

PRESS RELEASE

Hamad Bin Khalifa University Innovative Technologies Take Center Stage at Web Summit Qatar

The University's Presence at the Web Summit Underscores its Role in Advancing Qatar's Innovation Ecosystem

Doha, January 19, 2025: Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF), will again play an active role at Web Summit Qatar 2026, reinforcing its commitment to fostering a culture of innovation, meaningful dialogue, and impact-driven solutions for Qatar and the world. In doing so, the university expands on its presence in previous years and in line with its long-term strategic partnership with the Web Summit.

Over the four-day gathering, HBKU will feature faculty and researchers taking part in discussions across various themes. In its booth, the university will host a series of technology showcases, talks, and networking sessions. Web Summit attendees will have a chance to explore and understand transformative technologies developed within HBKU's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Along with eight startups presented at the event's Startup Island, HBKU's booth will put a set of technologies in the spotlight. Showcasing the translation of research into practical settings, Smart Approaches to New Discoveries (SAND) provides a suite of ready-to-use tools that accelerate the transition from laboratory to clinical application. The technology highlights the university's role in advancing Qatar's leadership in precision medicine and biomedical research.

Supporting Qatar's clean energy ambitions, HBKU will further present the Solar Cadaster, a tool enabling users to assess the solar potential of buildings. The university will also showcase Fanar 2.0, an upgraded generative AI framework that reflects the Arabic language and culture. Mukhtabir AI, a scalable voice-to-voice interview agent designed to enhance efficiency in recruitment and talent assessment, will likewise be on display.

"Our partnership with Web Summit has been a catalyst for growth and of mutually added value. We are proud to keep returning to this global platform and underscore our commitment to strengthening Qatar's innovation hub," stated Dr. Nadir Yildirim, Executive Director, Office of Innovation and Industrial Relations at HBKU. "Through HBKU's landmark

technologies and expert contributions, we aim to spark new ideas, nurture talent, drive meaningful outcomes and cross-sector impact that address challenges in the region and beyond.”

Through its multifaceted participation, HBKU transcends its role as a vital research institution and partner in shaping Qatar’s future. By bringing market-ready technologies, expertise, and entrepreneurial pathways to a global stage, the university underpins the country’s position as a creator of advanced solutions and a gateway for international partners.

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Innovating Today, Shaping Tomorrow

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF), is a pioneering and impact-driven university committed to advancing education and research to address critical challenges facing Qatar and the world.

HBKU develops multidisciplinary academic programs and national research capabilities that drive collaboration with leading global institutions. The university is dedicated to equipping future leaders with an entrepreneurial mindset and advancing innovative solutions that create a positive global impact.

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