



Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

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Information note for participants

I. Background

1. By its resolutions [73/242](#), [74/232](#), [74/232 B](#), [75/227](#) and [76/251](#), the General Assembly decided to convene the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and to hold it in two parts, on the following dates:

- (a) 17 March 2022, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (first part);
- (b) 5–9 March, in Doha (second part).

2. At the first part, the Conference adopted the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [76/258](#).

3. The second part of the Conference will be convened in Doha at the highest possible level, including with the participation of Heads of State and Government, and will have the following mandate:

(a) To undertake a comprehensive appraisal of the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action by the least developed countries and their development partners, share best practices and lessons learned and identify obstacles and constraints encountered as well as actions and initiatives needed to overcome them;

(b) To identify effective international and domestic policies in the light of the outcome of the appraisal as well as new and emerging challenges and opportunities and the means to address them;

(c) To reaffirm the global commitment to addressing the special needs of the least developed countries made at major United Nations conferences and summits, including in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030;

(d) To mobilize additional international support measures and action, in addition to domestic resources, in favour of the least developed countries and, in this regard, to formulate and adopt a renewed partnership between the least developed countries and their development partners, including the private sector, civil society and governments at all levels.

4. The Conference will be preceded by pre-conference events that will take place on 4 March 2023.



5. The venue of the Conference is the Qatar National Convention Centre, located in Gharafat Al Rayyan, on the Dukhan Highway close to the city of Doha (www.qncc.qa).
6. Additional information on the Conference is available on the Conference website (www.un.org/ldc5), which is updated regularly.

II. Secretariat of the Conference

7. In its resolution [74/232](#), the General Assembly decided that the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States should be the focal point for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, in order to ensure that preparations for the Conference are carried out effectively and to mobilize and coordinate the active involvement of the entire United Nations system.
8. The Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Rabab Fatima, will serve as the Secretary-General of the Conference.
9. The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management, Movses Abelian, will serve as the Secretary of the Conference.

III. Organization of work of the second part of the Conference and seating arrangements

10. The proposed organization of work of the second part of the Conference will be made available in advance of the Conference.
11. The opening plenary meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 5 March 2023, in the plenary hall.
12. Statements will be made by the President of the Conference, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Chair of the Group of Least Developed Countries, representatives of development partners and a youth representative from a least developed country.
13. A high-level event dedicated to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Group of Least Developed Countries will be held in the morning of 5 March 2023.
14. Owing to space limitations in the Conference venue, at the opening of the second part of the Conference and at subsequent plenary meetings, the delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Union will be assigned four seats: two seats at the table and two adviser seats behind. Limited seating will also be available and specifically assigned to other Conference participants. A secondary access card, in addition to a Conference badge, will be required for access to the plenary hall to attend the opening plenary meeting and subsequent plenary meetings, details of which will be communicated closer to the date of the Conference. Participants are encouraged to be seated by 8.45 a.m. on 5 March. Delegations will be seated in English alphabetical order.
15. The high-level thematic round tables will be held in the Thematic Round Tables Hall on the ground floor. The delegation of each participating State and that of the European Union will be assigned two seats: one delegate seat and one adviser seat. In addition, intergovernmental organizations and organizations of the United Nations

system participating in a given round table will be assigned one seat at the table. Further details of how to register for participation in a round table will be provided in the *Journal of the United Nations* and via the e-deleGATE portal in the weeks before the Conference.

IV. Agenda, programme of work and list of speakers

16. On 17 March 2022, the Conference adopted its agenda and rules of procedure, as contained in documents [A/CONF.219/2022/1](#) and [A/CONF.219/2022/2](#), respectively.

17. The programme of meetings, including the list of speakers for the general debate, will be made available daily in the edition of the *Journal of the United Nations* dedicated to the Conference, and will include such details as daily activities, titles, times and locations of meetings, agenda items to be considered and relevant documentation.

18. The programme of meetings will also be made available in the Conference application, which will be released and made available for download prior to the Conference.

19. There will be 10 plenary meetings, including the opening and closing meetings. The list of speakers for the general debate will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of State or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. The European Union, in its capacity as observer, may also be included in the list of speakers. The details for inscription in the list of speakers and applicable time limits will be announced in the *Journal of the United Nations* and via the e-deleGATE portal. Representatives of the following entities may make a statement in the general debate in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference: (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and work of the General Assembly; (b) associate members of regional commissions; (c) specialized agencies and related organizations; (d) other intergovernmental organizations; (e) interested United Nations organs; and (f) non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other organizations or institutions accredited to participate in the Conference in accordance with Assembly resolutions [74/232 A](#) and [75/227](#).

20. In addition to the discussions in the plenary and the round tables, other parallel events will be held, including side events and special events such as the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Group of Least Developed Countries; the private sector forum; the civil society forum; and the ministerial meeting on South-South cooperation. Pre-conference events, including the summit of the Group of Least Developed Countries, the parliamentary forum, the youth forum and the civil society forum, will be held on 4 March 2023.

V. High-level thematic round tables

21. Eight high-level thematic round tables will be held in the Thematic Round Tables Hall in parallel with the plenary meetings, as follows:

- Round table 1: Investing in people in least developed countries to leave no one behind (Sunday, 5 March; afternoon)

- Round table 2: Leveraging the power of science, technology and innovation for the sustainable development of least developed countries (Monday, 6 March; morning)
- Round table 3: Structural transformation as a driver of prosperity in least developed countries (Monday, 6 March; afternoon)
- Round table 4: Enhancing the participation of least developed countries in international trade and regional integration (Tuesday, 7 March; morning)
- Round table 5: Addressing climate change and supporting the environment (Tuesday, 7 March; afternoon)
- Round table 6: Sustainable recovery from the pandemic and building the resilience of least developed countries against future shocks (Wednesday, 8 March; morning)
- Round table 7: Resource mobilization and strengthened global partnerships for sustainable development in least developed countries (Wednesday, 8 March; afternoon)
- Round table 8: Supporting sustainable and irreversible graduation from the least developed country category (Thursday, 9 March; morning)

22. In accordance with the agreed modalities of the high-level thematic round tables ([A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/L.5](#)), each round table will be co-chaired by two Chairs, one from a least developed country and one from a development partner, to be appointed by the President of the Conference from representatives at the Head of State or Government level or the ministerial level. Invitations for expressions of interest from Member States to act as Co-Chairs of thematic round tables will be issued in the weeks before the Conference.

23. The Secretary-General of the Conference will identify one keynote speaker and up to four panellists for each session. The keynote address and presentations by high-level panellists will be followed by an interactive debate among representatives of States and other relevant stakeholders.

24. The high-level thematic round tables will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature, and will be open to all participating States, the European Union and up to 15 other observers, including associate members of regional commissions and relevant entities of the United Nations system, and up to 12 representatives of the private sector, civil society and other relevant stakeholders.

25. States participating in the Conference, the European Union and other observers are encouraged to be represented at the sessions at the highest possible level.

26. At the discretion of the Co-Chairs, priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives of other stakeholders. Efforts will be made to ensure that participation at the high-level thematic round tables reflects a balance between speakers from participating States and stakeholders. It is envisaged that representatives of up to 25 States and eight other participants would be accommodated to speak during the interactive debate of each session. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions should not exceed three minutes.

27. Each of the high-level thematic round tables will begin with statements by the Co-Chairs. A summary of each of the sessions will be presented orally by one of the Co-Chairs at the closing plenary meeting and will be included in the final report of the Conference.

VI. Bilateral meetings

28. For bilateral meetings among Member States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, 10 small meeting rooms, each with the capacity to hold 10–12 participants, will be available on the second floor of the Qatar National Convention Centre from 5 to 9 March 2023.

29. An electronic reservation system for bilateral meetings will be activated in gMeets (<https://conferences.unite.un.org/gMeets>) on 24 February 2023 in order to provide for the equitable and efficient use of facilities. Delegations are requested to submit reservations electronically in gMeets by logging in with their username and password and clicking on the “Bilateral” tab. If an account is required, please contact thana@un.org, with a copy to alejandrino@un.org and gmeets-helpdesk@un.org. To prevent double bookings, only the delegation initiating the bilateral meeting should submit the request. Reservations will be accepted for 20-minute periods starting on the hour and the 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.

30. 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 requests as early as possible. The accommodation of late requests will be subject to the availability of space. Delegations requiring further information should send their questions and enquiries to gmeets@un.org, with a copy to tongx@un.org, thana@un.org and alejandrino@un.org. When sending the email, “LDC5-bilats” should be indicated in the subject line. When on site, delegations may also contact the meetings management staff located in front of room 235.

VII. Interpretation

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

32. Statements made in any of the six official languages of the Conference will be 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.

33. 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 sending an email to gmeets@un.org, with a copy to tongx@un.org and kochetkov@un.org. The requesting delegation and the language to be used should be specified in the subject line.

34. 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@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.

VIII. Documentation

35. The official documentation of the Conference will be issued in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

Distribution of official documents

36. All conference documents will be available on the Conference website. The edition of the *Journal of the United Nations* dedicated to the Conference will be produced in the six official languages and will be available on the Conference website.

IX. Registration of participants and credentials

37. As specified in the rules of procedure, the Conference will be open to the delegations and representatives of the following:

- (a) States;
- (b) European Union;
- (c) Associate members of regional commissions;
- (d) Intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and work of the General Assembly;
- (e) Specialized agencies and related organizations;
- (f) Other intergovernmental organizations;
- (g) Interested organs of the United Nations;
- (h) NGOs and other organizations or institutions accredited to participate in the Conference in accordance with General Assembly resolutions [74/232 A](#) and [75/227](#).

38. The registration of official delegations of participating Member and observer States and of the European Union, intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, associate members of the regional commissions, specialized agencies and related organizations is handled by the Protocol and Liaison Service through the online e-registration system, which is available via the e-deleGATE portal (<https://edelegate.un.int>). A note verbale dated 1 December 2022 highlighting the registration procedure was circulated by the Protocol and Liaison Service to all permanent and observer missions and offices in New York, and is available on the Protocol website at www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol.

39. To register for the Conference, official delegations must go through the designated e-registration focal points of their permanent or observer mission or liaison office in New York, who have access to the e-registration system. Delegations are advised to do so as early as possible to ensure timely registration.

40. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations accredited with the General Assembly, associate members of regional commissions, specialized agencies and related organizations without an office in New York that wish to participate in the Conference must enrol in the online e-registration system in advance (no later than 31 January 2023) in order to register for the Conference. To enrol in the system, please follow the instructions in the guidelines for applying for an e-registration account on the Protocol and Liaison Service website.¹
41. Delegations wishing to obtain information on the e-registration system may refer to the updated guidelines on e-registration and the frequently asked questions on the Protocol website at www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings.
42. Pre-registration in New York for the Conference is open from Monday, 5 December 2022, to 15 February 2023 for designated e-registration users of the missions or offices through the online e-registration system.
43. On-site registration and the collection of Conference badges and secondary access cards for pre-registered participants will begin on Tuesday, 28 February 2023, and continue until 1 p.m. on Thursday, 9 March 2023, at the United Nations registration centre in Doha.
44. Following past practice, Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses and their spouses will be provided with a VIP pass without a photograph. Delegates at the level of Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet Minister and their spouses will be issued a VIP pass with a photograph.
45. Missions and offices are kindly reminded that, as part of the registration process, copies of credentials and delegation lists must be uploaded to the e-registration system at the time of the online submission. Please note also that passport-size colour photographs (with a white background) of all listed members of delegations, including the VIPs specified in the paragraph above (except Heads of State or Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes or Princesses and their spouses), are a mandatory requirement and must be uploaded with the registration form for each member of the delegation. All photographs must be recent and have been taken no more than six months before the Conference. Please note that the review and verification process for online registrations may take up to 4 or 5 days.
46. Members of the national security details accompanying VIP and VVIP groups attending the Conference must be registered between 5 December 2022 and 15 February 2023 and have appropriate Conference badges issued by the Department of Safety and Security. For additional information, please contact ldc5security@un.org.
47. Delegations are kindly reminded that the Protocol and Liaison Service will not register representatives of NGOs who do not form part of the official delegations of participating States, intergovernmental organizations, associate members of the regional commissions, specialized agencies and related organizations. Participants attending side events in the margins of the Conference should not be included in the official credentials or official delegation lists.
48. Delegates seeking on-site registration will be required to present proof of credentials or an official letter of nomination or letter of delegation, together with a passport or valid government-issued photo identification. Upon verification and approval by the protocol registration office, delegates may proceed to the badging booth for a photograph for the issuance of a Conference badge.

¹ See www.un.org/dgacm/sites/www.un.org.dgacm/files/Documents_Protocol/guidelines_to_apply_for_eregistration_account_2_september_2021_rev1_original_1.pdf.

49. Permanent or observer missions are strongly advised to coordinate as early as possible with their embassies and consulates general in Doha or in the region on the proper registration procedure and to make use of the pre-registration option in New York to avoid long queues at the registration centre in Doha.

50. From 26 February 2023, all official communications, including credentials, lists of delegations and Conference-related materials, should be sent to the protocol registration office at the registration centre located in the Conference venue in Doha, by fax or by email to protocolconference@un.org. The fax number will be made available and posted on the Protocol and Liaison Service website no later than 20 February 2023.

51. Conference badges for approved in-person participants, as well as secondary access cards, will be issued and distributed between 28 February 2023 and 1 p.m. on 9 March 2023 at the United Nations registration centre in the Conference venue.

52. Approved in-person participants may collect their Conference badges by visiting the registration centre and presenting the approval emails issued by the United Nations along with their passports or government-issued photo identification. Only approved in-person participants will be issued a Conference badge for access to the Conference venue.

53. Conference badges for approved in-person participants may also be collected by representatives of the embassies or consulates general of the delegations in Qatar or in the region. For this purpose, a note verbale (bearing an official stamp) from the permanent mission of the delegation to the United Nations in New York or the embassy or consulate general in Doha, indicating the name (in English) and mobile telephone number of the representative authorized to collect the Conference badges and secondary access cards for the delegation, must be presented to the registration centre along with a passport or government-issued photo identification of the representative in order to collect the Conference badges and secondary access cards. Please note that copies of the passports of members of the delegation must also be presented together with the note verbale in order to collect the Conference badges.

54. Delegates and representatives collecting the Conference 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 delegation. The registration centre will not reissue duplicate passes or secondary access cards.

55. The office hours of the registration centre in Doha are as follows (subject to change):

28 February–3 March 2023	9.30 a.m.–6 p.m.
4–5 March 2023	8 a.m.–6 p.m.
6–8 March 2023	8 a.m.–5 p.m.
9 March 2023	8 a.m.–1 p.m.

56. All costs of participation will be the responsibility of the participants. The Government of Qatar will provide financial assistance to facilitate the participation of government, parliamentary, civil society, private sector, youth and media representatives of the 46 least developed countries. For questions regarding travel sponsorship for representatives, contact the Conference secretariat at ldc5@un.org.

Credentials

57. Credentials must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission. The credentials of representatives and the names of

alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

58. Delegations that have not submitted credentials that cover the second part of the Conference or that may wish to update their credentials should deliver the original hard copy of the formal credentials to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the thirty-sixth floor of the Secretariat Building at United Nations Headquarters in New York, no later than 26 February 2023. A scanned copy of the credentials, as well as other communications containing the names of representatives attending the Conference (such as letters and notes verbales from the permanent missions), should be submitted using the online e-Credentials module, which can be accessed via the e-deleGATE portal.

59. In addition, during the Conference, the original hard copies of credentials may be submitted to a representative of the Office of Legal Affairs at the Conference venue.

List of participants

60. To facilitate the compilation of the list of participants, delegations of States, associate members of regional commissions, intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies and related organizations are requested to submit a comprehensive list of the members of their delegation to the Conference organizers, indicating the functional titles and designations of the delegates, using the e-List of participants module available via the e-deleGATE portal. Further details will be provided at a later date.

X. Participation of non-government actors

61. NGOs, civil society organizations, including youth organizations, academic institutions and the private sector are invited to participate in the deliberations of the Conference, as appropriate, in accordance with the rules of procedure and the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions [74/232 A](#) and [75/227](#). Requests and questions from civil society participants should be sent to ldc5@un.org.

Accreditation to the Conference

62. The General Assembly, in its resolution [74/232 A](#), stressed the importance of the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders, including parliamentarians, civil society and the private sector, in the Conference and its preparatory process and decided to invite NGOs that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to register with the Conference secretariat in order to participate.

63. NGOs that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other stakeholders are invited to apply for accreditation using the application form for special accreditation administered by the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service. The form will be available at <https://indico.un.org/event/1003336> until 12 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on 7 December 2022. For support, please contact the Liaison Service at npls@un.org.

Registration for the Conference

64. NGOs, private sector organizations and other stakeholders who receive special accreditation, as well as those in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, are invited to register individual representatives. Links for each category of NGO stakeholder are provided on the Conference website at www.un.org/ldc5/get-

involved. Pre-registration and approval are required for all NGO stakeholders. On-site registration will not be permitted.

XI. Media arrangements and services

Live coverage

65. The Department of Global Communications will provide live and on-demand streaming of the Conference in all official languages via United Nations WebTV (<http://webtv.un.org>). Livestream coverage will include the plenary meetings, thematic round tables and press conferences.

66. Press releases, official documents, the edition of the *Journal of the United Nations* dedicated to the Conference, statements and other information materials will be made available on the Conference website. The Conference will be covered on Twitter with the hashtag #LDC5, and participants are encouraged to share content on their own social media platforms using the hashtag.

67. The Government Communications Office of Qatar will facilitate pooled broadcast signals for all formal events of the Conference, as well as the youth and private sector tracks.

Media accreditation

68. Media representatives, including journalists, photographers and videographers, who are not part of an official delegation must apply for accreditation through the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit using the form available at <https://indico.un.org/UNHQ/#media>.

69. Media representatives who are part of an official delegation must register through their permanent or observer mission or liaison office in New York (designated e-registration users). Please follow the instructions available at www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/pdf/eRegistration_guide_media_passes.pdf.

70. Media pre-accreditation is open until 15 February 2023. The on-site registration of delegation media representatives and the collection of Conference badges for pre-registered media representatives will begin on 28 February 2023 and continue until 1 p.m. on Thursday, 9 March 2023, at the United Nations registration centre in Doha. Delegation media personnel seeking on-site registration will be required to present a note verbale (bearing an official stamp) from the permanent mission to the United Nations in New York or the embassy or consulate general in Doha, together with a valid passport. For questions regarding media accreditation for the Conference, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit at malu@un.org.

Press conferences

71. Daily press briefings by the spokesperson for the Conference will be held in the press briefing room at times to be announced. The room will also be available for press conferences organized by delegations and United Nations organizations. Requests for press conferences should be submitted by email to ldc5@un.org, with "Press conferences" in the subject line. Requests must be made in writing by a senior official of the delegation wishing to hold the press conference and should include the names of the speakers, their titles, the subjects to be discussed and any relevant time preferences or constraints.

72. Press conferences 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 press conference, as well as United Nations officials covering the press conferences.

73. A daily schedule of press conferences will be posted in the media centre and in the edition of the *Journal of the United Nations* dedicated to the Conference. A schedule will also be available at the media desk in the Conference venue and will be sent to registered media organizations by email.

Media facilities

74. A media centre for use by all journalists accredited to cover the Conference will be available in the Conference venue. The plenary meetings and other activities will be broadcast live in the media centre, and audiovisual feeds of the plenary meetings, press conferences and other events will be provided to broadcasters live upon request.

75. A press kit containing background information relevant to the Conference will be made available in the media centre and posted on the Conference website. During the Conference, the spokesperson in Doha will be available to provide information to journalists on background and on the record.

Access to the media by Governments and non-governmental organizations

76. 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 the public information officer in the Conference secretariat.

XII. Side events

77. A diverse programme of side events will be held during the Conference outside the formal sessions, organized by Member States, United Nations system entities, civil society organizations, academic institutions, think tanks and other major groups. The organizing entity will be fully responsible for the event.

78. A full list of side events will be available on the Conference website, including programme and other details and information on how to register for participation.

XIII. Exhibitions

79. A dedicated exhibition space with booths will be made available to all stakeholders, including Governments, civil society organizations and United Nations system entities. Exhibitions will showcase sustainable development issues pertinent to least developed countries, such as poverty eradication, health, education, the environment and women and girls. They may feature photographic and multimedia displays that illustrate those topics using images, facts and data. Details and information on how to apply can be found on the Conference website at www.un.org/ldc5/ldc5-exhibitions.

80. A separate area with booths will be made available for the private sector. A separate application process for private sector booths is in place. For details, please visit www.un.org/ldc5/private-sector-forum.

XIV. Security

81. From 2 March 2023, access to the Conference venue premises and the surrounding area will be limited strictly to persons properly accredited to the Conference by the United Nations.

82. Conference badges for all delegations, participants from intergovernmental organizations, United Nations entities and the media and representatives of NGOs, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the private sector and youth organizations will be issued at the registration centre located in the Conference venue until 1 p.m. on 9 March 2023. The security arrangements for the Conference are set out below.

83. For all types of emergency at the Conference venue, and to coordinate the appropriate response, please contact United Nations security staff (wearing the United Nations uniform) located at the venue.

84. Members of the national security details accompanying VIP and VVIP groups attending the Conference must be registered and have appropriate Conference badges issued by the Department of Safety and Security.

85. Delegation vehicles and United Nations vehicles that are not provided by the Government of Qatar will require a special decal to access the Conference venue. Applications for security decals must be submitted on site by means of a note verbale presented to the Department of Safety and Security in the registration area of the Conference venue.

Access to and within the Conference venue during the Conference

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

87. Participants who do not complete the pre-registration procedure must follow the normal procedure of having a photograph taken and a badge issued upon their arrival in the registration area of the Conference venue.

88. As part of the security arrangements, all participants in the Conference will be required to present their invitations together with their passports at the entrance before proceeding to the registration area of the Conference venue in order to register and collect their security passes for the Conference. Security passes must be worn visibly at all times at the Conference venue. All persons and their bags and luggage will be screened at the entrance to the venue.

89. On-site registration will begin at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 February 2023, and the desk will remain open until 6 p.m. The registration desk will then be open as follows:

28 February–3 March 2023	9.30 a.m.–6 p.m.
4–5 March 2023	8 a.m.–6 p.m.
6–8 March 2023	8 a.m.–5 p.m.
9 March 2023	8 a.m.–1 p.m.

90. For additional information and enquiries on security arrangements related to the Conference, please contact ldc5security@un.org.

Loss of grounds pass or personal items

91. The loss of a Conference badge or any personal item at the Conference venue must be reported to the registration centre and/or the Department of Safety and Security.

XV. Health services and coronavirus prevention and mitigation measures

92. The United Nations and the host country have been jointly developing a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) prevention and mitigation plan for the Conference

based on the relevant guidelines of Qatar and the sanitary standards applicable to intergovernmental meetings organized by the United Nations. Details will be made available on the Conference website. Owing to the evolving nature of the situation, participants are encouraged to review that information regularly.

93. In-person participants must comply with the COVID-19 measures in place. In particular, they must not attend meetings if they exhibit symptoms associated with COVID-19.

First aid

94. An on-site medical service will provide all first aid facilities at the Convention venue. Please also take note of the following information:

- The telephone number for medical emergencies is 999
- The closest hospital to the venue is Hamad General Hospital (public hospital)

XVI. Entry requirements

95. The Government of Qatar will facilitate special entry permits for all participants registered to attend the Conference.

96. All participants travelling to Qatar are required to carry a valid passport and special entry permit. The validity period of the passports or travel documents of foreigners wishing to enter Qatar must extend at least six months past the date stated on the special entry permit.

97. Official registration confirmation or valid invitation letters provided by the United Nations should be submitted at the same time as the application for a special entry permit. Special entry permits will be issued free of charge to registered participants. For information on registration for the Conference, see section IX above or visit www.un.org/ldc5/registration.

98. All registered participants must apply for a special entry permit. The link for applications will be sent to participants upon official registration. For any questions, please contact ldc5@un.org, with “Special entry permit” in the subject line.

99. The registration link for the special entry permit will be open from the beginning of January.

100. The special entry permit issued by the Government of Qatar will provide an exemption from generally applicable quarantine requirements in accordance with the national COVID-19 response plan. Further information will be made available on the Conference website.

XVII. Arrival in Doha and local transportation

101. To facilitate the reception of official delegations on arrival and departure, a dedicated welcome and information desk will be set up at Hamad International Airport.

102. The Government of Qatar will provide official transportation services in the form of one limousine for each Head of State or Government or ministerial-level delegate and shuttle buses for other Conference participants, between Hamad International Airport, designated hotels and the Qatar National Convention Centre.

103. Each participant will be offered a free rail card to be used for the duration of the Conference. A map of the Doha metro system is contained in annex II.

XVIII. Hotel accommodation

104. A list of recommended hotels is provided in annex I.

105. The host country will provide lunch at the Conference venue for all registered participants free of charge for the duration of the Conference.

XIX. Climate

106. March is typically the one of the coldest months in Doha. Temperatures are mild, however, averaging between 12.8°C (55°F) and 21.7°C (71.1°F).

107. In March, rain falls for 1.7 days on average and regularly results in accumulated precipitation of up to 13.2 mm (0.52 inches). Snowfall in Qatar is extremely unlikely at any time of the year.

XX. Voltage

108. Qatar uses type D and type G electrical plugs and sockets. The standard voltage is 240 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.



109. Electrical appliances can be used in Qatar if the standard voltage in the home country is 220–240 V (as in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the rest of Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa). A step-down power converter is needed if bringing appliances to Qatar from a country that uses 100–120 volts.

XXI. Banking services and currency

110. The currency of Qatar is the Qatari riyal (QR).

111. The prevailing exchange rates at the end of November 2022 were as follows: 1 United States dollar was equivalent to 3.65 Qatari riyals and 1 euro was equivalent to 3.85 Qatari riyals.

112. All major credit cards are accepted.

XXII. Internet services

113. Wi-Fi will be available throughout the Conference venue and will be open and free. A limited number of computers will be available in the delegates' lounge with access to the Internet.

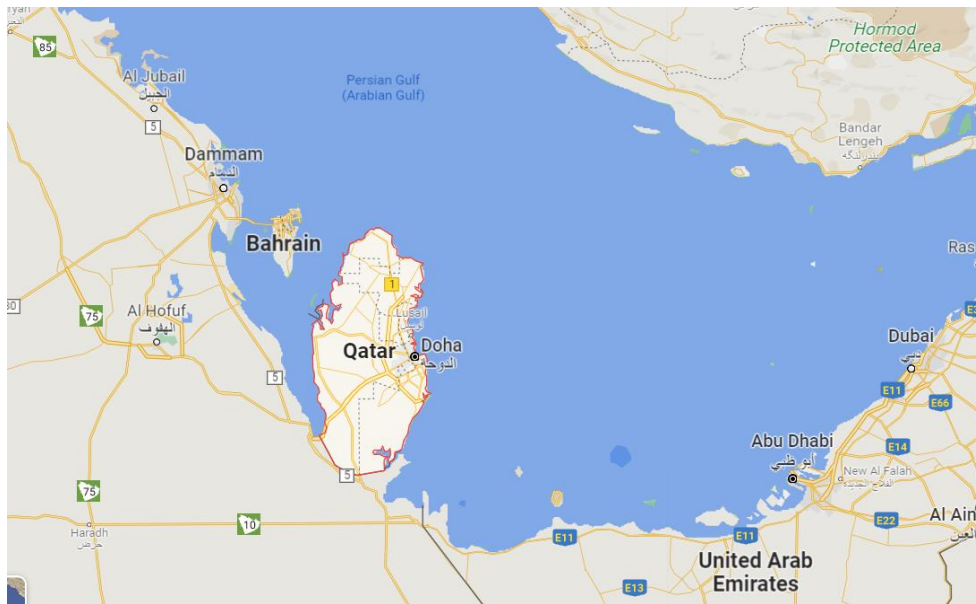
Annex I

List of designated hotels

<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Distance to Conference venue</i>	<i>Room rate (Qatari riyals)</i>	<i>Contact person for reservation</i>	<i>Email and telephone number</i>
Hilton Doha	12.9 km	Single room: QR 450 Double room: QR 500 Deluxe single room: QR 500 Deluxe double room: QR 550 (breakfast included)	Saloua Salek (Assistant Manager) Abir Abidi (Sales Manager)	saloua.salek@hilton.com +974 4423 3106 abir.abidi@hilton.com +974 5001 4492
Marriott Marquis City Centre Doha	11.8 km	Single room: QR 500 Twin room: QR 560 (breakfast included)	Ali Hamed Minelli De Kretser (Multi-property Director)	mhrs.dohmq.reservations@marriott.com +974 4419 5000 ali.hamed@marriott.com minelli.dekretser@marriott.com
JW Marriott Marquis City Centre Doha Hotel	11.2 km	Single room: QR 600 Double room: QR 660 Superior room: QR 700 Executive suite: QR 950 (breakfast included)	Ali Hamed Amro Mousa (Reservations Manager)	jw.dohjb.reservations@marriott.com +974 4429 5000 amro.mousa@marriotthotels.com
Le Méridien City Center Doha Hotel	11.2 km	Deluxe single room: QR 575 Deluxe double room: QR 635 (breakfast included)	Minelli De Kretser (Multi-property Director) Ali Hamed (Assistant Reservations Manager)	reservations.lemeridiencycenterdoha@marriott.com minelli.dekretser@marriott.com ali.hamed@marriott.com
Retaj Al Rayyan Hotel	12.5 km	Single room: QR 275 Twin room: QR 325 (breakfast included)	Ahmed Amer (Senior Sales Manager)	reservations@retaj-alrayyan.com a_amer@retaj.com +974 3304 9296
Pullman Doha West Bay	10.3 km	Single room: QR 450 Double room: QR 550 (breakfast included)	Walid Kamel (Director of Sales and Marketing)	reservations.pullmandoha@accor.com walid.kamel@accor.com +974 4009 4000

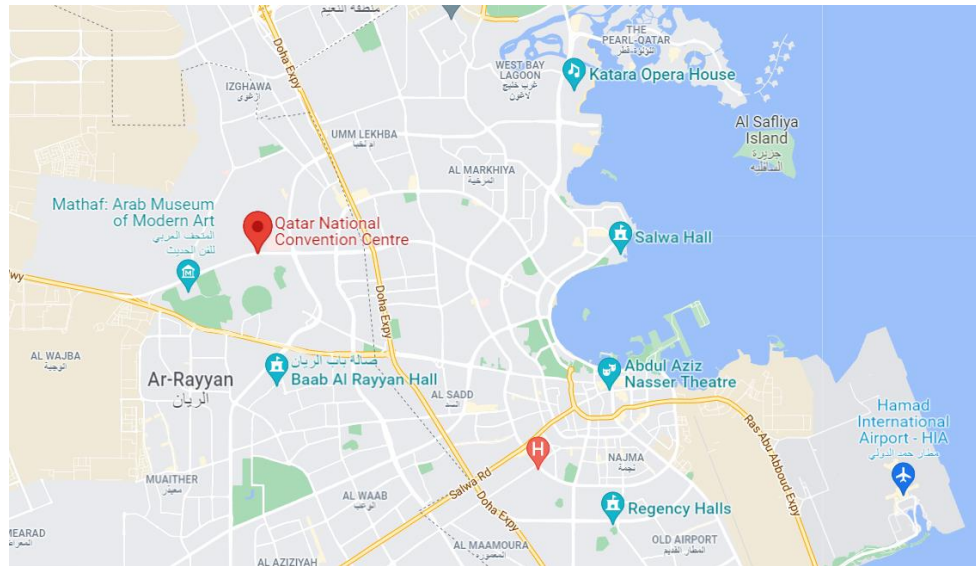
Annex II

1. Map of Qatar



Source: Google Maps.

2. Map of Doha



Source: Google Maps.

A virtual tour of the Qatar National Convention Centre is available at www.qncc.qa/about-qncc/360-virtual-tour, and floor plans can be found at www.qncc.qa/organisers/floor-plans-capacity-charts.

3. Map of Doha metro

Most of the hotels are 5–8 minutes' walk from the Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre (DECC) and West Bay Qatar Petroleum (QP) stations on the red line. To reach the Conference venue participants should change at the Al Bidda station and take the green line to the Qatar National Library stop, which is 5 minutes' walk from the Qatar National Convention Centre.

Shuttle buses will be available between the hotels and the nearby metro stations and between the Qatar National Library station and the Qatar National Convention Centre. The times of the shuttle buses will be provided closer to the date of the Conference.

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

