



UN chooses Qatar, Ireland to lead consultations on SDG Summit's Political Declaration

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President of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly H. E. Csaba Korosi chose Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Ambassador H. E. Sheikha Aya Ahmed bin Saif Al Thani and Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations Ambassador H. E. Fergal Mythen to facilitate and lead consultations on the Political Declaration of the

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit during the 77th session of the General Assembly.

The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will be held, under the auspices of the General Assembly, at the level of Heads of State and Government, in September 2023.

The Sustainable Development Goals Summit (SDG Summit) is scheduled to take place from September 20 to 21,

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2023, at the UN Headquarters in New York.

The SDG Summit enjoys great momentum, as it is an opportunity to follow up and address the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for

Sustainable Development and the 17 SDGs.

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guidance on the 2030 Agenda and its implementation, identifies progress and emerging challenges and takes further action to accelerate its implementation.

The appointment of H. E. Sheikha Aya Ahmed bin Saif Al Thani comes in recognition of Qatar's distinguished role in strengthening the global partnership for achieving sustainable development, as well as its efforts in the development field, working with

partners and multilateral organizations, and providing the necessary resources and financing.

In 2020, H. E. Sheikha Aya Ahmed bin Saif Al Thani was assigned to facilitate and lead negotiations for an agreement on a statement of the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and was also assigned in 2021 to facilitate negotiations on the reform of the UN Security Council.



A Qatari official during the meeting.

International praise for Qatar's efforts to reduce plastic pollution

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The Asia Pacific Region Group of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) praised the efforts of the State of Qatar to reduce plastic pollution and the organization of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 as the first carbon-neutral and environmentally friendly World Cup tournament.

The group noted the waste and trash sorting mechanism, and the measures adopted by Qatar to reduce the use of plastic in sporting events by reducing its consumption, and recycling it in an environmentally sound manner, as well as in line with the principles of the circular economy, and with the global trends of the Plastics Treaty.

This came after the participation of the State of Qatar,

represented by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, in the meeting of the Asia Pacific Region Group of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to develop a binding international law on plastic pollution, which was held in the Republic of Uruguay from November 28 to December 2.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change participated in the meeting, represented by the Department of Radiation and Chemicals Protection.

The draft of an international law on plastic pollution is one of the solutions aimed at mitigating the potential damage resulting from the mismanagement of plastic waste, as it is a global transnational challenge that requires concerted efforts and joint action to protect the environment.

David Beckham explores Education City

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On a tour to explore the most prominent art landmarks in Qatar Foundation and the accessibility services provided on the fans journey to the Education City stadium, David Beckham, former Captain of England's football team, was impressed by the accessibility services offered at Qatar Foundation, especially the sensory rooms.

On his visit to different venues in Education City, as well as the route leading to the Education City stadium, Beckham tested some of the services that are available to fans with different needs and abilities.

"The interactive features inside the sensory mobile trailer caters to different sensory needs for children," said Beckham. "And because each of us responds differently to stimulations, the sensory mobile trailer provides a variety of elements to help fans take a break from the loud atmosphere of a game."

David commented on the accessibility that Education City stadium offers for fans during this World Cup. He said: "This is an example of the power of sport and the power of this tournament. It's great

that there are all of these offerings for children with different needs, where they have the chance to attend games in football stadiums in comfort, and also have somewhere to get away from the hectic side of a football match with their families."

Beckham's tour at Education City included a stop at the art installation titled "Come Together" by the South Korean artist Choi Jeong Hwa, which symbolizes the joy of the people of Qatar, and of the fans, realizing their dream of Qatar hosting the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

Another stop took him to the GOALS exhibition at Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar (VCUarts Qatar) - a QF partner university - where he saw photos and videos capturing stories from the lives of people in Qatar during the build-up to the World Cup.

Beckham - who is involved in grassroots football nurturing future talent through Academy systems - shared a message to young people who dream of playing football in their futures: "You need to be dedicated to work hard, and you will have to make sacrifices sometimes."

"This is the most important thing that I always tell every child I talk to about the game - boys



David Beckham exploring the art installation "Come Together" by the South Korean artist Choi Jeong Hwa inside the Education City.

and girls - is to have fun. "It's the most important part of sports and football. If

they're not enjoying doing what they do, then they're doing the wrong thing."

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The challenge
Climate change is bringing challenges for everyone, and this is especially true for the meteorology sector. There have been twice as many weather-related deaths in the past ten years than in the 1980s, and with adverse weather events becoming more and more common, forecasting and responding to issues before they worsen is getting more important. For example, knowing about hurricanes with even more advanced warning gives people enough time to get to safety, limiting the human cost of some of the most severe adverse weather events.

Why improve these systems?
Improving the meteorological infrastructure does more than simply theoretical good, but has a major impact on some key metrics. For example, better forecasting can save thousands of lives, and businesses have far less downtime as a result of being able to prepare. Every mitigation of adverse weather provides thousands of hours of human productivity, which



systems take on the data from these fronts, including wind profiling and precipitation measurements.

■ Forecasting: Using this data as a tool for creating accurate forecasts.

■ Communication: Contacting and warning any potentially affected parties about the impending weather front and events.

■ Action: Third-parties take action to protect their lives and their property.

■ Value: The third party ends the process with greater value than if there was no intervention from the system.

Integrating all of these aspects of forecasting and meteorology into one system ensures that meteorologists are able to make a significant impact on people's lives in a relatively short period of time.

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These impacts have already been demonstrated around the world. For example, in the Bahamas, Vaisala supported the improvement of the observation network, developed better forecasting for the region and trained staff on all of the right devices. This support means that the islands are far less vulnerable to adverse weather events in comparison to their past experiences.

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Qatar participates in fourth international conference of anti-corruption commission

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The State of Qatar, represented by the Administrative Control and Transparency Authority (ACTA), participated via video-conferencing in the fourth international conference of the anti-corruption commission in the State of Palestine, which took place from December 5-7.

The conference, titled "Fighting corruption: a collective and integral national responsibility, loyalty, responsibility, commitment," aims to focus on the importance of collective national responsibility and determine the effectiveness of the roles of various parties in promoting collective national responsibility in combating corruption. It highlights the importance of community participation in anti-corruption efforts. It showcases several successful experiences and reviews best international practices in this field.

ACTA Chairman H. E. Hamad bin Nasser Al Misnad said that the anti-corruption process cannot be achieved by a single party, regardless of its efforts and capabilities, pointing out that this matter

requires concerted national efforts of all sectors: public, private, and civil society, as the United Nations Convention against Corruption, the Arab Convention against Corruption, and many international agreements have emphasized the necessity of this issue.

Al Misnad explained that anti-corruption policies must be comprehensive and consistent with all segments of society participating in developing and implementing them. He added that adopting this participatory approach in preventing and combating corruption enables identifying all aspects of this destructive phenomenon, knowing its real causes, and encouraging all concerned parties to participate effectively in combating it.

He stressed the keenness of the State of Qatar to follow this participatory approach in its efforts to prevent and combat corruption, through government agencies, public institutions and bodies, the private sector, and civil society, in addition to ACTA's tireless work in exercising its functions and competencies.

Qatar records over 15,000 air traffic movements since World Cup kick off

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Qatar Civil Aviation Authority (QCAA) marks the International Civil Aviation Day amid high momentum and record numbers in air traffic movements, coinciding with the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, where air traffic has exceeded 15,000 movements since the kick off of the tournament.

The aviation sector in the State of Qatar was able to make quality leaps and high rates in the areas of aviation safety and security, to score 91.16 percent in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) audit of air safety standards, 100 percent in applying the security standards of Annex 9 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation on Facilities and 94.5 percent in applying the standards of Annex 17 related to civil aviation security.

As of Tuesday December 6, a total of 15,100 air traffic movements were recorded since the kick off of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, according to the statistics published by the Ministry of Transport on Twitter.

HMC delivering smooth care to fans

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"We are proud and honored to provide our guests with state of the art emergency and urgent care services," he added.

Fans and visitors coming to Qatar for the World Cup have free-of-charge access to emergency and urgent care services at HMC facilities throughout the tournament. Fans need their Hayya Card to receive free services at HMC facilities.

HMC's Sheikha Aisha bint Hamad Al Attiyah Hospital, Al Wakra Hospital, Hamad General Hospital and Hazm Mehairrek General Hospital are dedicated to care for Qatar 2022 fans and

visitors. HMC's Ambulance Service is providing emergency support for life-threatening medical incidents and transfer to an appropriate hospital emergency department.

Emre Allegan, a Turkish national, is among many World Cup fans to receive treatment at HMC. He was brought to Hamad General Hospital by the Ambulance Service because he experienced a chest pain and discomfort. "I'm really taken care of. I wasn't expecting what I received, because I'm not a resident of Qatar - in those situations in another country, that

will be really tough and treatment would be expensive; and of course you will have to show your passport; but over here I just showed my Hayya card," said the 24-year-old fan.

"Honestly, I wasn't sure what I was going to expect in terms of healthcare but I'm glad that I came here and thanks to HMC. He was brought to Hamad Medical Corporation for the care," he said, adding that all his needs during the hospital stay were taken care of.

More than 100 easily accessible medical clinics are also available at stadiums, fan zones and accommodation sites during the FIFA World Cup.