



Speech of H.E. the Secretary General – Doha Data Forum

Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen
May God's Peace, Mercy and Blessings be upon you.

Under the esteemed patronage of His Excellency, the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, I am delighted to meet you today at the Doha Data Forum, which brings together many prominent figures from government agencies as well as local and international organizations.

At the National Planning Council (NPC), we are currently preparing the National Strategy of Data and Statistics, which is set for launch during the last quarter of this year. This strategy intends to meet the pressing needs in the era of the digital revolution, recognizing the pivotal and critical role of data and statistics in driving informed and sustainable decision-making.

The strategy we are finalizing is centered on the development of an integrated data management system. It is not merely a regulatory tool; rather, it represents a holistic vision designed to lead the national data and statistics agenda. This strategy marks a new milestone in advancing cross-sector integration and providing precise information and data needed to support planning and development processes, in line with the Qatar National Vision 2030.

Through this strategy, we aspire to develop an advanced infrastructure that provides access to high-quality and secure data, while strengthening data governance mechanisms and ensuring privacy and security. This initiative is an open call for innovation, as we strive to empower national entities to deliver smart solutions and make the most of modern technologies such as artificial intelligence and advanced analytics.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The sessions of the 2024 Doha Data Forum will cover a wide range of topics related to innovation and sustainable development. They will also include discussions on data and artificial intelligence and their role in enhancing official statistical systems, as well as the use of geospatial data in disaster management. Other sessions will also address how data can be leveraged to analyze progress in achieving the SDGs, the use of artificial intelligence

in the service of society, and the development of data governance. There is an emphasis on empowering individuals to make informed decisions through data, while exploring the latest trends in analytics and data for 2024. The forum will also address innovation in the field of official statistics and the future of sustainable development in the Gulf states, highlighting the importance of improving data collection to support developmental strategies.

Ladies and gentlemen,

In light of the rapid advancements that we are witnessing today in the sphere of data and technology, the National Training Center for Data and Statistics emerges as another vital component of the system we are building. Through this center, we aim to develop national cadres capable of leveraging the power of data and statistics and building national capacities across various data-related fields.

I am pleased to announce the establishment of this center, which will serve as a hub for continuous learning, and an incubator for the development of advanced skills in data management and analysis, machine learning, advanced analytics, and modern data technologies.

Since we believe in the importance of data innovation, I am also honored to announce the launch of “Qatar Data Hackathon”, an ambitious initiative that aims to encourage innovators and thinkers in the technology and data sectors. This initiative is not just a competition, but a platform to empower young talents and stimulate innovative thinking to find practical solutions to the challenges facing different sectors. Through this initiative, we will spotlight smart ideas that contribute to improving the quality of life and enhancing performance in various fields.

In conclusion,

I would like to express my deep thanks and sincere gratitude to all the partners who are working with the National Planning Council to bring this vision to life, especially the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. We are confident that these collaborative efforts will lead to paradigm shifts, enhancing the quality of national statistics and supporting Qatar's future as a leader in the field of data and statistics.

Peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you.