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Doha, 4 to 6 November 2025

Information note for delegations

I. Background

1. By its resolutions [78/261](#) and [78/318](#) and decision 79/556, the General Assembly decided to convene the “World Social Summit” under the title “the Second World Summit for Social Development”,¹ in Doha, from Tuesday, 4 November, to Thursday, 6 November 2025.
2. The General Assembly also decided that the Summit would adopt a concise, action-oriented political declaration, agreed in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations in New York, that should have a social development approach and give momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
3. The venue of the Summit is the Qatar National Convention Centre (www.qncc.qa), located in Gharafat Al Rayyan, on the Dukhan Highway close to the city of Doha. The Centre is located approximately 25–30 minutes by car from Hamad International Airport.
4. Additional information on the Summit is available on the official Summit website (<https://social.desa.un.org/world-summit-2025>).

II. Schedule, list of speakers, seating and other relevant information

5. The Summit, subject to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, will be held according to the following schedule:

¹ To be held as meetings of the plenary of the eightieth regular session of the General Assembly, under sub-item (b) of agenda item 25, entitled “Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, persons with disabilities and the family”.



4 November

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| 9 a.m.–1 p.m. | Plenary meeting, with the opening segment from 9 to 10.30 a.m. (Plenary Hall) |
| 3–6 p.m. | Plenary meeting (Plenary Hall) |
| 3–6 p.m. | Round table 1: Strengthening the three pillars of social development: poverty eradication, full and productive employment and decent work for all, and social inclusion (Round Table Room) |

5 November

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| 9 a.m.–1 p.m. | Plenary meeting (Plenary Hall) |
| 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Round table 2: Assessing progress and addressing gaps and challenges in the implementation of the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and its Programme of Action and giving momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Round Table Room) |
| 3–6 p.m. | Plenary meeting (Plenary Hall) |

6 November

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| 9 a.m.–1 p.m. | Plenary meeting (Plenary Hall) |
| 3–6 p.m. | Plenary meeting, with the closing segment from 5 to 6 p.m. (Plenary Hall) |
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6. The Assembly will hold six plenary meetings in the Plenary Hall from Tuesday, 4 November, to Thursday, 6 November 2025, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., with an opening segment at the first plenary meeting on 4 November, from 9 to 10.30 a.m., and a closing segment on 6 November, from 5 to 6 p.m. The opening segment will include the adoption of the political declaration followed by statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Amir of the State of Qatar in its capacity as host country and the President of the Economic and Social Council. The closing segment will feature a statement by the President of the General Assembly.

7. Member States, members of the United Nations specialized agencies and observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the level of Head of State or Government or at the highest possible level are invited to make statements in plenary of up to five minutes.

8. Representatives of the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as the international financial institutions, are invited to participate in the Summit. Representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are also invited to participate in the Summit in accordance with relevant rules and procedures of the General Assembly.

9. Pursuant to resolution [78/318](#), the General Assembly approved a list of representatives of other relevant NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the Summit, taking into

account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity (decision 79/569).

List of speakers

Plenary meetings

10. The list of speakers for the plenary meetings will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, with the customary protocol whereby, among speakers of Member States and the delegations subject to General Assembly resolutions [65/276](#) and [ES-10/23](#), Heads of State, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses, Heads of Government, deputy prime ministers, cabinet ministers and vice-ministers are given priority (regardless of the date of appointment and the areas of responsibilities of the ministers and vice-ministers, with first spouses listed immediately after vice-ministers), in that order, with group statements given further priority within each level. Each delegation is to make no more than one statement in the debate, delivered by no more than one accredited representative physically present in the Plenary Hall. Requests for inscription from Member States, observer States and the European Union should be made through the e-deleGATE portal, from 10 a.m. on Monday, 15 September, until 5.30 p.m. (New York time) on Friday, 24 October 2025. Members of the United Nations specialized agencies and observers of the General Assembly may contact the Secretariat (at galindo@un.org) to be inscribed on the list of speakers. The list of speakers will be announced on the e-deleGATE platform, as well as in the *Journal of the United Nations*, under “Conferences and Summits”, prior to the Summit. Please note that the use of the teleprompter will be limited to statements made at the opening segment.

High-level round tables

11. An indicative list of speakers will be prepared for each of the two high-level round tables. The list of speakers will be circulated on the e-deleGATE platform, as well as in the *Journal of the United Nations*, under “Conferences and Summits”, prior to the Summit.

12. Member States, observer States and the European Union are invited to indicate their interest to intervene in the interactive discussion at one of the two round tables through the e-Speakers module on the e-deleGATE portal, from 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 14 October, until 5 p.m. (New York time) on Friday, 24 October 2025.

13. Members of the United Nations specialized agencies, observers of the General Assembly, representatives of the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as of international financial institutions, are requested to email the Summit secretariat (socialsummitsecretariat@un.org) by close of business on Friday, 17 October 2025, under the subject line “Expression of interest - round table [##]”, to indicate their interest in participating. Expressions of interest should clearly identify the preferred round table, as well as the name and title of the proposed speaker. This information will be useful in determining the final allocation of speakers.

14. Registered and approved non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and organizations with special accreditation to the Summit, have received a call for expressions of interest from the Summit secretariat. Expressions of interest to intervene in the interactive discussion are to be submitted through the dedicated form, circulated by email, by close of business on Friday, 24 October 2025. It should be noted that submission of the form does not guarantee an opportunity to speak. Questions related to submissions of expression of interest by registered and approved non-governmental organizations in special

consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and organizations with special accreditation to the Summit should be addressed to the Summit secretariat by email (socialsummitsecretariat@un.org), under the subject line “Expression of interest - civil society”.

15. In the selection of speakers, priority will be given based on the level of representation. The demand for speaking slots is anticipated to be high and, in view of time limitations, a strict limit of three minutes will be mechanically enforced with the use of a countdown timer. Given the multi-stakeholder nature of the round tables, flexibility will be applied with regard to the speaking arrangements, including the order of interventions.

Seating

16. The plenary meetings will follow the seating protocol of the eightieth session of the General Assembly. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General had drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was the Niger. The other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order, taking into account Assembly resolution [ES-10/23](#) regarding the seating arrangement for the State of Palestine, followed by the Holy See and the European Union. There will be two seats at the table and two adviser seats behind for Member States, observer States and the European Union.

17. Plenary seating will also be available for observers of the General Assembly, members of the United Nations specialized agencies, and representatives of the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as of international financial institutions, NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and other relevant NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector, as approved by the Assembly. They will each be assigned one seat at the table and one adviser seat behind.

18. A secondary access card in addition to a Summit badge will be required for access to the Plenary Hall for the opening plenary meeting on Tuesday, 4 November 2025, and possibly for the subsequent plenary meetings. Access cards will be issued to delegations according to the number of seats allocated in the Plenary Hall and will be distributed by the Protocol Registration Office to authorized representatives collecting the Summit badges for their delegations.

19. The round tables will also follow the seating protocol of the eightieth session of the General Assembly. There will be one seat at the table and one adviser seat behind for Member States, observer States and the European Union. Seating will also be available for observers of the General Assembly, members of the United Nations specialized agencies, and representatives of the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as of international financial institutions, NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and other relevant NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector, as approved by the Assembly. No secondary access card is required to access the Round Table Room.

Accessible seating

20. In accordance with General Assembly resolution [73/341](#), upon request by a delegation for accessible seating, adjustments may be made to the seating order in the Plenary Hall and the Round Table Room to accommodate the requesting delegation at the designated accessible seats.

21. Requests for accessible seating need to be addressed by Friday, 24 October 2025, to gaab@un.org, with copy to chanm@un.org.

III. Round tables

22. There will be two high-level round tables, each to be co-chaired by two Heads of State or Government, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly after consultations with the Member States, ensuring geographical balance, on the following themes:

- Round table 1: Strengthening the three pillars of social development: poverty eradication, full and productive employment and decent work for all, and social inclusion, taking place on 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Round table 2: Assessing progress and addressing gaps and challenges in the implementation of the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and its Programme of Action and giving momentum towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking place on 5 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

IV. Bilateral meetings

23. For bilateral meetings among Member States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, 16 small meeting rooms, each with a capacity to hold 12 participants, will be available on the second floor of the Qatar National Convention Centre in rooms 226–241, from 4 to 6 November 2025. No modifications to the furniture set-up can be accommodated.

24. An electronic reservation system for the reservation of bilateral meetings will be activated through gMeets (<https://conferences.unite.un.org/gMeets>) on 21 October 2025 in order to provide for the equitable and efficient use of the facilities. Delegations are requested to submit reservations electronically through gMeets by accessing <https://conferences.unite.un.org/gMeets>, logging in with their username and password and clicking on the “Bilateral” tab. To prevent double booking, only the delegation initiating the bilateral meeting should submit the request. Reservations will be accepted for 20-minute durations starting on the hour and half-hour. The date and time of the bilateral meeting and the name of the other delegation participating in the meeting should be specified in the request.

25. Information about room assignments will be provided one day prior to the meeting. Depending on the programme, every effort will be made to keep a delegation’s consecutive appointments in the same room. Delegates are encouraged to submit their requests as early as possible. Late requests will be accommodated subject to availability of space. Delegations requiring further information should send their questions or inquiries to gmeets@un.org, with copy to tongx@un.org and dienes@un.org. When sending an email, the wording “WSS-bilats” should be included in the subject line. When on site, delegations can also contact the meeting management staff located in front of the bilateral meeting rooms.

26. If a submitted request is no longer needed, delegations are kindly asked to cancel it at their earliest convenience, which will facilitate the accommodation of other requests in a timely manner. Cancellations can be submitted through the same reservation system in gMeets or in person when on site.

V. Interpretation

27. The official languages of the Summit are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Statements made in the plenary and the round-table meetings will be interpreted in the six official languages.

28. Statements made in any of the six official languages of the Summit are interpreted into the other official languages. Speakers are requested to deliver the statement at a speed that is interpretable. While delegations are increasingly given a time frame in which to deliver their statements, they are kindly requested to do so at a normal speed, to enable the interpreters to provide an accurate and complete rendition of their statements. When statements are delivered at a fast pace, the quality of the interpretation may suffer. It is suggested not to exceed the speed of about 100 to 120 words per minute (as a guide for statements delivered in English) in order to ensure that the statement is delivered at a normal pace.

29. Any speaker may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages, for interpretation into the official languages. In such cases, the delegation in question must provide an interpreter from the non-official language into an official language. Interpretation will then be made from that official language into the other five official languages. Delegations seeking to provide their own interpreters for non-official languages are requested to inform the meetings management staff and the Chief Interpreter well in advance by email at gmeets@un.org, with copy to tongx@un.org, dienes@un.org and kochetkov@un.org. The requesting delegation and the language to be used should be included in the subject line.

30. In order to facilitate the provision of interpretation and other services, delegations are requested to submit their statements (in PDF format) by email to estatements-WSSD2@un.org. The name of the meeting and of the speaker, as well as the agenda item, should be indicated in the subject line of the email and in the heading of the statement. The statement should be submitted well in advance of the meeting, but no later than two hours before delivery, and not in hard copy. The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery.

VI. Registration of participants and credentials

Registration

31. The registration of official delegations of Member States, intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, specialized agencies and related organizations is handled by the Protocol and Liaison Service through the online eRegistration system, which is available via the e-deleGATE portal (<http://e-delegate.un.org>). A note verbale highlighting the registration procedure was sent on 2 September 2025 by the Protocol Office to all permanent and observer missions and offices in New York and is available on the Protocol Office website (www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol).

32. Delegations are kindly reminded that the Protocol Office will not register representatives of NGOs and participants in solutions sessions (side events) who do not form part of the official delegations of Member States, intergovernmental organizations, specialized agencies and related organizations. Representatives of NGOs and organizations with special accreditation should not be included in the official credentials or official delegation lists. For questions relating to the participation of Economic and Social Council-accredited NGOs, please email to socialsummitsecretariat@un.org. For questions relating to the participation of organizations with special accreditation to the Summit, please email to ngls@un.org.

33. Delegations wishing to obtain information on the eRegistration system may refer to the updated Guidelines on eRegistration and frequently asked questions on the Protocol Office website at www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings.

Pre-registration in New York (1 September to 15 October 2025)

34. To register for the Summit, official delegations must request registration through the designated eRegistration focal points for their respective missions or liaison offices in New York, who have access to the eRegistration system. Delegations are advised to do so as early as possible to ensure timely registration.

35. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations accredited with the General Assembly, specialized agencies and related organizations without an office in New York or not enrolled in the eRegistration system that wish to participate in the Summit must enrol in the online eRegistration system in advance to receive temporary access to the system for registration to the Summit. To request temporary access to the eRegistration system, the instructions contained in the guidelines to apply for eRegistration temporary access (https://www.un.org/dgacm/sites/www.un.org.dgacm/files/Documents_Protocol/guidelines_to_apply_for_eregistration_temporary_access_english_16feb2024.pdf), posted on the website of the Protocol Office, must be followed.

36. Following past practice, Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses and their spouses will be provided with a VVIP pass without a photograph. Delegates at the level of Deputy Prime Minister, Speaker of Parliament and Cabinet Minister, as well as their spouses, will be issued a VIP pass with a photograph.

37. Missions and offices are kindly reminded that, as part of the registration process, copies of the letter of credentials for the Summit must be uploaded onto the registration form at the time of online registration. If the letter of credentials is not available at the time of registration, a letter from the Permanent Representative with the official delegation list, which will serve as a provisional letter of credentials, should be uploaded to the registration form instead. For intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies, the letter should be stamped and signed by the head of the organization.

38. Permanent or observer missions are kindly reminded that they are responsible for registering (through pre-registration or on-site registration) all members of their delegations attending the Summit and are strongly advised to coordinate as early as possible with their Governments and embassies or consulates general in Qatar or in the region on the proper registration procedure. They are also strongly advised to make use of the pre-registration option in New York to avoid long queues at the registration centre in Doha.

39. Members of national security accompanying the VVIP/VIP groups participating in the Summit will need to be registered and have appropriate Summit badges issued by the Security and Safety Service. For additional information or questions, please email krokan@un.org, with a copy to mashkurul.haque@un.org.

Online on-site registration in Doha (30 October to 5 November 2025)

40. On-site (online) registration in Doha will begin on Thursday, 30 October 2025, at 9.30 a.m. and continue until Wednesday, 5 November 2025, at 1 p.m. local time at the United Nations registration centre located at the Qatar National Convention Centre.

41. Delegations are kindly reminded that all on-site registrations presented to the protocol registration office in Doha must be submitted by the eRegistration focal

points of the permanent missions, offices or organizations in New York, or by the temporary eRegistration focal points for organizations without an office in New York, and processed through the online eRegistration system. The review and processing of on-site registration will require at least two days upon receipt in the system.

42. Delegates planning to seek on-site registration in Doha must coordinate with their respective permanent missions, offices or organizations well in advance by providing the designated eRegistration focal points with their passport details, colour photos in JPEG format and letters of credentials to complete the online registration form. Walk-in delegates who are not already registered in the system but who wish to register for the Summit on-site will be directed to contact their respective missions, offices or organizations in New York or their headquarters for proper online registration. On-site registrations for walk-in delegates cannot be processed until the online registration requests have been completed by their permanent mission, offices or organizations and received by the protocol registration office through the eRegistration system.

43. Please note that registration of participants through the online or on-site registration system is distinct from providing a delegation list for inclusion in the list of participants of the Summit. Please refer to paragraph 44 below for further details.

44. From 30 October 2025, all official communications for the Protocol Office, including letters of credentials, lists of delegations and Summit-related materials, should be sent to the protocol registration office at the Summit venue by email to protocolconference@un.org.

Distribution of Summit badges and secondary access cards

45. Summit badges for approved participants and secondary access cards will be issued and distributed from 30 October to 6 November 2025 (until 1 p.m. local time) at the United Nations registration centre located at the Qatar National Convention Centre. For the opening hours of the registration centre, see paragraph 84 below.

46. Each delegation should send a representative to collect all Summit badges for the delegation. The representative must be a member (approved participant) within the delegation and is required to present his or her original passport (no electronic copy) at the registration centre in order to collect the Summit badges and secondary access cards.

47. Alternatively, for government delegations, Summit badges for approved participants may be collected by representatives of the embassies or consulates-general of the delegations in Qatar or in the region. For this purpose, an authorization letter in English (with proper letterhead) stamped and signed by the Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York or the Ambassador of the embassy or consulate-general in Qatar or in the region, indicating the name and contact mobile number of the representative authorized to collect the Summit badges and secondary access cards for the delegation, must be presented at the registration centre along with an original passport (no electronic copy) of the authorized representative. Any other form of identity document is not acceptable.

48. Delegates and representatives collecting the Summit badges and secondary access cards must be mindful that it is their responsibility to ensure the safe delivery of the badges and access cards to members of their delegations. The registration centre will not reissue duplicate passes or secondary access cards.

Credentials

49. The plenary meetings of the Summit will be held as formal plenary meetings of the eightieth session of the General Assembly. As such, the rules of procedure of the

Assembly apply. In accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, credentials for the eightieth session of the Assembly must be addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs. In accordance with rule 25 of the rules of procedure, the delegation may consist of not more than five representatives and five alternate representatives and as many advisers, technical advisers, experts and persons of similar status as may be required by the delegation. Member States may wish to include the names of their representatives who will be attending the Summit in their credentials of representatives to the eightieth session of the Assembly.

50. Delegations of Member States are requested to submit scanned copies of the credentials, as well as of other communications containing the names of representatives to the eightieth session (such as letters and notes verbales from the permanent missions), as soon as possible, through the online platform, e-Credentials, under the tab entitled “80th session of the General Assembly”, which can be accessed through the e-deleGATE portal (<https://e-delegate.un.org>). Email submissions of scanned copies of the credentials will not be accepted. Only the original hard copy of the formal credentials should be delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building. For enquiries, please email ecredentials@un.org.

VII. Participation of non-government actors

51. NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector are invited to participate in the deliberations of the Summit, as appropriate, in accordance with the rules of procedure and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions [78/261](#) and [78/318](#) and decision 79/556. Requests and questions from civil society participants should be sent to socialsummitsecretariat@un.org.

Accreditation to the Summit

52. The General Assembly, in its resolution [78/318](#), decided to invite NGOs that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to register with the Secretariat in order to participate in the Summit.

53. NGOs that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other stakeholders were invited to apply for accreditation using the application form for special accreditation administered by the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service before the deadline of 20 June 2025. For queries, email ngls@un.org.

Registration for the Summit

54. NGOs, including private sector organizations and other stakeholders that receive special accreditation, as well as those in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, are invited to register individual representatives. The Summit website makes available links for each category of non-governmental stakeholder. Pre-registration and approval are required for all non-governmental stakeholders. On-site registration will not be permitted.

VIII. Media arrangements and services

Media accreditation

55. The accreditation of media representatives, including journalists and official photographers and videographers of delegations, is handled by the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit.

56. Delegations must register accompanying media through the designated eRegistration users in their respective permanent or observer mission or liaison office in New York. Please refer to the instructions at www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/pdf/eRegistration_guide_media_passes.pdf.

57. Media representatives applying independently are required to submit an application by completing the form at <https://indico.un.org/UNHQ/#media>. Media accreditation is not issued to information outlets or advocacy publications of NGOs.

58. The deadline for early accreditation is 15 October 2025.

59. The collection of Summit badges for pre-registered media and on-site registration for delegation media only will begin on 30 October 2025 at the registration centre located in the Qatar National Convention Centre. Delegation media personnel seeking on-site registration will be instructed to submit the request through their respective permanent or observer missions or liaison offices in New York through the online eRegistration system.

60. For questions regarding media accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit at malu@un.org.

Media facilities

61. A media centre for use by all journalists accredited to cover the Summit will be available at the venue (within Exhibition Hall 1). The plenary meetings and other activities will be broadcast live at the media centre, and audiovisual feeds will be provided to broadcasters live upon request. Journalists are advised to bring their own laptops and headphones.

62. A press kit containing background information relevant to the Summit will be posted on the Summit website. The spokesperson for the Summit will be available in Doha to provide information to journalists on background and on the record.

63. For questions regarding media arrangements, please check with staff of the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit at the media centre.

Press briefings

64. Daily press briefings by the spokesperson for the Summit will be held in the press briefing room (Auditorium 1) at times to be announced. The room will also be available for press briefings organized by delegations and United Nations organizations. Requests for press briefings should be sent by email to samaanm@un.org, with the subject line “WSS Press Briefings”. Requests must be made in writing by a senior official of the delegation wishing to hold the press briefing and should include the names of the speakers, their titles, the subjects to be discussed and any relevant time preferences or constraints.

65. Press briefings may run no longer than 30 minutes. Attendance will be limited to accredited journalists. Exceptions will be made only for the press attaché and a limited number of other officials of the same delegation directly concerned with the briefing, as well as United Nations officials covering the briefing.

66. A daily schedule of press briefings will be posted in the media centre and in the *Journal of the United Nations*, under “Conferences and Summits”. A schedule will also be sent to registered media organizations by email.

Access to the media by Governments and non-governmental organizations

67. To facilitate media contact, delegations are invited to provide the spokesperson with the name and telephone number in Doha of the person in their delegation whom

journalists may contact to request interviews or other information. That information may be sent by email to malu@un.org and samaanm@un.org.

Live webcast coverage

68. The Department of Global Communications will provide live-streaming coverage of the Summit through the United Nations Web TV website at <http://webtv.un.org>. Press releases, official documents, the Summit edition of the *Journal of the United Nations*, statements and other information materials will be made available on the Summit website. The Summit will also be covered on social media using the hashtag #SocialSummit2025. Participants are encouraged to share content on their own social media platforms using this hashtag.

IX. Associated events and exhibitions

69. A diverse programme of associated events will be hosted during the Summit outside of formal sessions, organized by Member States, United Nations system entities, civil society organizations and other duly accredited organizers. The events will be under the full responsibility of the organizers.

70. Events will take place in both in-person and virtual formats. In-person events held at the Summit venue are restricted to duly accredited participants only. A full list of associated events will be made available on the Summit website at <https://social.desa.un.org/world-summit-2025/parallel-programme>.

Exhibitions

71. A dedicated exhibition space, known as Solutions Square, is being made available to all duly accredited organizations ranging from Governments to civil society and the United Nations system. Exhibitions will showcase innovative solutions to accelerate action on poverty eradication, the promotion of full employment and decent work, and social inclusion, ensuring that no one is left behind in an increasingly complex and interconnected world. Details and guidelines can be found on the Summit website at <https://social.desa.un.org/world-summit-2025/solutions-square-exhibitions>.

X. Security

72. From 2 November 2025, access to the Summit premises and the surrounding area will be strictly limited to persons properly accredited to the Summit by the United Nations. In view of the need for heightened security measures, the wearing of Summit badges will be strictly enforced, and access will be denied to anyone not wearing a valid badge.

73. Summit badges for all delegations and participants from intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities, media and representatives of NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the private sector and young people will be issued at the registration centre located in the basement level of the Qatar National Convention Centre car park until 6 November 2025 at 1 p.m.

74. Access to the Summit venue will be limited outside Summit official meeting hours. In the interest of the security and safety of all participants, the Summit secretariat and the Department of Safety and Security reserve the right to deny or restrict access to the Summit venue generally or partly or to request that registered participants leave the premises.

75. All delegates and their bags will be subject to screening at the main entrance or other access points of the Summit venue. Holders of VVIP and VIP passes, including Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents, Crown Princes or Princesses, Deputy Prime Ministers and Cabinet ministers, Speakers of Parliament, as well as their spouses, will be exempt from screening upon presentation of their VVIP or VIP passes.

76. During the period of the Summit, the Department of Safety and Security, in close cooperation with host country law enforcement agencies, is responsible for providing security and safety services within the Summit venue. The host country authorities are responsible for security outside the venue.

77. For all type of emergencies within the Qatar National Convention Centre, and to coordinate the appropriate response, please contact United Nations security staff (wearing the United Nations uniform) located within the premises.

78. Host country security authorities provide protection for Heads of State or Government, as well as for a limited number of other government officials, by the assignment of close protection details. Arrangements for such assignments are initiated by Member States in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar.

79. Members of national security details accompanying the VVIPs participating in the Summit must be registered and have appropriate badges issued by the Security and Safety Service.

80. Motorcades operated by Qatar law enforcement will be authorized to enter the vehicular entrance and drop off their passengers at the VVIP or VIP entrance. All motorcade movements on the premises will be established by the Security and Safety Service and coordinated in conjunction with the host country. A valid Summit pass and a special decal to access the Qatar National Convention Centre will be required for presentation at the vehicle checkpoint prior to access being granted to the blue zone. Delegation vehicles, as well as United Nations vehicles that are not provided by the Government of Qatar, will require a special decal to access the Centre. Arrangements for such access are initiated by Member States in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar.

Access to and within the Qatar National Convention Centre during the Summit

81. Admission to the Centre will require the presentation of identification badges at all times. Pre-registered participants can collect their pre-printed badges at the registration area of the Centre.

82. As part of the security arrangements, all participants in the Summit will be required to present their registration confirmation together with their passports at the entrance before proceeding to the registration area of the Centre to register and collect their security passes for the Summit. Security passes must be worn visibly at all times in the Summit venue. All persons and their bags will be screened at the entrance to the Centre. Please note that backpacks and bags larger than 14 inches (35 cm) wide x 13 inches (33 cm) high x 4 inches (10 cm) deep are not permitted. There are no luggage storage facilities available.

83. Within the Summit premises, all persons are required to comply with safety and security regulations, as well as the rules and procedures of the Organization. Any act that disrupts the normal functioning of the Summit's programmatic activities, such as public displays of any form, including clothing, banners, placards or other written or visual means, as well as vocal/audio sounds, gatherings or demonstrations of any kind, including passive, is not allowed.

84. On-site registration will begin on 30 October 2025. The working hours of the registration office and the Pass Office will be as follows (subject to change):

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Registration office</i>	<i>Pass Office</i>
30 October 2025	9.30 a.m.–6 p.m.	9.30 a.m.–6 p.m.
31 October 2025	9.30 a.m.–6 p.m.	9.30 a.m.–6 p.m.
1 November 2025	9.30 a.m.–6 p.m.	9.30 a.m.–6 p.m.
2 November 2025	9 a.m.–6.30 p.m.	8 a.m.–6.30 p.m.
3 November 2025	8 a.m.–6.30 p.m.	7 a.m.–6.30 p.m.
4 November 2025	8 a.m.–5 p.m.	7 a.m.–6.30 p.m.
5 November 2025	9 a.m.–5 p.m. (On-site registration closes at 1 p.m.)	8 a.m.–5 p.m.
6 November 2025	9 a.m.–1 p.m.	9 a.m.–1 p.m.

85. For additional information and enquiries on security arrangements related to the Summit, please contact wssd2security@un.org.

Loss of grounds pass or personal items

86. Loss of a badge for the Summit or any personal item at the Qatar National Convention Centre must be reported to the lost and found desk located on the ground floor of the Centre. The lost items will be reported to the Security and Safety Service.

87. Participants are solely responsible for their personal belongings. Any bags or objects left unattended will be removed for security reasons.

XI. Accessibility

88. In addition to the accommodation of accessible seating arrangements for requesting delegations in the Plenary Hall and the Round Table Room (refer to paras. 20 and 21 above), International Sign interpretation and Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) services will be provided for the meetings of the plenary and the round tables. Furthermore, Braille printing on demand will be made available on-site at the printing centre located inside the business centre on level 1 of the venue. For Braille printing requests and inquiries, please contact mssfrontdesk@un.org. An accessible registration desk will be set up at the United Nations registration centre.

89. The venue of the Summit, the Qatar National Convention Centre, is accessible through ramps and elevators on all levels. Accessible restrooms are available on all levels.

90. A transportation desk will be set up on the ground level to provide information on and facilitate transportation from/to the venue. Upon request, participants will be able to request accessible transportation.

91. An information counter and accessibility desk will be set up on level 1 to guide participants and provide relevant accessibility-related information.

92. For other enquiries relating to accessibility needs, please email summitaccessibility@un.org.

XII. Health services

First aid

93. An on-site medical clinic will provide all first aid facilities at the Qatar National Convention Centre.

- The medical emergency call number is 999.
- The closest hospital in the area is Hamad General Hospital (public hospital).

Health insurance

94. Travellers visiting Qatar are recommended to have a valid health insurance policy covering the medical facilities of Qatar. Participants with a valid Hayya entry permit (electronic visa) who do not have an insurance policy are exempt from purchasing the mandatory health insurance. However, they are welcome to purchase a policy on arrival in Qatar. More information on travel insurance is available at <https://www.moph.gov.qa/english/departments/ministeroffice/hfid/Pages/Health-Insurance-Scheme.aspx>.

XIII. Visas and entry requirements

95. All attendees of the Summit must register with the host country and have a valid Hayya entry permit (electronic visa).

96. Information on host country requirements, including visa and other entry permits, is included in confirmation emails sent to all participants following successful registration with the United Nations.

A. Official government delegations

97. Following registration with the Protocol Office, the designated focal point must email delegations@gm.gov.qa to begin the host country registration process with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar.

98. The focal point will be responsible for submitting details for all delegation members as part of the host country registration process.

99. The dedicated guest management team of the host country will complete the Hayya electronic visa application process for all registered members and assist the focal point with coordinating air tickets (if applicable) and hotel and transport arrangements.

100. It is important that permanent missions coordinate with their embassies in Qatar to ensure all members of the delegation are fully registered in advance.

B. Participants and delegates

101. International participants that are not part of the official government delegations will receive a confirmation email containing a unique registration code (also referred to as a “voucher”) following registration through the United Nations. The code will be required when applying for a Hayya electronic visa on the designated online portal

<https://hayya.qa>. Each individual must apply independently. Participants should wait 72 hours after receipt of the approval letter before submitting the application for the Hayya electronic visa. After the designated waiting period, the voucher will be accepted in the Hayya portal. The registration code is not transferable. The approval is subject to further review and process by the authorities of Qatar.

102. For further assistance and technical support for all Hayya-related issues, please contact the Hayya Support Team by email at info@hayya.qa or by phone at +974 4441 2022.

103. Qatari nationals and residents (Qatar ID holders) should email wssdlocal@gm.gov.qa with their name, organization and reference code (registration identification code) to request the host country registration link. Once their request has been verified, a dedicated registration link will be sent to them from noreply@gm.gov.qa. Through this link, they will be able to upload their Qatar ID information and complete the host country registration process.

C. Media

104. Media attending the Summit must register with the United Nations and then apply for a Hayya media permit through the Hayya Media Portal (<https://media.hayya.qa>). During the process, applicants must upload a screenshot of their United Nations registration approval or confirmation email within the credentials fields.

105. The portal will guide all media guests through uploading documents and, if needed, applying for equipment clearance or filming permits.

106. Media representatives who are a part of official delegations, including journalists and official photographers and videographers, must complete the host country registration process with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar. The designated focal point for each delegation must email delegations@gm.gov.qa as soon as possible. The dedicated guest management team of the host country will assist the focal point with all requirements and provide guidance on the additional Hayya media permit registration process.

107. This process ensures entry into Qatar, equipment clearance and filming permissions. Early submission is strongly encouraged.

108. For further assistance and technical support relating to the Hayya Media Portal, please contact media@hayya.qa.

XIV. Arrival in Doha and local transportation

109. Official delegations will be welcomed and received through the ministerial and VIP lounges at Hamad International Airport. In addition, dedicated reception and conference information desks will be available for all arrivals to facilitate entry and departure procedures.

110. The Government of Qatar will provide official transportation services, namely, three cars for each delegation led by a Head of State or Government, two cars for ministerial-level delegations and one car for delegations below the ministerial level.

111. Other Summit participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation between Hamad International Airport and their hotels. The most convenient options include Karwa taxis and the Doha metro. Shuttle services may be

provided between select hotels and the Qatar National Convention Centre for general participants.

112. Each participant will be offered a free rail card to be used for the Summit event days. To receive your rail card, please present a copy of your Hayya electronic visa to the ticketing counter in any metro station. A map of the Doha metro system is provided in annex II.

XV. Hosting for official delegations

113. The host country will provide support to least developed countries, including countries recently graduated from that category, in line with the provisions contained in the host country agreement (for the complete list of those countries, please see the information provided by the host country at https://social.desa.un.org/sites/default/files/2025-08/WSS%20English_Rev_11%20%281%29.pdf). The head of delegation, along with up to five additional delegation members, will be hosted. This includes the provision of:

- Flight tickets
- Accommodation
- Local transportation

114. The host country will provide support to official delegations from small island developing States (for the complete list of those States, please see the information provided by the host country at the above link). This includes the provision of:

- Flight tickets
- Accommodation
- Local transportation

115. However, the level of service will be determined by the level of the head of delegation. For further details, please see the information provided by the host country at the above link.

116. The host country will also provide accommodation and local transportation for all other official delegations not specified above. The level of service provided will be determined by the level of the head of delegation, as follows:

- Head of State or Government: six rooms
- Minister: four rooms
- Other: one room

117. Further information will be provided by the host country and communicated directly to each designated focal point.

118. Delegations should reach out to delegations@gm.gov.qa in case of questions.

XVI. Hotel accommodation

A. Official government delegations

119. The host country will provide accommodation for official delegations in accordance with the provisions set out in section XIV above.

B. Participants and delegates

120. All other participants and delegates are responsible for arranging their own hotel accommodation, unless otherwise notified. Given the high demand for lodging in Doha during the week of the Summit, early booking is strongly encouraged.

121. Please refer to annex I below for preferential room rates at designated hotels for participants of the Summit.

122. Each hotel will feature an information desk in the lobby to assist participants throughout the duration of the Summit.

XVII. Climate

123. In November, average temperatures range from 23 to 32°C (73–90°F) and daily high temperatures in Doha are typically around 29°C (84°F), while evenings are cool, with lows of around 23°C (73°F). Humidity levels are lower than in the summer months, and there is a low chance of rain.

XVIII. Internet services

124. Wi-Fi is available throughout the Qatar National Convention Centre and will be open and free. There will be a delegates' lounge with a limited number of personal computers and printers available.

XIX. General information

125. For general information regarding Qatar, please visit the Summit website: <https://social.desa.un.org/world-summit-2025/visit-qatar>.

Voltage

126. Qatar uses type G electrical plugs and sockets (as does the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland). The standard voltage is 240 V, and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.



127. Electric appliances can be used in Qatar if the standard voltage in the home country is 220–240 V (as in the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa). A step-down power converter is needed if you are travelling to Qatar from a country that uses 100–120 V.

Banking services and currency

128. The currency in Qatar is the Qatari riyal (QR).

129. The prevailing exchange rates at the end of August 2025 were as follows: 1 United States dollar was equivalent to 3.64 Qatari riyals, and 1 euro was equivalent

to 4.24 Qatari riyals. Automatic teller machines are widely available at hotels and malls and around the city.

130. All major credit cards are accepted.

Annex I

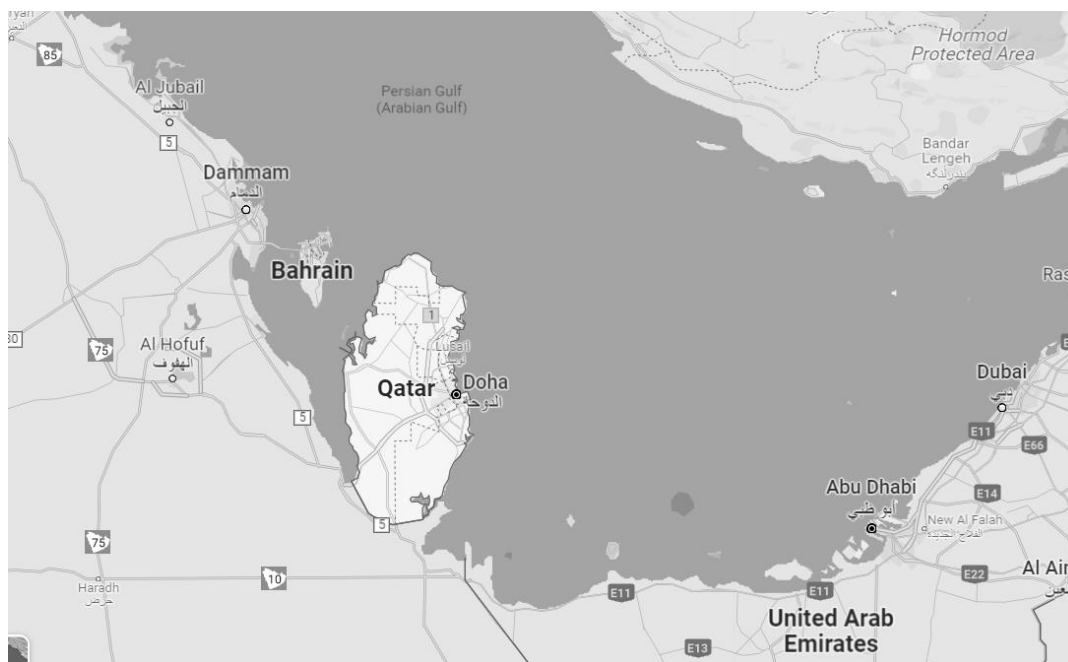
List of designated hotels with preferential room rates for participants

<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Distance to Summit venue</i>	<i>Room rate (Qatari riyals)</i>	<i>Contact person for reservation</i>	<i>Email and phone number</i>
Andaz Doha	13.0 km	Standard room with city view, single occupancy: QR 575 Standard room with sea view, single occupancy: QR 625 Andaz suite with sea view, single occupancy: QR 1,200 (breakfast included)	Raghida Jouni (Government Sales Manager)	raghida.jouni@andaz.com +974 5076 7471
Dusit Doha Hotel	13.5 km	Deluxe room: QR 475 Premier room: QR 575 Junior suite: QR 750 Premier suite: QR 900 (breakfast included)	Mirelle Mendoza Michael Habib (Cluster Hotel Manager)	mendoza.mirelle@dusit.com +974 7119 1686 Michael.habib@dusit.com +974 3147 8065
Hilton Doha	14.7 km	King sea view room: QR 600 (breakfast included in Mawasem all day dining restaurant)	Youssef Nader (Groups, Conference and Events Director)	Youssef.Nader@Hilton.com +974 7011 9063 doha.reservations@hilton.com +974 4423 3333
Marriott Marquis City Centre Doha	13.6 km	Deluxe single room: QR 650 (breakfast included)	Abdallah Shehab (MP Director of EBC and Catering Sales)	Abdallah.shehab@marriott.com +974 5521 9949
Mondrian Doha West Bay Lagoon	19.3 km	Standard single room: QR 550 Single loft suite: QR 950 Deluxe single loft suite: QR 1,200 (breakfast included)	Houda Slim (Assistant Director of Sales)	(Please mention the code "GRMOF25" to access the exclusive rate) mondriandohares@mondrianhotels.com +974 4045 5777 Houda.Slim@mondrianhotels.com +974 5050 9716
Pullman Doha West Bay	12.2 km	Superior single room: QR 450 Executive suite: QR 850 Deluxe executive suite: QR 950 Two-bedroom suite: QR 1,600 Penthouse suite: QR 6,000 (breakfast included)	Moutaz Attyiat (Director of Sales and Marketing)	Moutaz.Attyiat@accor.com +974 3354 5288
Retaj Al Rayyan Hotel	13.5 km	Single room: QR 350 Twin room: QR 400 (breakfast included)	Mohamed Elshobaki (Cluster Assistant Sales Manager)	reservations@retaj-alrayyan.com crs@retaj.com +974 7774 4061

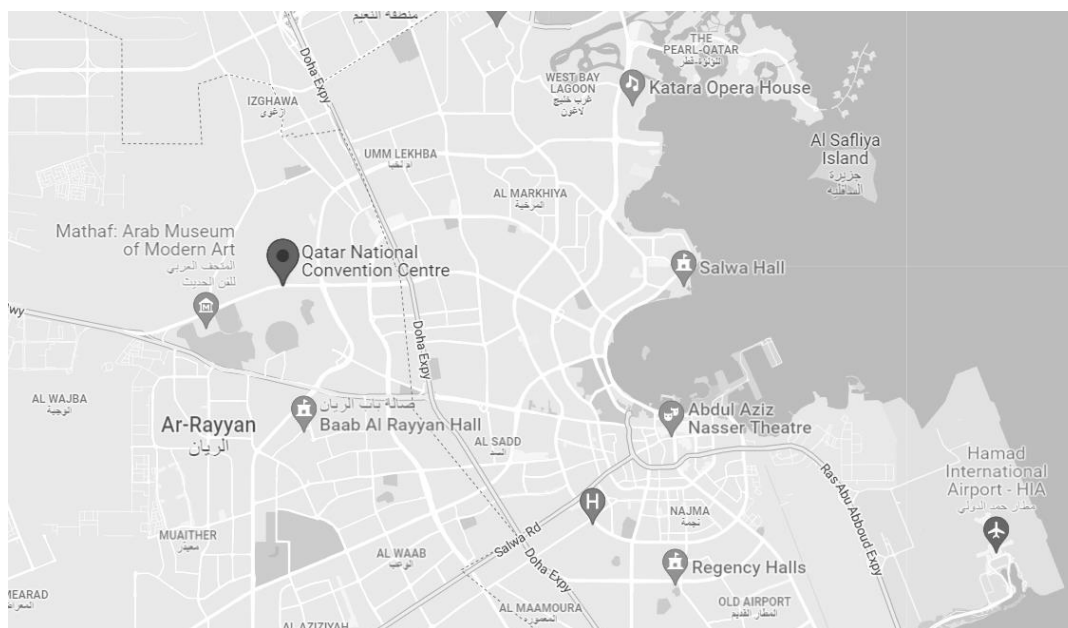
<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Distance to Summit venue</i>	<i>Room rate (Qatari riyals)</i>	<i>Contact person for reservation</i>	<i>Email and phone number</i>
Waldorf Astoria Doha West Bay	13.9 km	Standard single room: QR 575 Deluxe suite: QR 1,200 (breakfast included)	Hadi Faddoul (Commercial Director)	Reservations.Doha@waldorf-astoria.com +974 4008 9000 hadi.faddoul@waldorf-astoria.com +974 6651 6699
Wyndham Doha West Bay	12.0 km	Single room: QR 450 Double room: QR 500 Single executive suite: QR 800 (breakfast included)	Reservations Douma Seihoub (Senior Sales Manager)	reservations@wyndham-dwb.com +974 4008 7002 Douma.seihoub@wyndham-dwb.com +974 5511 7228

Annex II

1. Map of Qatar



2. Map of Doha



The venue of the Summit is the Qatar National Convention Centre (www.qncc.qa).

A virtual tour of the Centre is available at www.qncc.qa/virtualtour.

Information about the Centre is available at www.qncc.qa/the-venue.

3. Map of Doha metro

The venue of the Summit is the Qatar National Convention Centre. The closest metro station to the venue is Education City. Participants must take the green line to Education City metro station. Shuttle services will be in place to transport guests to the venue.

Hamad International Airport is connected to the city by the red line.

