



## SCHEDULE

ORGANIZER: ■ DOHA FORUM ■ UCLA CMED ■ DF & UCLA

### MONDAY

11 May

18:30 - 20:00

#### Official Opening Speech | Al Dafna Hall

H.E. Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Interior—Qatar

#### International & Regional Stability

#### Guest of Honor Statements (7-10 minutes per speaker)

- H.E. Dr. Ayad Allawi, Vice President, Republic of Iraq
- H.E. Omar Sharmarke, Prime Minister, Federal Republic of Somalia
- H.E. Mohamed Moncef Marzouki, Former President, Tunisia

20:00

#### Opening Dinner | Al Dafna Hall

*Dinner in honour of participants.*

Updated: 12 May 2015 10:00

### TUESDAY

12 May

### 9:00 - 10:30 Session 1

#### The Arab Spring & Prospects of Democratic Transformation

Al Dafna Hall 1

**Moderator:** Dr. Pascal Boniface, Director, Institute for International and Strategic Relations—Paris

#### Speakers (5-7 min. each):

- H.E. Dato Hamzah Zainuddin, Deputy Foreign Minister—Malaysia
- H.E. Ouch Borith, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation—Kingdom of Cambodia
- Dr. Rima Khalaf, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economics and Social Commission for Western Asia
- Mario David, European People's Party—Belgium
- Mohamed Ali Malouche, CEO, Promo Tunisia

#### Topics of Discussion:

- The impact of regional and international conflicts on the process of democratic transformation in Arab Spring countries
- Political reform and good governance in the era of the Arab Spring
- Managing transitional stages in the democratic transformation
- Political Islam trends and the issues of democratic transformation
- The challenges of rebuilding the state in light of the rise of militias and the role of cross-border organizations

10:30 - 11:00 Break

#### Declining Oil Prices & the Economics of the Region

Salwa Hall 1

**Moderator:** Dr. Hani Findakly, Potomac Capital

#### Speakers:

- Mr. Abdulmajeed Alshatti, Supreme Petroleum Council
- Amb. Charles Ries, RAND Corporation
- Mr. George Hall, Clinton Group
- Prof. Hsin Kang Chang, City University of Hong Kong

#### More Mayhem or More Stability? Which Way is the MENA Region Heading? | Salwa Hall 2

**Moderator:** Amb. Gary Grappo, Equilibrium International Consulting

#### Speakers:

- Dr. Nazar Al Baharna, International Conflict Resolution Group
- Minister Youssef Amrani, Royal Cabinet of His Majesty Mohammed VI King of Morocco
- Dr. Najib Ghabbian, Syrian National Coalition
- Dr. Ihab Youssef, People & Police for Egypt

#### Combatting Youth Unemployment in the MENA Region | Salwa Hall 3

**Moderator:** Dr. Shanthi Nataraj, RAND Corporation

#### Speakers:

- Prof. Djavad Saleh-Isfahani, Virginia Tech
- Dr. Tarik Yousef, Silatech
- Dr. Louay Constant, RAND Corporation
- Dr. Edward Sayre, University of Southern Mississippi

## Collective Security Issues and Regional and International Stability Al Dafna Hall 1

**Moderator:** Dr. Steven Clemons, Editor-at-Large, *The Atlantic Magazine*—New York

### Speakers (5-7 min. each):

- Rev. Jesse Jackson, Civil Rights Activist, Founder of Rainbow/PUSH
- Michele Alliot-Marie, Head, EP Delegation for Relations with the Arab Peninsula
- Dr. Abdullah Khalifa Al Shayji, Professor of Political Science, Kuwait University
- Ramona Manescu, member of the European Parliament, Chair of the EU-Qatar Friendship Group— Brussels
- Dr. Afzal Ashraf, Consultant Fellow, International Diplomacy RUSSI

### Topics of Discussion:

- Reform of the UN and the Security Council
- Responsibility of the regional powers in maintaining security and stability in the international order
- Nuclear security and proliferation in the Middle East
- Collective security as an alternative to tendencies of hegemony in the Middle East and the GCC
- Towards more effective conflict resolution mechanisms and management of international crisis

## The Impact of Changing Energy Patterns on Global Geopolitics Salwa Hall 1

**Moderator:** Dr. Hani Findakly, Potomac Capital

### Speakers:

- Dr. Kazuyuki Hamada, Japanese House of Councilors
- Mr. Sean Cleary, Strategic Concepts
- Dr. Abdullah Elkuwaiz, Former Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia
- Dr. Wu Bingbing, Institute of International and Strategic Studies, Peking University

## The Crisis in Yemen and the Role of and Influence on Iran and Saudi Arabia | Salwa Hall 2

**Moderator:** Mr. Abdulwahab Alkebsi, Center for International Private Enterprise

### Speakers:

- Mr. Rafat Al-Khali, Government of Yemen
- Dr. Anwar Eshki, Middle East Center for Strategic and Legal Studies
- Mr. Reza Marashi, National Iranian American Council

## Social Media and Geopolitics: Asia's Local Trends and Their Lasting Global Impacts | Salwa Hall 3

**Moderator:** Mr. Anthony Nash, Delta Economics

### Speakers:

- Dr. Randy Kluver, Texas A&M University
- Ms. Shaili Chopra, Author and Award-Winning Journalist
- Ms. Jing Qui Xiao, *China Investment*
- Dr. Russell Green, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy

## Human Development Issues and Human Security Al Dafna Hall 1

**Moderator:** Dr. Ahmed Al-Muraikhi, Director, International Development Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Qatar

### Speakers (5-7 min. each):

- H.E. Helen Clark, Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Pat Breen TD, Chairman of the Irish Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade
- H.E. Hugo Napoleon, Member of Parliament—Brazil
- Yoshiaki Suda, Mayor of Onagwa Town—Japan
- Takashi Takekawa, Executive Director, IMPACT Foundation—Japan

### Topics of Discussion:

- Challenges of human development and human security in the Arab region
- Resource issues, distribution and population growth
- Climate change and environmental pollution
- TBD

## The Energy Revolution: How Does the Middle East Fit? | Salwa Hall 1

**Moderator:** Amb. Charles Ries, RAND Corporation

### Speakers:

- Mr. Eser Ozdil, Petroleum Platform Association – PETFORM
- Mr. Jaafar Altaie, Manaar FZE
- Dr. Nimrod Novik, Economic Cooperation Foundation (ECF)
- Mr. Ilya Ponomarev, State Duma (Russian Parliament)

## Are the Attitudes Among Americans and Europeans Changing Towards the Middle East? | Salwa Hall 2

**Moderator:** Prof. Steven Spiegel, UCLA Center for Middle East Development

### Speakers:

- Mr. Christian Berger, European External Action Service
- Mr. Ilan Goldenberg, Center for a New American Security
- Mr. Urmas Paet, Former Foreign Minister—Estonia
- Prof. Irina Zvyagelskaya, Institute of Oriental Studies in Moscow

## How to Create Jobs in the MENA Region Salwa Hall 3

**Moderator:** Dr. Naren Prasad, International Labour Office (ILO)

### Speakers:

- Dr. Zafiris Tzannatos, Independent Senior Consultant
- Ms. Hiba Darwish, Government and Public Sector Consulting, PwC
- Mr. Yasser Akkaoui, KConcept Holding
- Dr. Hanan Morsy Ismaiel, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development

## Economy and Energy Al Dafna Hall 1

**Moderator:** Dr. Nadir Mohamed, Country Director,  
GCC Countries at the World Bank

### Speakers (5-7 min. each):

- H.E. Dr. Joseph Muscat, Prime Minister—Malta
- H.E. Stephane Bride, Deputy Prime Minister,  
Minister of Economy—Moldova
- H.E. Dr. Ali Bin Saleh Al-Omair, Minister of Oil—  
Kuwait
- H.E. Dr. Abdusalam Hadliyah Omer, Minister of  
Foreign Affairs and Investment Promotion –  
Somalia
- Prof. Kostas Chrysogonos, Member, European  
Parliament – Brussels

### Topics of Discussion:

- The Greek crisis and its economic and political  
impact on the European Union
- The decline of international energy markets and  
prices in light of the "outburst" of shale oil and  
gas and production increase
- Emerging economies and the shift of wealth  
eastward (in Asia)
- The Euro Crisis, the European Union and the  
unified currency
- The role of power and wealth and the stability of  
the global community

## Winners and Losers in the Knowledge Economy: How Can the Laggards Catch Up? | Salwa Hall 1

**Moderator:** Mr. Manoj Jain, Flat Globe Capital Partners

### Speakers:

- Dr. Jinendra Jain, Jain TV Group
- Dr. Alexis Antoniadis, Georgetown University School of Foreign  
Service—Qatar
- Mr. Anand Pande, The Growth Paradigm Partnership

## Are the Attitudes Among Middle Easterners Changing Towards the West? Salwa Hall 2

**Moderator:** Mr. Tomas Pojar, Cevro Institute—Czech Republic

### Speakers:

- Ms. Hanin Ghaddar, NOW Lebanon
- Mr. Jaafar Altaie, Manaar FZE
- Amb. Hesham Youssef, Organization of Islamic Cooperation
- Ms. Taghreed Elkhodary, Fanack.com

## Tunisia: The Threat of Terrorism and the Challenging Reform Process Salwa Hall 3

**Moderator:** Mr. Abdulwahab Alkebsi, Center for International Private  
Enterprise

### Speakers:

- Dr. Ghazi Ben Ahmed, SAIS CTR Johns Hopkins
- Mr. Ahmed Gaaloul, Nahdha Party, Tunisia
- Prof. Emna Jebaloui, UNDP and IiDH

19:00

Dinner—Doha Forum Guests—Al Dafna Hall 2

Dinner—UCLA CMED Guests—Local Restaurant TBA

## Media Al Dafna Hall 1

**Moderator:** Prof. Mohamed Kirat, Mass Communications Department, Qatar University

### Speakers (5-7 min. each):

- Jaber Al-Harami, Editor-in-Chief, *Al-Sharaq* Newspaper—Qatar
- Dr. Michael Luders, Independent Journalist—Germany
- Mohammad Al-Bargas, Editor-in-Chief, *Al-Sab'k* Newspaper—Kuwait
- Ms. Sunna Gunnars Marteindsdóttir, Political Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs—Iceland

### Topics of Discussion:

- Media, terrorism and politics: What kind of relationship?
- Objectivity and impartiality in covering crises
- The media and relations between countries
- New media and its impact on the practice of journalism in the Arab World
- Social networks and the public sphere in the Arab World

## Turning the Refugee Crises into Economic Opportunity: The Case of Jordan and Lebanon | Salwa Hall 1

**Moderator:** Mr. Jim Pickup, Middle East Investment Initiative

### Speakers:

- Mr. Mohammed Hussainy, Identity Center for Human Development
- Ms. Emily Arnold-Fernandez, Asylum Access
- Mr. Ziad Ayoubi, UN Higher Commission for Refugees

## The New Sectarianism and the ISIS Threat Salwa Hall 2

**Moderator:** Prof. Ersin Kalaycioglu, Sabanci University

### Speakers:

- Amb. Frederic Hof, Atlantic Council
- Dr. Jaber Al-Jaberi, Iraqi Parliament
- Prof. Amr Al-Azm, Shawnee State University
- Dr. Abdullah Alshammari, Diplomatic Institute-Riyadh

## The Return of the Eurozone Crisis: Ramifications for Europe, the United States, and the Region | Salwa Hall 3

**Moderator:** Ms. Antonia Dimou, Institute for Security and Defense Analyses—Greece

### Speakers:

- Mrs. Nadezhda Neynsky, SME Europe, European People's Party
- Mr. William Danvers, Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD)
- Mr. William Fellows, Lixia Capsia Gestionis
- Mr. Haris Theoharis, POTAMI
- Amb. Juan Prat y Coll, Fipra International
- Mr. Mustafa Mente, Foreign Economic Relations Board-Turkey

11:00 - 12:30 Session 6

## Human Rights Al Dafna Hall 1

**Moderator:** Dr. Ali Bin Smeikh Al Marri, Chairman, NHRC – Qatar

### Speakers (5-7 min. each):

- Pascal Raess, Manager, Middle East Regional Program, Swiss Agency for Development and Coordination (SDC) - Geneva
- Dr. Mohamed Alshekhili, Director, International Center for Justice—UK
- Dr. Nathan Jones, Professor, Sam Houston State University

### Topics: of Discussion

- International mechanisms for the protection of labourers' rights: challenges and scope
- Enhancing labourers' rights in the context of companies' social responsibility
- Code of behavior for labourers' rights in the private sector
- Combatting human trafficking in state and civil society organizations

## Urban Innovation -- Water, Waste, Transportation, and New Solutions for the 21st Century City | Salwa Hall 1

**Moderator:** Mr. Jim Pickup, Middle East Investment Initiative

### Speakers:

- Mr. Evan Chrapko, HimarkBioGas.com
- Mrs. Tracy Metz, NAI010 Publishers
- Mr. Talal Belrhiti, Anagenesis Corporations

## New Geopolitical Alliances: Is Asia's Rising Wealth Tilting the Diplomatic Center Eastward? | Salwa Hall 2

**Moderator:** Mr. Anthony Nash, Delta Economics

### Speakers:

- H.E. Mitsunari Okamoto, Komei Party - Japan
- Mr. Nitin Pai, The Takshashila Institution
- Dr. Changhui Zhao, China Eximbank
- Dr. Cindy Fan, UCLA Vice Provost for International Studies

## Forging Ahead: New Economic Opportunities for Women in the MENA Region | Salwa Hall 3

**Co-Moderators:** Ms. Kahina Bouagache, North Africa Legal Consultant, Manaar Legal Consultancy & Ms. Chloe de Preneuf, Programme Coordinator, Transitions Forum, Legatum Institute

### Speakers:

- Ms. Nathalie de Gaulle, Baynuna Economic Consulting LLC
- Ms. Mary Fitzgerald, Independent Journalist/Analyst
- Ms. Amira Boutouchent, TrepSpot
- Ms. Hala Al Sarraf, Iraq Health Aid Organization (IHAO)

13:00 - 14:00

## Closing Joint Session | Al Dafna Hall

- Prof. Steven L. Spiegel, Director, UCLA Center for Middle East Development
- H.E. Mohamed bin Abdullah Al-Rumaihi, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs - Qatar
- Dr. Gene Block, Chancellor, University of California Los Angeles