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Concept Paper and Agenda for the Fourth National Human Rights Forum

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Introduction:

The National Committee for Human Rights is organizing its fourth national forum under the title Human Rights at the Core of Drug Control: Challenges and Prospects for Sustainable Solutions, in partnership with the Ministry of Interior and in collaboration with a number of relevant ministries and institutions. The forum is being held within the framework of national efforts to strengthen comprehensive drug prevention measures, aiming to address growing global challenges and confront emerging patterns of drug-related crime.

I. International Context:

Drug use and illicit trafficking represent some of the most serious global challenges to human rights, given their direct impact on the right to life, mental and physical health, adequate living standards, and other fundamental rights. They also have negative implications for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Recognizing these developmental, social, economic, political, and security consequences, the United Nations has devoted significant attention to the issue of drug use and illicit trafficking. It has strengthened international standards to address associated risks through the adoption of three major treaties: the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971, and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988. In addition, other international instruments form the cornerstone of the global drug control regime.

The UN has also established three main bodies: the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the International Narcotics Control Board, and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, to monitor the global implementation of these treaties and strengthen control policies at national, regional, and international levels. The World Health Organization and the United Nations Development Programme also play vital roles in supporting drug control efforts.

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Recognizing the direct harm that drugs inflict on the enjoyment of human rights, human rights treaty bodies, special procedures, and the Universal Periodic Review mechanism contribute to developing response measures and promoting a human rights-based approach in drug control policies, legislation, and practices. These measures aim to mitigate harm, invest in alternative development, and guarantee the right to health, equality, and non-discrimination.

These mechanisms also seek to ensure that law enforcement aligns with state obligations under human rights law and encourage civil society and stakeholder engagement, including youth, in designing, implementing, and evaluating drug control policies.

At the regional level, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) prioritizes drug control. On 26 June 2025, the GCC Secretariat launched the GCC Strategy for Drug Control 2025-2028, providing a unified framework for anti-drug efforts across member states. The GCC Criminal Information Centre for Drug Control, based in Doha, works to enhance security cooperation among member states, optimize information sharing, and strengthen collaboration with regional and international organizations concerned with drug control.

II. National Context:

In line with Qatar's Permanent Constitution, which emphasizes public health protection (Article 23), family protection and strengthening of its bonds (Article 21), and the care and safeguarding of children from corruption, exploitation, and neglect, as well as providing appropriate conditions for their development guided by sound education (Article 22), and in harmony with Qatar National Vision 2030, Qatar has adopted a comprehensive national strategy for drug and psychotropic substance control. This strategy encompasses prevention, awareness, treatment, rehabilitation, law enforcement, development of control mechanisms, and strict monitoring of entry points.

Legislatively, Law No. 9 of 1988 concerning the Control of Dangerous Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Regulation of Their Use, and Trafficking forms the cornerstone of national anti-drug efforts. Law enforcement responsibilities fall under the Drug Control Department of the Ministry of Interior, while the General Customs Authority and Border Management oversee the prevention of smuggling.

Multiple state ministries and institutions implement multidimensional measures for awareness, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and reintegration,



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including the Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Social Development and Family, Ministry of Education and Higher Education, and the National Planning Council, alongside civil society and media efforts.

III. Challenges:

Qatar represents a model of safety and effective drug control measures, reflected in the absence of risk indicators in international assessments.

Nevertheless, global challenges require all states to prioritize this issue, given the expansion of illicit trafficking networks and the misuse of modern technologies, compounded by weakened rule of law in conflict-affected regions.

According to the 2025 World Drug Report by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, 316 million people aged 15-64 were reported as drug users in 2023, representing 6% of the global population in this age group. The report warns that this number may increase due to population displacement caused by crises, conflicts, and instability.

IV. Objectives:

1- General Objective:

To promote a human rights-based approach in legislation, public policies, and national measures related to drug control and the illicit use of psychotropic substances.

2- Specific Objectives:

- a) Establish a platform for national dialogue among ministries, institutions, public authorities, civil society, and stakeholders to review challenges, initiatives, and national measures.
- b) Raise awareness and educate about the risks of drugs and psychotropic substances.
- c) Examine national, regional, and international best practices in drug control.

V. Forum Dates, Venue, and Methodology:

The forum will be held in Doha on 20-21 January 2026 at Marsa Malaz Kempinski Hotel, The Pearl - Palazzo Hall, with hybrid participation for relevant international entities. It will consist of an opening session, a closing session, and five main sequential sessions covering various aspects of drug and psychotropic substance control. A dedicated session will feature the perspectives and voices of children



and youth.

VI. Partners and Participants:

- https://www.unodc.org/unodc/ar/press/releases/2025/June/unodc-world-drug-report-2025_-global-instability-compounding-social--economic-and-security-costs-of-the-world-drug-problem.html

The forum is organized in partnership between the National Committee for Human Rights and the Ministry of Interior, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Development and Family, Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Ministry of Health, Public Prosecution, National Planning Council, National Cybersecurity Agency, and other relevant authorities. United Nations offices, civil society organizations, and media representatives will also participate.

VII. Expected Outcomes:

The forum aims to achieve the following outcomes:

1. Recommendations and perspectives to be submitted to authorities responsible for drug control and illicit trafficking, promoting preventive measures and a comprehensive, human rights-centered approach in policies, legislation, and programs.
2. Establishment of a specialized unit focused on raising awareness about drug risks and illicit use of psychotropic substances.
3. Publication of a report compiling forum speeches, papers, discussions, and recommendations, to be widely disseminated.
4. Enhance Qatar's engagement with relevant international drug control and human rights mechanisms by showcasing Qatar's pioneering experience in care, rehabilitation, and reintegration, while promoting a human rights-based approach at both regional and international levels.



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VIII. Forum Agenda:

Day One: 20 January 2026

Time	Topic
08:30 – 09:00	Reception and Registration of Participants
08:00 – 09:00	Tour of the Accompanying Exhibition
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Opening Session - High-Level Statements:</p> <p>H.E. Ms. Mariam bint Abdullah Al-Attiyah, Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee.</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Jamal, Chairman of the General Authority of Customs</p> <p>H.E. Major General Abdullah bin Saqr Al-Muhannadi, Director of the Human Rights Department - Ministry of Interior.</p> <p>Dr. Ghanem bin Ali Mohammed Al-Mannai, Assistant Undersecretary for Healthcare Regulation Affairs, Ministry of Public Health</p> <p>Mr. Mustafa Ünal Erten, Chief of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Doha.</p>
	Screening of a film entitled “The Scourge of Drugs and the Prevention, Treatment, Rehabilitation, and Reintegration System.”
9:30 – 9:45	Break
9:45 – 10:45	<p>First Session: International, Regional, and National Standards and Measures to Combat Drugs.</p> <p>Session Chair: Colonel Dr. Jassim Mohammed Al-Obaidli - Director of the Center for Security Research and Studies at the Police Academy</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Abdulrahman bin Sultan Al-Hashemi, Assistant Director of the International Cooperation Department - National Human Rights Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International standards and mechanisms to combat drugs: challenges, prospects, and best practices. (via video conference) Dr. Wadih Maalouf - Director of the International Drug Prevention Programme - Headquarters of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime - Vienna.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constitutional requirements and the legislative context for combating the illicit use of drugs and psychotropic substances in the State of Qatar. Mr. Atef Hassan Atef Al-Saadi Al-Yafai - Head of the Civil Appeals Department - State Cases Administration - Ministry of Justice - Qatar’s efforts to enhance regional and international cooperation to combat drugs. Dr. Mohammed Rashid Subaih - Minister Plenipotentiary - Human Rights Department - Ministry of Foreign Affairs - The Gulf Anti-Drug Strategy 2025-2028: challenges and opportunities. Advisor Saeed Maslah Al-Dubaie, Head of Training and Studies Section - GCC Criminal Information Center to Combat Drugs - The human rights-based approach in the context of drug control: the conceptual framework and implementation challenges. Mr. Hindam Al-Rajoub, United Nations Documentation and Training Centre for Human Rights for the Arab Region and South-West Asia - The role of National Human Rights Institutions in integrating human rights into drug control measures. Mr. Nasser Marzouq Sultan Al-Marri, Director of the Legal Affairs Department - National Human Rights Committee - The global approach to drug prevention and treatment, and reducing the risks of access to controlled medicines: challenges and opportunities. Dr. Rayana Ahmed Bouhaka - Director of the WHO Office in Doha
	<p>General Discussion</p>
<p>10:45 – 11:45</p>	<p>Second Session: National Strategies, Policies, and Measures.</p> <p>Session Chair: Dr. Noora Rashid Al-Sahlawi, Professor of Public Law at the College of Law, Qatar University,</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Aisha Sultan Al-Juhani, Social Researcher - Behavioral Health Support Center (DAAM).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emerging patterns of drug-related crimes: comprehensive response strategies.



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	<p>Captain Abdullah Qasim Askar Ali - Head of Education and Awareness Section - Department of Studies and International Affairs - General Directorate for Drug Control - Ministry of Interior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The role of the Public Prosecution in combating drug crimes: challenges and prospects. Mr. Fahd Saeed Al-Hajri, First Assistant Public Prosecutor, Drug Prosecution - Public Prosecution - The role of cybersecurity in preventing digital drug crimes in the era of artificial intelligence. Ms. Lulwah Ibrahim, Programmer, Cybersecurity Policies and Strategies Department - National Cybersecurity Agency - The economic dimensions of drug crimes: the role of the banking sector in combating money laundering from drug trafficking. Ms. Noura Mubarak Al-Bahr - Director of Operational Support Department - Qatar Financial Information Unit (QFIU) - Governance of financial policies and their impact on the sustainability of systems addressing the risks of drugs and psychotropic substances. Prof. Dr. Abdelaziz Hashem, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Commerce - Cairo University; former Advisor to the Minister of Finance for Institutional Development - Arab Republic of Egypt - Customs policies and procedures to combat drug and psychotropic substance smuggling Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Al-Hassan, Head of Equipment and Control Department - General Authority of Customs
	General Discussion
11:45-12:15	Break
12:15 – 13:30	<p>Third Session: Combating Drugs through a Human Rights-Based Approach: A Comprehensive Perspective</p> <p>Session Chair: H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Saif Al-Kuwari, Vice-Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Jawaher Hassan Al-Ajmi, Assistant State Law-suits Lawyer - Ministry of Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National strategies and plans for drug prevention and recovery support. Mr. Fahd Al-Buainain, National Social Policy Researcher - National Planning Council

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social programs and initiatives, and measures for the social reintegration of those in recovery. Mr. Abdullah Bilal Abdulrahman, Social Expert, Social Protection Department - Ministry of Social Development and Family - Educational curricula and awareness activities for drug prevention. Ms. Fatima Yousef Al-Obaidli - Assistant Director of the Schools and Students Affairs Department - Ministry of Education and Higher Education - The role of religious awareness in combating drugs, rehabilitating victims, and reintegrating those in recovery. Dr. Salman Khader Salman Al-Atawi , Sharia Expert - Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs - Human rights challenges in the field of drug use. Prof. Dr. Jalal Al-Tawfiq, Medical Director - Naufar Center - The media and awareness-raising experience of the Ministry of Interior in curbing drug addiction. His Excellency Major General Abdullah bin Khalifa Al-Muftah - Director of Public Relations Department - Ministry of Interior
	<p>General Discussion</p>



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Day Two: 21 January 2026

Time	Topic
<p>9:00 - 9:45 Held concurrently with Fourth Session</p>	<p>Training Workshop for School and University Students, entitled "Behavioral Health and Drug Prevention"</p> <p>Delivered by: Ms. Munira Al-Tamimi, Psychologist - Behavioral Health Support Center (DAAM)</p>
<p>9:00 – 10:00</p>	<p>Fourth Session: Combating Drugs through a Human Rights-Based Approach: The Role and Impact of the Media.</p> <p>Session Chair: Journalist / Osman Ay Farah - Main Anchor, Al Jazeera Media Network.</p> <p>Rapporteur: Dr. Moataz Al-Fajiri - Assistant Professor and Head of the Human Rights Program - Doha Institute for Graduate Studies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Media coverage of drug-related issues: challenges and opportunities for supporting the human rights-based approach. Dr. Rafiaa Al-Tallai, Head of the Editorial Department - Al Jazeera Centre for Public Liberties and Human Rights - The role of journalism in promoting human rights through awareness of the dangers of drugs. Ms. Nebras Ibrahim, Special Projects Officer - Qatar Press Center - Artificial intelligence and digital media: renewed prospects for strengthening drug control strategies and supporting community resilience. Dr. Arif Al-Tamimi - Senior Director at the Qatar Computing Research Institute - Hamad Bin Khalifa University - The role of media in prevention, awareness, and reintegration - Media professional / Abdullah Mohammed Al-Buainain - Supervisor of the Holy Quran Radio - Qatar Media Corporation
	General Discussion



10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 10:45	<p>Fifth Session: Voices for the Future: Children’s and Youth Perspectives on Confronting Drugs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth initiatives on combating drugs and psychotropic substances. - Interactive dialogue among young students. <p>Session Chair: Mr. Salem bin Mohammed Al-Hadfa - Qatar Youth Ambassador.</p> <p>Session Rapporteur: Mr. Sattam Mutab Sattam Al-Nashira Al-Marri.</p> <p>Session Topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do young people view the dangers of drug use and addiction and its impact on society? 2. What roles can young people play in strengthening prevention measures? 3. The role of youth in raising awareness about the dangers of drugs and psychotropic substances and supporting recovery and rehabilitation programs. 4. The role of youth in helping recovering addicts reintegrate into society and achieve social inclusion. <p>How do young people view the risks of drug use and addiction and their impact on society? Ms. Farah Iyad Shafeeq Atatri, Master’s student in Human Rights - Doha Institute for Graduate Studies.</p> <p>What roles can young people play in strengthening prevention measures? Ms. Rawaa Elsamwal Ibrahim, Master’s student in Human Rights - Doha Institute for Graduate Studies.</p> <p>The role of youth in raising awareness about the dangers of drugs and psychoactive substances, and supporting recovery and rehabilitation programs. Adeeb Khalil Ibrahim Al-Shabrami - Advocacy and Communication Specialist - Doha International Family Institute.</p>



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	<p>The role of youth in helping recovering addicts reintegrate into society and achieve social inclusion. Ibrahim Ahmed Al Saad, Law Faculty Graduate - Qatar University</p>
<p>10:45 – 11:45</p>	<p>Sixth Session: Integration of Roles in the Rehabilitation and Addiction Treatment Pathway: Challenges and Opportunities.</p> <p>Session Chair: Ms. Hessa Al-Waleed Al-Hail - Head of the Minor Primary Cases Department - Ministry of Justice.</p> <p>Session Rapporteur: Dr. Khaled Ahmed, Psychological Counseling Consultant, Social Protection Department - Ministry of Social Development and Family.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Public Prosecution's role in overseeing rehabilitation centers: safeguards and compliance standards. Mr. Fahad Saeed Al-Hajri – First Assistant Public Prosecutor for Narcotics – Public Prosecution. - Recovery and Rehabilitation Programs and Measures for Inmates Convicted of Drug Offenses in Correctional Institutions Major Bakheet Abdullah Al-Buraidi – Head of the Care and Rehabilitation Department – General Directorate of Correctional and Rehabilitation Institutions – Ministry of Interior - Rights of Inmates in Rehabilitation Centers, Risks, and Prospects for Reform Dr. Aisha Jamal Al-Ammari – Member of the Qatar Bar Association and Lecturer at Qatar University <p>Presenter of the Leading Regional Initiative to Enhance the Public Health Response to Drug Use in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (via video conference) Dr. Khaled Saeed – Regional Advisor – Mental Health and Drug Use – Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health – World Health Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooperation between Law Enforcement Agencies and Rehabilitation Institutions: Challenges and Opportunities Dr. Abdullah Al-Shahwani Al-Hajri Faculty Member - Community College - The impact of alternative sanctions on the rehabilitation of drug addicts: challenges and opportunities Judge Ahmed Mohammed Saeed Abdullah Al-Sulaiti, Vice President of the Court of First Instance - Supreme Judicial Council

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	General Discussion
11:45 – 12:15	Break
12:15 – 12:45	<p>Seventh Session: Forum Closing</p> <p>Session Moderator: H.E. Mr. Sultan bin Hassan Al-Jammali, Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Closing remarks- Brief presentations by session chairs- Final statement and recommendations

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Opening session



H.E. Ms. Mariam bint Abdullah Al-Attiyah

Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Arts and Education from Qatar University (2000).

She began her professional career at the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) at the very early stages of its establishment, joining the Committee as a Social Researcher. She subsequently progressed through several leadership positions, including Director of the Relations and Media Unit, and later Director of the Programs and Education Department.

Following six years of experience and notable achievements in activating the Committee's programs, promoting a human rights culture, and raising public awareness, she was appointed Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Committee on 7 October 2009.

In 2011, she received the Women Achiever Excellence Award during the Regional Women Leaders Forum in Dubai, in recognition of her pioneering role in women's empowerment and leadership of human rights institutions.

In 2013, she was awarded Best Female Leadership Personality in the Middle East by the Middle East Excellence Award Institute (Dubai), in recognition of her achievements in the field of human rights and institutional leadership.

In light of her continued accomplishments and executive oversight of the Committee's work, she was selected as a member of the National Human Rights Committee in 2015.

On 27 October 2021, H.E. Ms. Maryam bint Abdullah Al Attiyah was elected Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee.

In 2022, she assumed the Presidency of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) for a three-year term.

In the same year, she also assumed the presidency of the Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions.

In June 2025, Her Excellency was elected as a member of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).



H.E. Mr. Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Jamal

Chairman of the General Authority of Customs

The Chairman of the General Authority of Customs in the State of Qatar since January 2017 until now, in addition to assuming the chairmanship of the Executive Council of the Customs Union Authority of the Gulf Cooperation Council for the Arab Gulf States. His Excellency held several leadership positions in the Ministry of Interior before assuming the chairmanship of Customs in Qatar.



H.E. Major General Abdullah bin Saqr Al-Muhannadi

Director of the Human Rights Department
Ministry of Interior

Holds a Bachelor's degree in Law and Police Sciences from the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Held several positions within the Ministry of Interior, including Head of the Legal Studies Section in the Legal Affairs Department.

Currently serves as Director of the Human Rights Department at the Ministry of Interior and Head of the Political Refugees Committee.

Participated in numerous committees both within and outside the Ministry, including the National Human Rights Committee and the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking.

Participated in numerous international conferences and meetings.

Participated in the periodic meetings held at the United Nations Human Rights Council to discuss the periodic reports of the State of Qatar on the human rights situation at the national level.

Contributed to the discussion of the periodic national reports on the State's implementation of the provisions of international human rights conventions to which the State is a party.



**Dr. Ghanem bin Ali Mohammed
Al-Mannai**

**Assistant Undersecretary for Healthcare Regulation Affairs,
Ministry of Public Health**

Dr. Ghanem Al-Mannai serves as Assistant Undersecretary for Healthcare Regulation at the Ministry of Public Health in Qatar. In this role, he leads and implements national frameworks for regulating and licensing healthcare professionals and facilities, and sets standards for quality and compliance. This strengthens governance, enhances patient safety, and supports the sustainability of the healthcare system.

Previously, he served as Head of Dental Services at Hamad Medical Corporation, after holding several senior leadership positions within the government healthcare system in Qatar.

Throughout his career, Dr. Al-Mannai has undertaken numerous national initiatives. He served as Co-Chair of the National Oral Health Committee and was a key member of the team that developed Qatar's first National Oral Health Roadmap. He also served on the Permanent Licensing Committee, contributing to the development of frameworks for regulating healthcare professions, promoting policy alignment, and establishing standards for quality and patient safety. Furthermore, he played a key role in supporting the establishment of Qatar's first dental college, contributing to national capacity building and the development of the healthcare workforce.



Mr. Mustafa Ünal Erten

Chief of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Doha

Mustafa is the Chief of the UNODC Regional Center for Combating Cybercrime in Doha and the Head of Office of UNODC in Qatar, with over 20 years of

experience in criminal justice, capacity-building project management, and diplomacy.

Mustafa Ünal Erten
Türkiye
Chief, Head of Office

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First Session: International, Regional, and National Standards and Measures to Combat Drugs



Dr. Jassim Mohammed Al-Obaidli

Session Chair

Director of the Center for Security Research and Studies at the Police Academy

Holds a PhD in Private International Law from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, and an MA from the University of Aberdeen. He also holds a BA in Law and Police Science from the Police Academy in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Has held several academic positions within the Ministry of Interior, including Head of the Research and Studies Department, Faculty Member at the Police College, and Assistant Director of the Center for Security Research and Studies.

Currently serves as Director of the Center for Security Research and Studies at the Police Academy, Chairman of the Ministry of Interior's Security Research Award Committee, a member of the Prince Nayef Award for Security Research Committee of the Gulf Cooperation Council, and General Supervisor of the "Legal and Security Studies" Journal at the Police Academy.

Has participated in numerous scientific conferences and seminars, in addition to supervising the examination of many research papers and master's theses.

Has authored a peer-reviewed academic book entitled "Qatari Private International Law."



Mr. Abdulrahman bin Sultan Al-Hashemi

Rapporteur

Assistant Director of the International Cooperation Department - National Human Rights Committee

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from Qatar University. He has worked as a legal researcher in the Investigations and Legal Consultations Department, as well as a legal researcher in the Monitoring and Documentation Department of the Legal Affairs De-

partment. He currently serves as Head of the Legislation, Research, and Legal Studies Department at the National Human Rights Committee, in addition to his numerous duties, as outlined below:

- Member of the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking, representing the National Human Rights Committee.
- Member of the Legal Affairs Committee of the National Human Rights Committee.
- Member of the Visits and Monitoring Committee of the National Human Rights Committee.
- Acting Head of the Investigations and Legal Consultations Department.
- Member of the Foreign Delegations Visits Organization Team.
- Candidate for a position at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva.

Achievements

- Participation in and monitoring of the first Shura Council elections in 2021.
- Participation in and monitoring of the Municipal Council elections in 2023.
- Participation, coordination, training and awareness in many international projects, conferences and seminars on human rights.

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Dr. Wadih Maalouf

Director of the International Drug Prevention Programme
- Headquarters of the United Nations Office on Drugs and
Crime - Vienna

Dr. Wadih Maalouf, of Lebanese origin, is currently the Director of the International Drug Prevention Programme at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) headquarters in Vienna, where he coordinates the Office's drug prevention efforts globally in accordance with international standards. Dr. Maalouf has over 20 years of experience supporting drug-related health responses, promoting best practices, and supporting strategies for drug demand reduction.

A public health specialist with expertise in mental health and drug addiction epidemiology, Dr. Maalouf holds a PhD in this field from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In addition to his international role in developing international drug prevention standards and various prevention programs and initiatives, Dr. Maalouf has made significant contributions in the Arab world. These include his contributions to the development of the Arab Plan, which is the subject of this meeting, as well as the Gulf Cooperation Council's drug control strategy, and the development of other strategies across the Arab region. He is credited with enriching the Arab world with a number of drug prevention programs, including life skills programs for youth such as the Fawasel program, family skills programs, and currently the CHAMPS initiative to strengthen prevention systems for children and adolescents.



Mr. Atef Hassan Atef Al-Saadi Al-Yafai

Head of the Civil Appeals Department - State Cases Administration - Ministry of Justice

Academic Qualification:

- Master's Degree in International Criminal Justice - Cybercrime Track - College of Law, Lusail University - with First Class Honors.
- Master of Laws (LLM) student at Qatar University, College of Law, expected to complete studies in May 2026.
- Graduate Certificate in Law, Qatar University, Spring 2022, GPA 3.80.
- 2007 - 2011 Cairo University, Egypt, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with a "Good" grade.
- 2005 - 2006 Doha Secondary School, Qatar, High School Diploma, Arts/Mathematics section, with a 9.77% average.

Experience:

- 2005 - Present: Head of the Civil Appeals Section, State Cases Department, Ministry of Justice, Qatar.
- 2023 - 2024: Head of the Civil Cases Section, State Cases Department, Ministry of Justice, Qatar.
- 2015 - 2023: State Attorney, State Cases Department, Ministry of Justice, Qatar.
- 2011 - 2014: Legal Researcher, Internal Audit Department. Ministry of Justice - Qatar.

Achievements:

Winning numerous cases on behalf of the State, both as a State Cases Advisor and as Head of the Civil Appeals Department.

Launching a book titled "The Evolution of Anti-Cyber Fraud Legislation in Qatari Law," as well as publishing a legal study and commentary on an International Court of Justice ruling in the Journal of the Center for Legal and Judicial Studies in 2022 and 2025.

Receiving the Outstanding Employee Award in 2022 and 2025 from His Excellency the Minister of Justice for the State Cases Department.

Receiving the Qatar Award for Scientific Excellence in the Master's Degree category for 2026, to be honored on February 15, 2026, by His Highness the Emir.

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Dr. Mohammed Rashid Subaih

Minister Plenipotentiary - Human Rights Department - Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Doctorate in Legal and Political Sciences.
- Master's in Arabic Language and Literature.
- Bachelor's in Media and Public Relations.



Advisor Saeed Maslah Al-Dubaie

Head of Training and Studies Section - GCC Criminal Information Center to Combat Drugs

Master of Business Administration (MBA) - Helwan University, Arab Republic of Egypt; Diploma in Strategic Planning for Drug Control.

Head of Training and Studies Department - Criminal Information Center for Drug Control of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC-CIC).

A security leader specializing in international drug control, with nearly 20 years of experience, focusing on developing training programs, building capacity, and preparing relevant international studies and presentations.



Mr. Hindam Al-Rajoub

United Nations Documentation and Training Centre for Human Rights for the Arab Region and South-West Asia

Hindam Rjooob, a Palestinian lawyer and legal researcher, currently works as a human rights officer in the Human Rights Training Unit at the United Nations Training and Documentation Centre for Human Rights in Southwest Asia and the Arab Region. He previously worked in the Capacity Building and International Treaties Unit at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. He also previously lectured at the Faculty of Law and Political Science and coordinated legal clinics at Hebron University, in addition to working as a researcher and legal and human rights consultant for numerous local and regional institutions and organizations. His research interests lie in constitutional and comparative international law, particularly in international treaties and their judicial applications; security studies in Palestine, including the unification of security legislation, jurisdiction, and subordination; transitional justice; social movements; and constitution-making. He holds a Master of Laws degree in Public Law from Birzeit University and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Hebron University. He has participated in numerous local and international conferences and workshops on various specialized legal topics. His major publications include «The Legal Status of International Treaties in the Palestinian Legal System.» The expected role of the Palestinian community movement in adopting a constitution for the State of Palestine; transitional justice in the Palestinian-Israeli context, the rights of indigenous peoples: the Negev as a model.



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Mr. Nasser Marzouq Sultan Al-Marri

Director of the Legal Affairs Department - National Human Rights Committee

Holds a Master's degree in Law in Civil Law from the Faculty of Law, Cairo University, and is currently a PhD researcher in Civil Law.

Mr. Nasser Al-Marri held several leadership positions at the National Human Rights Committee as head of

the Investigations and Legal Consultations Department, as Assistant to the Director of the Legal Affairs Department in 2019, and then as Director of the Legal Affairs Department. He also has more than 10 years of legal experience and work in the legal field.

Mr. Nasser Al-Marri was chosen as a member of many internal and external committees within the State of Qatar related to the protection and promotion of human rights. He has authored several books and publications related to the legal and human rights field, and has participated in several Qatari television interviews to raise awareness in the field of human rights and the Gulf crisis.



Dr. Rayana Ahmed Bouhaka

Director of the WHO Office in Doha

Dr. Rayana Ahmed Bou Haka is the WHO Representative in Qatar since the establishment of the WHO country office in June 2022. A pediatrician by training and practice, she joined WHO in 2000. She has held senior

roles at WHO headquarters, regional office EMRO, and country levels. She earned her MD, Pediatrics specialty, and MPH from the American University of Beirut and has pursued additional training in disaster management, humanitarian programming, health systems, policy and leadership. With 35 years of experience, Dr. Bou Haka combines medical, public health, and emergency expertise.



Second Session: National Strategies, Policies, and Measures



Dr. Noora Rashid Al-Sahlawi

Session Chair

Professor of Public Law at the College of Law
Qatar University

Dr. Noura is a professor of public law at the College of Law, Qatar University. She holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Qatar University and a Master's and Doctorate in Public Law from the United States, specializing in criminal and international criminal law. In addition to her expertise in public and criminal law,

Dr. Noura also holds a Master's degree in International Law from Hamad Bin Khalifa University in Qatar. She is a certified arbitrator and negotiator at the Qatar International Center for Conciliation and Arbitration and a lawyer admitted to the Court of Cassation. She teaches legal courses, including anti-corruption, economic crimes, cybercrime law, Qatari penal and procedural law, criminal investigation, and other specialized subjects, to undergraduate and graduate students at the College of Law, Qatar University. She also teaches and trains participants in the new lawyers program of the Ministry of Justice's Department of Legal and Judicial Studies.

Dr. Noura contributes to research and graduate studies. She is a member of the editorial board of the International Journal of Law, published by Qatar University Press, and supervises Master's and Doctoral theses in public law. She has also authored textbooks and participated in numerous national and international conferences on criminal law and other human rights issues. On a practical level, Dr. Noura is a member of the hearing panel at the Qatar Anti-Doping Agency and served on the legislative committee for the establishment of the Police Academy. She has also contributed to strategic and development initiatives, serving on the Qatar University Strategic Planning Committee for 2023-2030 and on the technical team responsible for developing the National Human Rights Action Plan at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, among other important committees at the national level.

At the international level, Dr. Noura has participated as an expert in the Education for Justice program of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), contributing to educational materials on terrorism and combating arms trafficking. She has also participated internationally in United Nations conferences on crime prevention and criminal justice, as well as other important international conferences.

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Ms. Aisha Sultan Al-Juhani

Rapporteur

Social Researcher, Behavioral Health Support Center (DAAM)

Biography Summary:

Aisha Sultan Al-Jahni is a social researcher at the Behavioral Health Support Center of Qatar Founda-

tion for Social Work. She holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree with honors from Qatar University (2023). She is a member of the Patient and Family Advisory Council at Sidra Medicine and a member of the Student Counseling Advisory Team at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. She has participated in several recent studies in the field of behavioral health, including a study on the relationship between electronic games and aggressive behavior among adolescents in Qatar (2025) and a study on the reality of cyberbullying from the perspective of young people in Qatar (2024).



Captain Abdullah Qasim Askar Ali

Head of Education and Awareness Section - Department of Studies and International Affairs - General Directorate for Drug Control - Ministry of Interior

- Media and Awareness Officer, General Directorate for Drug Control
- Secret and Technical Office Officer, Preventive Security Department
- Administrative Affairs Officer, Tourist Security Section, Preventive Security Department
- Lecturer, Al-Adheed Service, Preventive Security Department
- Shift Supervisor, Al-Adheed Service, Preventive Security Department
- Bachelor's degree in Mass Communication (Media), specializing in Public Relations and International Affairs



Mr. Fahd Saeed Al-Hajri

First Assistant Public Prosecutor, Drug Prosecution - Public Prosecution

- Worked at the Office of His Excellency the Attorney General.
- Worked at the Al-Rayyan Prosecution Office.
- Worked at the North Prosecution Office.
- Worked at the East Capital Prosecution Office.
- Currently working at the Narcotics Prosecution Office.
- He has completed the following training courses:
- Public Prosecution Assistants Course (one full year) in 2021, achieving a very good grade.
- Anti-Money Laundering Course (Criminalization and Punishment) in 2023.
- Information Security Fundamentals Course in 2023.
- Search Warrant in Qatari Legislation Course in 2024.
- Best Practices for Enhancing the Effectiveness of Counter-Terrorism Financing Frameworks Course in 2024.
- Pretrial Detention in Qatari Legislation Course in 2025.
- Weapons and Ammunition Law Crimes Course in 2025.

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Ms. Lulwah Ibrahim

Programmer, Cybersecurity Policies and Strategies Department - National Cybersecurity Agency

- A programmer in the Cybersecurity Policies and Strategies Department.
- Earned a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science.
- Specialises in developing analytics and decision-support tools and aligning technical requirements with regulatory frameworks to enhance governance and risk management, and improve institutional compliance effectiveness in line with international standards and best practice.
- Has experience in programming and systems security, supported by an academic background in computer science, and helps convert strategic requirements into practical, implementable solutions that support sustainability, readiness and cyber resilience in complex, fast-changing, operationally sensitive institutional environments.



Ms. Noura Mubarak Al-Bahr

Director of Operational Support Department - Qatar Financial Information Unit (QFIU)

Ms. Noura Mubarak Al-Bahr is the Director of Operational Support at the Qatar Financial Information Unit (QFIU). She possesses over 18 years of specialized experience in the fields of Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing (AML/CFT), governance, policy, and strategic analysis.

Ms. Al-Bahr is a prominent regional and international expert. She served on the Egmont Group's Steering Committee for two years and was the first to chair its Policy and Procedures Working Group (PPWG) during that period. She is a certified assessor with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the Middle East and North Africa Financial Action Task Force (MENAFATF), and a Lead Reviewer with the International Centre for Research, Development and Quality Relief (ICRG). She has participated in numerous international assessments in the field.

Ms. Al-Bahr holds a Master of Laws (LLM) degree in Corruption and Governance from the University of Sussex and a Master of Science degree in Fraud and Corruption from the University of Portsmouth. She is a national AML/CFT trainer, a CAMS certified professional, and a 2022 graduate of the Qatar Leadership Centre's Executive Leadership Program.

Ms. Noura is focused on building national capabilities, developing strategic frameworks, and promoting international cooperation. She regularly participates in specialized conferences and forums as a speaker and expert in financial and intelligence matters.

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Prof. Dr. Abdelaziz Hashem

Vice Dean of the Faculty of Commerce - Cairo University;
former Advisor to the Minister of Finance for Institutional
Development - Arab Republic of Egypt

Positions and Memberships: Held several positions, including:

- Advisor to the Minister of Finance for Institutional Development.
- Vice Dean of the Faculty of Commerce - Cairo University for Community Service and Environmental Development.
- Head of the Management and Organization Division - Deputy Head of the Business Administration Department.
- Director of the Center for Commercial Research and Studies - Faculty of Commerce - Cairo University.
- Director of the Professional Studies Unit (MBA, DBA) at the Faculty of Commerce, Cairo University.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Cairo Stadium Authority.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the National Finance Fund - Ministry of Youth and Sports.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian Countryside Development Company.
- Member of the General Assembly of the Holding Company for Civil Aviation - Egyptian Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- Head of the Institutional Development and Investment Committee at the Ministry of Youth and Sports.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Naama Tourism Investment Company.
- Institutional Development Expert - Abu Dhabi Judicial Department.
- Director of the Strategic Planning and Performance Sector, Abu Dhabi Judicial Department.
- Director of the Information Center, Abu Dhabi Judicial Department. Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- Administrative Development Expert - Ministry of Government Sector Development - United Arab Emirates.
- Administrative Development Expert - Institute of Administrative Development - Abu Dhabi.
- Administrative Development Consultant for the Ministry of Agriculture and



Fisheries, Abu Dhabi.

Professional Experience:

- Possesses extensive practical experience in the fields of scientific research, institutional development, teaching, training, and community service.
- Holds memberships in several professional organizations, including: leadership committees in various Egyptian ministries, the International Society for Performance Improvement (ISPI), the Canadian Training and Development Association, the Egyptian Chamber of Commerce, the Arab Management Association, the Technical Committee of the Abu Dhabi Civil Service Council, and serves as the rapporteur for the committee responsible for preparing, studying, and reviewing the organizational structures of federal government entities in Abu Dhabi.
- Has participated in numerous scientific conferences in Egypt, the United States, and Canada.



Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Al-Hassan

Head of Equipment and Control Department
General Authority of Customs

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Third Session: Combating Drugs through a Human Rights-Based Approach: A Comprehensive Perspective



H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Saif Al-Kuwari

Session Chair

Vice-Chairperson of the National Human Rights Committee

In 2024, His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, awarded Dr. Mohammed the State Encouragement Award in the field of Civil Engineering. Bircham International University in Spain also awarded Dr. Mohammed an honorary doctorate in recognition of his efforts to promote

scientific research in the environmental field.

In 2018, Dr. Mohammed was selected as a member of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF) Council of Elders. Dr. Al Kuwari was also selected as one of 30 Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

In 2014, the Regional Network for Social Responsibility awarded Dr. Mohammed the title of International Ambassador for Social Responsibility, the UN Commissioner for the Promotion of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2016 and 2018, and a member of the Arab Researchers Network in the Field of Social Responsibility. In 2018, Dr. Mohammed was selected as a member of the Global Carbon Council (GCC), a member of the Advisory Committee of the Civil Society Organizations Alliance to Support the Green Middle East Initiative, a member of the Global Environmental Researchers Team, and a researcher in Earth and Climate Sciences.

Dr. Mohammed has authored 24 books and prepared 39 scientific papers in scientific, engineering, environmental, and other fields. He has received numerous awards, medals, and certificates of appreciation from national, Gulf, Arab, and international bodies and institutions for his contributions and participation in scientific, technical, environmental, and other fields.

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Bachelor of Laws from Qatar University

Professional and Volunteer Experience:

Qatar University (2021)

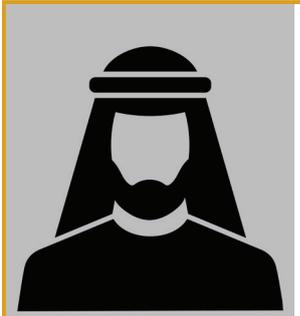
- Completed 120 hours of field training at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Legal Affairs Department and Corporate Affairs Department).
- Prepared a research paper on “Executive Imprisonment in Qatari Civil Procedure Law and Jordanian Evidence Law” as a graduation project.
- Prepared an analytical research paper on the organizational structure of Hamad Medical Corporation for the Administrative Law course.
- Part-time work at the Student Guidance Office, College of Law.
- Participated in the Fourth Undergraduate Research Conference at Al-Quds University (Towards a Draft Law to Combat Trafficking in Persons in Palestine).
- Received Dean’s List recognition 12 times throughout her studies.
- Volunteered at the National Day celebration in 2015.
- Participated in the “Be a Support” charity campaign.
- Participation in the recycling competition in collaboration with Qatar Charity.
- Participation in the Cultural Village competition.

Amnesty International (2021-2022)

Participation in the organization’s volunteer activities.

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Mr. Fahd Al-Buainain

National Social Policy Researcher - National Planning Council

Experience

Policy Analyst - Research Assistant
Social and Economic Survey Research Institute
Qatar University - Since 2019

Key Events:

- 2024: The Role of Legislative Councils in Preserving the Identity of the GCC Countries.
- 2024: International Conference on Economic, Social, and Developmental Transformation for Sustainable Development.
- 2023: Sustainability and Quality of Life of Urban Communities in Qatar, a collaborative work among professionals.
- 2023: The UN Global Sustainable Development Policy Conference (GSDR 2023).
- 2022: Virtual Research Symposium on Contemporary Youth Issues - Challenges and Policy Responses.
- 2019: International Conference on "The Integration of the Party Study."

Achievements and Awards:

- Member of the Shura Council Panel (2024): Presented evidence-based recommendations to overcome challenges to national identity.
- Participant in the Qatar-Indonesia 2023 Year of Culture Initiative - Qatar Museums.
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Poster Award at Qatar University Annual Research Forum (2024).
- Unleashing the Power of Artificial Intelligence in Open Government Initiatives in Qatar.
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Poster Award at Qatar University Annual Research Forum (2023): "Emerging Advanced Media: Awareness and Perceptions".



Mr. Abdullah Bilal Abdulrahman

Social Expert, Social Protection Department - Ministry of Social Development and Family

Social Expert - Social Protection Department - Ministry of Social Development and Family
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology Department
Master's Researcher, Ain Shams University
Specialization: Social Studies

Self-Development Trainer

Former Writer for Al-Sharq and Al-Arab Newspapers

Originator of the National Awareness Campaign "Guide Me"



Ms. Fatima Yousef Al-Obaidli

Assistant Director of the Schools and Students Affairs Department - Ministry of Education and Higher Education

Holds:

- Bachelor of Education (General Home Economics) from Qatar University
- Diploma from the Belgian Geological Institute for Pearl Examination

Current Position:

2024

Assistant Director of the Schools and Student Affairs Department

Previous Positions:

- Head of Programs and Activities Section, Schools Affairs Department
- Educational Consultant
- Primary School Mathematics and Science Supervisor
- Mathematics Teacher

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Dr. Salman Khader Salman Al-Atawi

Sharia Expert - Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs

Academic Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Science and Education from Qatar University
- Bachelor of Science from Dar Al-Hadith Al-Makkiya in Mecca
- Master's Degree from Umm Al-Qura University in Mecca
- Doctorate in Hadith Studies from Al-Zaytuna University in Tunisia



Prof. Dr. Jalal Al-Tawfiq

Medical Director - Naufar Center

Professor Jalal Tawfiq is a former professor of psychiatry and addiction medicine at the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, Mohammed V University in Rabat. He received his training in Morocco, France, and the United States in the fields of mental health, scientific research, and epidemiology

related to drug use. He is a co-founder and contributor to the development of several specialized university diplomas in addiction medicine in Morocco, France, Tunisia, and Greece.

Until January 31, 2025, Professor Tawfiq held several leadership positions, including: Director of Razi University Psychiatric Hospital, Director of the Reference Center for Treatment, Prevention, and Research in Addiction, and Director of the Moroccan Observatory for Drugs and Addiction. He also founded the Moroccan Society of Addiction Medicine and served as its honorary president, and chaired the Moroccan Federation of NGOs working in the field of drug use prevention. In addition, he was a member of the National Narcotics Committee, the Technical Committee on Narcotics, and the National Mental Health Committee, and served

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as an advisor to the Minister of Health on drug and mental health issues.

He currently serves as Chair of the United Nations International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) and is a member of the Council of the International University Alliance for Drug Demand Reduction (IUDDR) and the United Nations Scientific Committee.

He also founded and represented the Kingdom of Morocco in the MedNet network of the Pompidou Group (Council of Europe) and was a member of the Med-SPAD Committee. He co-founded the Middle East and North Africa Regional Harm Reduction Association (MENHARA). His expertise is sought after as a consultant and expert by several international organizations, including the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the African Union (AU), and the Council of Europe.

Professor Jalal Tawfiq has published numerous research papers in the fields of mental health and addiction medicine. He joined the Noufar Center in February 2025 as Chief Medical Officer.



H.E. Major General Abdullah bin Khalifa Al-Muftah

Director of Public Relations Department - Ministry of Interior

Academic Qualification:

Bachelor of Science - Qatar University, 1992

Current Position:

Director of Public Relations Department, Qatari

Ministry of Interior

Over 25 years of experience in the field of public relations

Committee Positions:

- Member of the Executive Committee of the Supreme Committee for the Referendum on the Permanent Constitution of the State of Qatar 2025



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- Member of the Media Committee for Crisis Management - COVID-19 Pandemic
- Head of the Media Committee - Supervisory Committee for the Shura Council Elections
- Head of the Media Committee - Supervisory Committee for the Municipal Council Elections
- Head of the Media Unit - Security and Safety Operations Committee for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022
- Head of the Media Committee - Public Security Committee - FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022
- Member of the United Nations Conference on Criminal Justice held in Doha in 2015

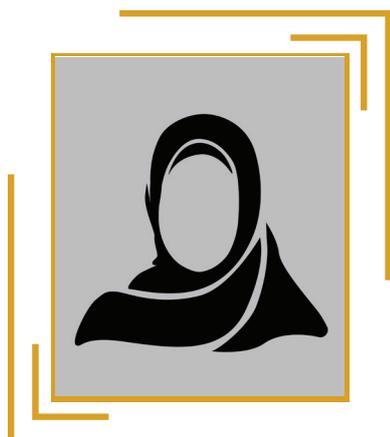
Scientific Contributions:

Working paper entitled "The Official Spokesperson Between Developments in Media Work and the Controls of Security Awareness" - Police Academy in cooperation with Naif Arab University for Security Sciences 2023

- Working paper titled "Media and Information Literacy and its Impact on Social Security" ISESCO, Morocco, 2024
- Working paper on the history of the Qatar Police, Qatar Police Academy, 2024/2025.
- Working paper on the role of security institutions in protecting national identity, Doha Book Fair, 2025.
- Working paper on media and information literacy and its impact on protection from misinformation and rumors - Qatar University, 2025.

Awards:

- Won the Prince Naif bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Award for Security Research in its twelfth session in the category of natural persons for his research titled: "The Impact of Social Media Networks on Increasing Security Risks to the Gulf Family from the Perspectives of Security Experts and Gulf Families" in the State of Qatar - 2025.
- Won the Gulf Cooperation Council Medal - in its 2024 session.



Ms. Munira Al-Tamimi

Psychologist - Behavioral Health Support Center (DAAM)

Munira Al-Tamimi, a psychologist at the Behavioral Health Support Center, holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Qatar University and a master's degree in cognitive neuroscience from Maastricht University in the Netherlands. She has been working in the field of psychotherapy for behavioral disorders at the Behavioral Health Support Center for six years, providing assessment and psychological treatment services. Her professional practice is based on evidence-based therapeutic interventions and promoting behavioral health within the community. Her master's thesis explored the impact of attention level on cognitive processes through cognitive neuroscience. She also served as a member of the committee responsible for standardizing and adapting psychological scales to the Qatari context, specifically through the standardization of the third edition of the Mellon Clinical Multi-Axis Scale.

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Fourth Session: Combating Drugs through a Human Rights-Based Approach: The Role and Impact of the Media



Journalist / Osman Ay Farah

Session Chair

Main Anchor, Al Jazeera Media Network

Osman Ayfarah is a British journalist of Eritrean descent who is a distinguished Principal Presenter at Al Jazeera Network.

Since joining Al Jazeera 2010, he has presented prime-time news programs and talk shows, and covered many vital events on the field as a reporter and presenter.

Prior to joining Al Jazeera, he gained extensive experience at prominent media organizations, where he worked as a senior presenter and reporter in both business and political news programs.

Notably, Mr. Ayfarah was the youngest war correspondent in the world during the coverage of the 2001 Afghanistan war.

Throughout his career, he has participated in various high-profile assignments, including:

- The war on Gaza
- The war in Afghanistan
- The War in Ukraine
- The US presidential elections
- Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank
- The Indian legislative elections
- The War in Yemen
- The Brexit referendum in the United Kingdom

and exceptionally as a sports presenter, the FIFA World Cup in both Russia and Qatar

Additionally, Mr. Ayfarah has conducted interviews with a variety of prominent international figures, including:

- Volodymyr Zelensky, President of Ukraine
- Isaias Afwerki, President of Eritrea
- Abbas Araqchi, Foreign Minister of Iran
- Antony Blinken, former US Secretary of State
- Josep Borrell, former EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy



Dr. Moataz Al-Fajiri

Rapporteur

Assistant Professor and Head of the Human Rights Program - Doha Institute for Graduate Studies

Dr. Moataz El-Fegiri is an assistant professor and head of the Human Rights Program at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. He also serves as Vice President of the EuroMed Rights Network. His research and practical experience spans over twenty years in the field of human rights and NGO management in the Middle East and North Africa region. He has held leadership positions in several Arab and international NGOs, including the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, the International Center for Transitional Justice, Front Line Defenders, and the Egyptian Forum for Human Rights. His academic background combines political science and law, and he holds a PhD in law from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

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Dr. Rafiaa Al-Tallai

Head of the Editorial Department - Al Jazeera Centre for Public Liberties and Human Rights

Dr. Rafia Al-Tali'i currently serves as the Head of the Editorial Department at the Al Jazeera Center for Public Liberties and Human Rights. A journalist whose coverage focuses on human rights, freedom of the press, and freedom of expression, she is also a prominent researcher and academic spe-

cializing in women's rights and gender studies in the Gulf region. She holds a PhD in Gulf Studies from Qatar University, and her academic work focuses on women's political participation, gender representation in literature and media, and the role of civil society. She has authored and co-authored numerous publications, including reports for Freedom House and IREX on media sustainability, as well as chapters in edited books on women in Gulf media and literature. Her academic output is grounded in rigorous research and decades of professional experience, making her a leading voice in promoting understanding of women's role in the region's social and political development.



Ms. Nebras Ibrahim

Special Projects Officer - Qatar Press Center

Special Projects Officer, Qatar Press Center, researcher and journalist specializing in digital media, strategic communications expert. She has worked with diplomatic and international bodies as a media officer and researcher with international centers on constitutional reform and decentralization. She has published articles in several media

outlets in both Arabic and English. She is a presenter and moderator at cultural events and international conferences. She is a member of the jury for Journalists for Human Rights.



Dr. Arif Al-Tamimi

Senior Director at the Qatar Computing Research Institute
- Hamad Bin Khalifa University

Dr. Arif Al-Tamimi is a senior manager at the Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI), where he began his career as a software engineer and cybersecurity researcher. His professional efforts

focus on scientific research and prototyping in applied research, particularly in the areas of malicious activity detection and network vulnerability assessment. Dr. Al-Tamimi holds a PhD from Hamad Bin Khalifa University in Qatar, specializing in hardware and software security for the Internet of Things (IoT). He also earned a Master of Engineering degree from the École Supérieure des IEEE Paris in 2014 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Concordia University in Canada in 1999. Prior to joining QCRI, he demonstrated entrepreneurial ambition by establishing network and IT solutions projects in Montreal. He further strengthened his leadership skills by completing the prestigious Executive Leadership Program at the Qatar Leadership Centre (QLC).



Abdullah Mohammed Al-Buainain

Supervisor of the Holy Quran Radio - Qatar Media Corporation

A Qatari media professional serving as the supervisor of the Holy Quran Radio at the Qatar Media Corporation. He boasts over a decade of experience in producing and presenting radio and television programs and developing impactful media initiatives.

He has launched several community and media initiatives within Qatar and participated as a speaker in seminars and lectures addressing issues of media, identity, and values. Combining media expertise, public speaking, and community engagement, he has contributed to enhancing ethical and professional awareness among youth and institutions through his programs and training workshops in media, leadership, and influence.

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Fifth Session: Voices for the Future: Children's and Youth Perspectives on Confronting Drugs.



Mr. Salem bin Mohammed Al-Hadfa

Session Chair

Qatar Youth Ambassador

Salem Al-Hadfa is a law graduate, youth activist, and UN Youth Delegate. His work focuses on sustainable development, governance, and youth participation in public policy. He has represented youth voices at high-level international platforms, including summits and forums on peace, policy,

and development, and has delivered presentations on the Sustainable Development Goals, leadership, and rights-based approaches. He founded and led student initiatives at Qatar University focused on legal awareness and youth empowerment, and has held leadership positions in student organizations. Combining his legal background with field experience in advocacy and strategic communication, Salem aims to connect youth issues with decision-making centers at both the national and international levels.



Mr. Sattam Mutab Sattam Al-Nashira Al-Marri

Rapporteur

Sattam Mutab Sattam Al-Nashira Al-Marri holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Affairs from Qatar University, with a minor in International Security and Diplomacy. He possesses extensive practical and organizational experience gained through his participation in UN conferences, diplomatic programs, and parliamentary simulations, in addition

to his academic background. He has been actively involved in various international organizations and forums, contributing to the development of policies and programs aimed at addressing global challenges. His work is characterized by a strong commitment to human rights and sustainable development.

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to leadership roles in student events and activities. He served as a youth negotiator within the State of Qatar's delegation to COP28, contributing to the analysis of national positions and the drafting of research reports on the intersections of environmental security, energy, and international interests. He worked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in preparing the National Human Rights Plan and handled files related to international peace and security and human rights diplomacy. He has strong skills in political analysis, research, public speaking, and multilateral coordination, and aspires to a career in international relations, diplomacy, and policymaking.



Ms. Farah Iyad Shafeeq Atatri

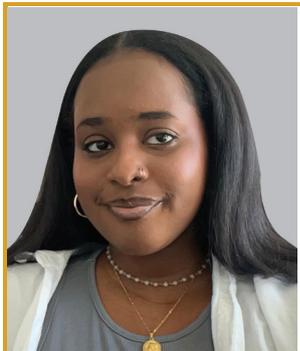
Human Rights Master's Student, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies

Farah Atatri is a Master's student in Human Rights at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. She has worked on faculty-led and international research projects on children's right to health, environmental injustice, and constitutional governance, including collaborations with University College Cork and UNESCO Chair in Palestine. Farah has represented youth in global policy and debate forums internationally, contributing legal and rights-based analysis to discussions on education, globalization, and social justice.



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Ms. Rawaa Elsamwal Ibrahim

Human Rights Master's Student, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies

A Human Rights Master's student at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, focusing on youth empowerment and advocacy within the broader context of governance, humanitarian action, and social justice in the Arab region.



Adeeb Khalil Ibrahim Al-Shabrami

Advocacy and Communication Specialist - Doha International Family Institute

An advocacy and communications specialist at the Doha International Family Institute, he holds a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in International Affairs, Policy, Planning, and Development, and is a graduate of the Qatar Leadership Centre's Young Leaders Program.

He completed an internship with the United Nations Department of International Investigations and Correctional Affairs in New York and has participated in numerous international and regional conferences on youth, peace, security, and development.



Mr. Ibrahim Ahmed Al Saad

Law Faculty Graduate - Qatar University



Sixth Session: Integration of Roles in the Rehabilitation and Addiction Treatment Pathway: Challenges and Opportunities



Ms. Hessa Al-Waleed Al-Hail

Session Chair

Head of the Minor Primary Cases Department - Ministry of Justice

- Bachelor of Law - Cairo University - 2012.
- Master's in International Criminal Justice - Al-Wasil University - State of Qatar (track in Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing) - 2025.
- State Counsel - State Legal Affairs Department - Ministry of Justice, since 2016.
- Head of the Primary Section of Minor Cases - State Legal Affairs Department - Ministry of Justice, since 2023.
- Certified Legal and International Trainer.
- Scientific research in the field of (Challenges of Qatar's Implementation of Financial Action Task Force Recommendations), published in the Journal of Law and International Business issued by Hassan First University in Morocco, Issue No. (60) October-November 2025.
- Scientific research in the field of (The Crime of Money Laundering and its Relationship to Corruption and Other Crimes), published in Al-Anwar Journal in Legal and Human Sciences, Issue Nine - September 2025.

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Dr. Khaled Ahmed

Session Rapporteur

Psychological Counseling Consultant, Social Protection Department - Ministry of Social Development and Family

Consultant in Social Protection Management - Ministry of Social Development and Family - Qatar

Associate Professor at the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute - Qatar University

Assistant Professor at Lusail University

He holds a Board Certification in Psychiatry and a Diploma in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Mental Disorders and Addiction.

He has managed several strategic projects within the Third National Development Plan and has been the Director of the Malath Project (concerned with drug prevention and related behavioral problems) since 2020.

He has several literary and scientific publications in Arabic and English, the most recent being the Encyclopedia of Addiction.

He has published numerous research studies in collaboration with research centers, ministries, and relevant organizations.



Major Bakheet Abdullah Al-Buraidi

Head of the Care and Rehabilitation Department - General Directorate of Correctional and Rehabilitation Institutions - Ministry of Interior

- Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Department of Correctional and Rehabilitation Institutions - Police College
- Inmate Care and Rehabilitation and Reform Programs - Qatar Armed Forces - Officers
- The Art of Dealing with and Managing the Behavior of Inmates and Detainees - Police Training Institute - Officers
- Prisons Course - Qatar Armed Forces - Non-Commissioned Officers
- Human Rights Applications in Police Work - Police College - Marjhan
- Modern Penal Philosophy - Police College - Marjhan
- Bachelor of Arts in History, Science, and Sociology - Qatar University - College of Arts and Sciences
- Master of Arts in Criminology - Mu'tah University - Faculty of Social Sciences

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Dr. Aisha Jamal Al-Ammari

Member of the Qatar Bar Association and Lecturer at Qatar University

Dr. Aisha Jamal Al-Ammari

Academic, legal researcher, and lawyer specializing in public law, criminal law, anti-corruption, and legislation related to cybersecurity and financial crimes.

Dr. Aisha Jamal Al-Ammari earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence (S.J.D.) degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in the United States in 2018. She also holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from George Washington University School of Law (2014) and a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree from Qatar University College of Law (2012). She has held numerous academic and administrative positions at Qatar University College of Law, beginning her academic career as a teaching assistant in 2013, then as a lecturer in 2014, and finally as an assistant professor in 2019. She served as Assistant Dean of Student Affairs from 2020 to 2023 and as Head of the Public Law Department starting in January 2023. In addition to her academic work, she participated as a part-time instructor in the Cyber Space Academy's Summer 2023 program, teaching Cyber Space Law and Ethics. In January 2025, Dr. Aisha Jamal Al-Ammari founded Aisha Jamal Al-Ammari & Partners Law Firm, where she serves as co-founder and managing director, combining academic expertise with professional legal practice.

Dr. Al-Ammari has participated in numerous academic and administrative committees at Qatar University, including chairing the Student Affairs Committee and serving on the College Council and several specialized committees focused on curriculum development, scholarships, budgeting, and academic equivalency. She has also participated in advanced training programs and courses in government leadership, sports law, cybercrime awareness, and combating the financing of terrorism. She has a prominent presence at local and international legal conferences and events, participating as a speaker and coordinator at events organized by international bodies such as the United Nations. She has also contributed to the translation of international legal documents, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Her research interests focus



on combating corruption, financial crimes, money laundering, criminal law, and sports legislation. She has published peer-reviewed scholarly research and participated in specialized international legal conferences.



Dr. Khaled Saeed

Regional Advisor - Mental Health and Drug Use -
Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health - World
Health Organization

Dr. Khalid Saeed is a consultant psychiatrist with more than 30 years of experience. He currently serves as the Regional Advisor for Mental Health and Substance Use at the World Health Organization's Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (WHO/EMRO).

He is responsible for coordinating mental health and psychosocial support in emergencies across the region, as well as leading work on mental health and substance use policies, legislation, treatment systems, and service development in countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region.



Dr. Abdullah Al-Shahwani Al-Hajri

Faculty Member - Community College

Personal Profile:

Expertise in criminal cases and behavioral issues, specializing in crisis management and negotiation.

Specialized in criminal psychology, body language, personality analysis, and information analysis.

Academic Qualifications:

- Diploma in Law from Saad Al-Abdullah College for Security Sciences, 2003-



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- Bachelor of Laws, 2008
- Master of Laws, 2011
- Master of Executive Leadership from Qatar University
- PhD in Private Law from Mohammed V University in Morocco Professional and Academic Experience
- General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) 2016-2024
- Assistant Head of the Operations and Coordination Center at the Gulf Police Force in Abu Dhabi
- Ministry of Interior - State of Qatar 2003-2025
- Head of the Field Anti-Narcotics Section in Umm Salal
- Head of the Investigations Section at the Preventive Security Department
- Currently Head of the Search, Investigation, and Arrest Section at the Sentence Enforcement Department
- Qatar Foundation - 2009-2010
Served as a Protocol Officer in the Office of the Wife of His Highness the Father Emir
- Interpol - France 2013
Worked at the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) in Lyon, France

Other Experience:

- Faculty Member at the Police College
- Member of the Master's Thesis Examination Committee at the University of Eutelsat
- Certified Lecturer at the Police Training Institute
- Treasurer at the Anti-Smoking Association
- Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Qatar School

Personal Skills:

- Negotiation Specialist
- Specializes in addiction and behavioral issues.
- Specializes in personal data analysis and body language.
- Specializes in crisis management.



Judge Ahmed Mohammed Saeed Abdullah Al-Sulaiti

**Vice President of the Court of First Instance-
Supreme Judicial Council**

- Head of the Appeals Court for Narcotics Cases
- Head of the Legal Aid Committee
- Head of the Disciplinary Board for Engineers
- Member of the Pretrial Detention Renewal Panel

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H.E. Mr. Sultan bin Hassan Al-Jammal

Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Committee

Mr. Sultan bin Hassan Al-Jamali is currently the Secretary-General of both the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) of the State of Qatar and the Arab Network for National Human Rights Institutions (ANNHRI). He holds a BSc in Biological Sciences from Qatar University (1998) and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Cairo University, Arab Republic of Egypt (2013). He is currently preparing his PhD thesis in Business Administration at Cairo University, Arab Republic of Egypt.

Mr. Sultan bin Hassan Al-Jamali has enjoyed an impressive career across a diverse range of roles. He began his career at the Workforce Planning Department of the Civil Service and Government Development Bureau, and went on to occupy several key positions, including: Director of the Department of Human Resources and Work Systems, Vice-Chair of the Personnel Committee at the Supreme Council of the Environment and Natural Reserves (SCENR), and General Coordinator of International Agreements at the Ministry of Environment. Prior to assuming his position as Secretary-General of both the NHRC and ANNHRI, he held the position of Director of the Administrative and Financial Affairs Department and Assistant Secretary-General at the NHRC, and the position of Executive Director at ANNHRI.

In addition, he has played important roles through his membership in the International Social Responsibility Committee and the Supreme Committee for Crisis Management during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Drawing on his extensive professional experience, Mr. Al-Jamali has contributed to numerous accomplishments and the strengthening of partnerships, which

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enhanced efforts to promote a culture of human rights and increase awareness of it within Qatari society and institutions. Furthermore, his distinctive administrative experience has resulted in a comprehensive development of the Committee's administrative systems, including the establishment of the organizational structure and job descriptions, as well as the development of regulations, procedures, and work systems. In the same context, he actively contributed to the success of many conferences, seminars and events organized by the NHRC and ANNHRI, both inside Qatar and abroad. Through his leadership of the ANNHRI Secretariat, he played pivotal roles in supporting the establishment of new Arab National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), and in assisting other institutions in obtaining A-Status accreditation from the Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA) of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI). He has also contributed to strengthening ANNHRI's relations with numerous UN, regional, and international human rights bodies and institutions, and to the signing of multiple memorandums of understanding and partnerships at both the local and international levels.