u> Economy, Trade and Development</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Hani Findakly, CEO, Potomac Capital</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lord Mandelson, former Secretary of State for Business in the UK and Former EU Trade Commissioner• Mr. Alain Marsaud, Former M.P., France• Dr. Amer Rawas, CEO of Oman Telephone Co.• Dr. Fred Moavenzadeh, President, Masdar Institute of Science and Technology• Mr. Emad Khalil, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP, Singapore• Ms. Chingxiao Shao, Managing Partner, SMC China Fund, China <p>Topics of Discussion: This panel will consider the contrast between great power economic strategies that are moving in independent directions, and middle powers seeking effective strategies to prosper in the post-crisis globalized confusion. Panelists will discuss the varying strategies of regional economies.</p>
09:00 – 10:30 Salwa 1 Salwa 2	<p>Workshops</p> <p>1. Energy and Innovation: Future of the Green Economy for the Middle East Chair: Mr. Mel Levine, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher</p> <p>2. Political Transformation in the Region Chairs: Dr. Mohammed Al Musfer, Professor, Qatar University Dr. Nassif Hitti, Director of the Arab League, Paris</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Break



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<p>11:00 – 12:30</p> <p>Al Dafna Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sixth Session</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">International Stability</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Jean-Christophe Lagarde, President, France-Qatar Friendship Association, National Assembly</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Rob Davies, Minister of Trade & Industry, South Africa • Dr. Anthony Cordesman, Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies • Dr. Michael Nacht, Professor, University of California-Berkeley; Former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs • Mr. Azouz Begag, French author and researcher at CNRS, former Delegate Minister for Equal Opportunities of France • Mr. Adrian Cioroianu, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania • H.E. Lourdes Aranda, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico • Mr. James Fitzpatrick, Shadow (opposition) Secretary of State of Transport, Former Minister of Transport and Secretary of State of DEFRA <p>Topics of Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The future of peace in the Middle East • Security of energy imports and secure supply lines • Addressing the situation of the people's revolution and strategic implications • Escalation of Islamophobia and the extreme right in Europe • The role of emerging powers in the future of the global system (China, India, Brazil, South Africa, the European Union) • Developing a new role for the Group of 20, the expected supervision and impact of the state • The growing role of regional powers in stability and peace (Turkey, Iran) • The role of art in the promotion of world peace
<p>11:00 – 12:30</p> <p>Salwa 1</p> <p>Salwa 2</p> <p>Salwa 3</p>	<p>Workshops</p> <p>1. The Arab Spring and the Need for Reform? I Chairs: Mr. Abdulwahab Alkebsi, Regional Director, Africa & Middle East, CIPE Amb. Charlotta Sparre, Sweden's Ambassador to Jordan</p> <p>2. Role of Civil Societies in Law-Awareness Development Chair: Dr. Khalid Al-Qadi, Egyptian Center for Law-Awareness Development</p> <p>3. The Middle East Economy During Regional Turmoil Chair: Amb. Charles Ries, Senior Fellow, RAND Corporation</p>
<p>12:30-14:00</p> <p>Conference Foyer</p>	<p>Lunch</p>



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<p>14:00-15:30</p> <p>Al Dafna Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Seventh Session</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Water Security in the Middle East</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sundeep Waslekar, President, Strategic Foresight Group, India</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Yasar Yakis, MP and Former Foreign Minister, Turkey • Mr. Selim Catafago, President, Litani Water Authority, Lebanon • Mr. Raad Jalil, Director General, Ministry of Water Resources, Iraq • H.E. Jean-Daniel Ruch, Special Envoy for the Middle East, Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland • Mr. Francois Munger, Head of Water Initiatives Division, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland <p>Topics of Discussion:</p> <p>An international unveiling of a major report on water security, sponsored by Switzerland and Sweden. <i>The Blue Peace: Rethinking Middle East Water</i>, was prepared with input from almost 100 leaders, serving and former ministers, senior officials, and experts in seven countries: Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian Territories. The report aims to provide a comprehensive, long-term and regional framework for thinking about water in the Middle East, which can be implemented now, by individual countries or small groups of countries without waiting for all the countries in the region to move forward. Such a framework recognizes the potential of water to deliver a new form of peace – the blue peace – while presenting long-term scenarios of risks of wars and humanitarian crisis.</p>
<p>14:00 – 15:30</p> <p>Salwa 1</p> <p>Salwa 2</p> <p>Salwa 3</p>	<p>Workshops</p> <p>1. Enriching the Regional Economic Future through Sports Chair: Dr. Mashhour Mourad, Managing Director, ICG Investment & Financial Consulting Group</p> <p>2. Peace in the Middle East: Regional and International Mediation Chair: Mr. Salman Sheikh, Director, Brookings Doha Center</p> <p>3. Filmed Content for and from the Middle East Chair: Mr. Josh Elbaum, Managing Director, Media Investment Group, LLC</p>
<p>15:30-16:00</p>	<p>Break</p>



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<p>16:00 – 17:30</p> <p>Al Dafna Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Eighth Session</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enriching the Regional Economic Future through Sports</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Mashhour Mourad, Managing Director, ICG Investment & Financial Consulting Group</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRH Prince Abdullah bin Mosaad, Chairman of Professional Sports Privatization Committee, Saudi Arabia • Sheikh Saud bin Abdul Rahman Al-Thani, Chairman of QOC, Qatar • Dr. Ronald Bulbulian, Faculty of Sports Medicine, Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs, Alfaisal University, Riyadh • Mr. Michael O'Hara, Member, Indoor Volleyball & Beach Volleyball Halls of Fame • Mr. Hassan Al-Thawadi, CEO of Qatar 2022 Bid Committee <p>Topics of Discussion:</p> <p>This panel will look at ways the region might develop a foundation for sports through the "educational system" as opposed to the "club system." In the United States, sports are a thriving multi-billion dollar industry—panelists will discuss case studies of the U.S. model for professional and amateur sports. The panel will consider the roles for both the government and private sectors in enriching the region's economic future through sports.</p>
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<p>17:30-20:00</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>20:00</p> <p>Conference Foyer</p>	<p>Dinner</p>



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Wednesday, 11 May 2011

<p>9:00 – 10:30 Al Dafna Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ninth Session</u> Media Electronic and Satellite Channels</p> <p>Moderator: TBA</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Sayed Makhdoom Raheen, Minister of Information and Culture, Afghanistan • Mr. Tarak Ben Ammar, Owner, Quinta Communications, Tunisia • Mr. John Defterios, Host, <i>Marketplace Middle East</i>, CNN International • Mr. Chris Doyle, Director, Council for the Promotion of Arab Relations • Mr. Derek Wyatt, Founder of the Policy Forum Online, former Member of Parliament • Mr. Wadah Khanfar, Director General, Al-Jazeera Network • <i>(Journalist from Egypt).</i> <p>Topics of Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure free and transparent media and the moral responsibility of the media in the imposition of public opinion • Assess the role of media in supporting the process of change and political reform in the Middle East • Modern Media and its impact in bringing about political and social change from websites and satellite channels
<p>9:00-10:30 Al Maha Amiri Lounge</p>	<p>Workshops</p> <p>1. The Arab Spring and the Need for Reform? III Chairs: Mr. Abdulwahab Alkebsi, Regional Director, Africa & Middle East, CIPE Amb. Charlotta Sparre, Sweden's Ambassador to Jordan</p> <p>2. Economic Root Causes of Discontent Chair: Ms. Cornelia Meyer, Chairman & CEO, MRL Corporation, United Kingdom</p>
<p>10:30 – 11:00</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>11:00 – 12:30 Al Dafna Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tenth Session</u> U.S. Views on Changing Developments in the Middle East</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sean Cleary, Chairman, Strategic Concepts (Pty) Ltd</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Anthony Cordesman, Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies • Mr. Jay Footlik, President & CEO, Global Policy Initiatives; Former White House Special Assistant to President Clinton • Dr. Michael Nacht, Professor, University of California-Berkeley; Former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Strategic Affairs • Prof. Steven Spiegel, Director of the UCLA Center for Middle East Development (CMED), University of California - Los Angeles <p>Topics of Discussion:</p> <p>From the U.S. perspective, changes in the Middle East have been occurring at a dizzying pace. Does the Obama administration have a strategy for responding to these developments? What are the U.S. government objectives in the midst of these changes?</p>



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<p>12:30-13:00 Al Dafna Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Joint Session</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mohammed Abdullah Al Rumaihi, Assistant Foreign Minister for Follow-Up Affairs• Prof. Steven L. Spiegel, Director of the UCLA Center for Middle East Development (CMED), University of California - Los Angeles
<p>13:00-14:30</p>	<p>Lunch at leisure in respective hotels</p>
<p>14:30-18:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sightseeing in Doha</p> <p>Buses will pick up from the Sheraton at 14:30 and from the Mövenpick at 14:45 to visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Katara (Cultural Village),• Museum of Islamic Art, or• Souq Waqif.
<p>18:00-22:00</p>	<p>Dinner at leisure in respective hotels</p>