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Rehabilitation International- Arab Region

Organizes

The fifth International Conference

**“Together for a Better World for all.. Including Persons with
Disabilities in Development”**

Doha – Qatar

25-27 September 2012



H.H Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani
Prince of Qatar



H.H Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Bin
Khalifa Al Thani
Crown Prince of Qatar

The signs of new stage Qatar entered during the rule of H.H. Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani were resembled by: Widening public participation in taking national decisions through rooting consulting process and maintaining freedom and media independence. Then, through adopting right to democratic elections instead of appointment or assignment in many institutions and sectors.

Also it was clear through maximizing interest and care in Youth generation through good and well preparation in the various education stages by developing education methods and programs to meet the needs of the society and to satisfy country needs by well prepared, educated, and qualified generation, creating work opportunities for new graduated generations and lifting all obstacles they may face during their working life, as well as adopting new scientific planning organization to develop commerce of the country and invest all its resources and benefit from all its wealth and encourage private sector and benefit from national and foreign experts and preparing well commercial atmosphere to attract foreign investments, all these steps were additional signs to achieve the goals of development and progress in actor.

*The High Preparatory Committee
Welcomes the Participants in
Rehabilitation International – Fifth Arab Region
Conference*

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Welcome Address

According to the latest report of the World Health Organization and the World Bank, the number of persons with disabilities in the world had reached one billion, equivalent to 1/7 or approximately 15% of world population, and this number is expected to increase permanently.

The report also highlighted on the unacceptable poverty levels beside the of exclusion and isolation faced by people with disabilities, especially in countries of middle and low incomes, where the acute need for equal rights and opportunities for people with disabilities in all aspects of life. The report added that disability considered as a key issue in the process of development, and isolation of persons with disabilities by stakeholders and decision-makers, means excluding a large part of the world. The Millennium development goals will not be achieved if there is billion people is marginalized or neglected. The report concluded that governments and civil society should work together to remove all barriers and obstacles, and provide all necessary facilities to enable people with disabilities to participate in all aspects of development, like the rest of members in the community.

The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities adopted by the United Nations and ratified by 109 countries so far, is a Treaty for Human Rights, and a tool for the development. It provides an opportunity to promote development policies related to implementation of the development goals agreed upon internationally, and thus contribute to achieve a society for all in this century.. And what enhances that, the General Assembly of the United Nations has to convene a high level meeting on disability during 2012 to support and strengthen efforts to ensure the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of development. Consequently, global development efforts must include disability issues in determining its policies and programs and allocate the necessary funds, integrating persons with disabilities in the development is considered as strategy for achieving equality and comprehensive development.

Based on the above, and because Rehabilitation International (RI) since found has been working directly with the United Nations and its agencies in order to secure the rights of Persons with disabilities and rehabilitation, empowerment and ensure equal opportunities for them and their families all over the world,

And Because Rehabilitation International – Arab Region is keen to pursue and advocate disability issues by attracting experts, stakeholders and concerned actors in this field, starting with persons with disabilities, researchers, academics, governmental and non governmental institutions facilitate the monitoring of policies and procedures in preparation for the achievement of social justice for that segment of the world,

And aiming to benefit from the former four conferences was organized by the Rehabilitation International–Arab Region in Beirut, Bahrain, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates and review relevant recommendations and outcomes to be in line with our communities while linking disability problematic issue with development.

And in conformity with contents of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the vision of the United Nations in promoting efforts to ensure the inclusion of Persons with disabilities in all aspects of development efforts,

And basing on all what mentioned, Rehabilitation International – Arab Region organizes its Fifth International Conference entitled “Together for a better world for all.. Including Persons with disabilities in development” in Doha- Qatar from November 25-27, 2012.

This conference, which will be attended by a large number of experts, researchers, academics and Persons with Disabilities, is an important opportunity for the exchange of experiences capacity building and strengthening the bonds of cooperation at individuals and institutional levels regionally and internationally, to benefit and access for achieving an inclusive world for all, including people with disabilities.

We look forward to welcoming you in the City of culture, hospitality and tender, Doha – Qatar, to collaborate for achieving a successful conference.

Khaled El Mohtar
President of Rehabilitation International – Arab Region
President of the Conference

Information about Qatar

Welcome To Qatar

Arriving in Qatar you will find a country that treasures the past and welcomes the future. Moving around our capital city Doha and the rest of the peninsula you will see striking examples of modern architecture



as new shopping malls, hotels and commercial buildings rise to meet 21st century challenges and expectations.

The country is also justly proud of its heritage, with fine examples of traditional buildings, arts and crafts and a magnificent Museum of Islamic Art. Demonstrations of many old crafts can be seen in Souq Waqif with the chance to purchase an interesting memento of your stay.

Facts and Figures

Geography

Qatar is a peninsula 11.521sq km in size, located halfway down the west coast of the Gulf.

The territory of the State comprises, in addition to the mainland, a number of islands including Halul, Sheraouh, Al Beshairiya, Al Safliya and Al Aaliya.

The coastline covers more than 563km with shallow coastal waters in most areas.

The terrain is flat and rocky, with many sand flats and dunes especially in the south. There are some exceptional limestone outcrops in the north and northwest of the country and there are many covers and inlets scattered along the coastline.

The country is centrally placed among the states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which groups it with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

Demography

The total population is presently estimated at nearly 1.7 million and has been increasing at 10-14% per annum in recent years.

Almost 50% of the population resides in the city of Doha, the business and administrative capital.

Climate

The country has a moderate desert climate with pleasant mild winters and hot summers. Winter nights can be cool, but temperatures rarely drop below 7° Celsius. Rainfall is scarce (average 70 mm per year), falling on isolated days mainly between October and March.



Local Time

GMT plus 3 hours throughout the year.

Electricity

The mains electricity is 220-240 volts.

The State of Qatar

The State of Qatar is constitutional monarchy ruled The emir, HH Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani. The Heir Apparent is his son HH Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani.

Religion

Islam is the official religion of the country; it is worth noting that the Muslims live in perfect harmony with little other religion population.

Visas

Citizens of the 33 countries listed below can get a tourist visa on arrival in Qatar, which is valid for two weeks. Nationals of other GCC countries- Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the UAE- can also get a two-week visa on arrival. These visas can be extended for a further two weeks. Citizens from countries not listed below may arrange a visa prior to travel, sponsored by a Qatar-based hotel or tour company.

*** Visas on Arrival**

*Andorra *Australia *Austria * Belgium *Brunei * Canada * Denmark *Finland
*France *Germany *Greece *Hong Kong *Iceland * Ireland *Italy *Japan
*Liechtenstein *Luxemburg *Malaysia *Monaco *Netherlands *New Zealand
*Norway *Portugal *San Marion *Singapore *South Korea *Spain *Sweden
*Switzerland *UK (with the right of abode) *USA *Vatican City.

Business Hours/Holidays

Government ministries and oil, gas and petrochemical companies work Sunday to Thursday 7 am – 2pm.

Some private businesses also follow a one-shift workday, but many have split timings, roughly 7.00 am – 2pm. Shop timings vary but are generally 9.30 am – 10 pm, although the shopping malls tend to be open all day from 7 am – 10 pm. On Fridays most malls open at 1.30 pm, while shopping centers open at 4 pm. Some shops remain closed all day.

Hotels

An unrivalled blend of Qatar's unique Arabian and luxurious modern hospitality awaits you at the many opulent hotels which light up Doha's skyline. Your only difficulty on arrival will be making your choice but, having done so, relax and indulge yourself in the lavish amenities and spectacular dining experiences that await you.

Shopping and Dining

Qatar is a fabulous destination for shopping and dining and offers many opportunities to combine the two, thanks and exciting blend of modern and traditional locations. The multi-cultural fusion of nationalities residing in Qatar guarantees an amazing dining experience.

Traditional Qatari fare is a must, influenced by Qatar's position on the Arabia Gulf coupled with the hot desert climate. The cuisine is an intriguing blend of simple basic ingredients mixed with an amazing range of spices.

A varied selection of small restaurants and take-aways are found dotted around town. Every main street and many of the side streets will have a selection of sandwich shops, and shawarma (lamb or chicken) stalls. Try one of the amazing juice bars crammed full of every fruit you could possible imagine.

The sparkling water of the Arabian Gulf yield a treasure trove of fish and seafood, and no visit to Qatar would be complete without sampling the delicious variety. Seafood restaurants abound- try delicious hammour or the locally caught crayfish, Umm Al Rubiyan. All Five Stars Hotels provided variety kinds of International meals satisfy all visitors' needs.

Souq Waqif

Souq Waqif exudes an old-world charm and is a must see for any visitor to Doha. There is a maze of stone-clad alleyways, lined with dozens of small shops offering a large variety of merchandise, included are perfumes, incense, traditional Qatari clothing, shoes, jewellery, gifts, souvenirs, luggage, tools and hardware, gardening equipment, camping apparatus, kitchenware, spices, sweets, rice, honey, nuts and dried fruits. There are a string of restaurants offering a variety of Arab and international fare, falcon shops, pet stores, art galleries abound, as well as coffee shops, an ATM and a money exchange house.

For lovers of all things gold, a visit to the Gold Souq close by is a must. Small jewellery stores line the block, their windows crammed full of glittering gold bangles, rings, necklaces, and Qatari bridal jewellery- most of it 22 carat gold: as well as pearls and precious stones.

The Pearl – Qatar

Aptly named, the Pearl-Qatar is an island rediscovered along the eastern shore of Qatar, an Arabian Riviera with influences from France, Italy and the Middle East. Lying directly north of Doha and West Bay the project, when complete, will boast luxury residential accommodation for 41.000 residents, at least three five-star hotels and moorings at the marinas for around 1.000 boats. The first phase of the project, Porto Arabia, is already open and houses an abundance of exclusive shopping outlets, restaurants and cafes.

Katara

Katara is the earliest known expression of the country found on ancient maps. Katara, the cultural village, is a prestigious project that brings together the culture, arts and cuisines of different countries on its 99 hectare site on the seashore just before the Pearl-Qatar, Katara reflects the heritage of Qatar through its traditional architecture and has magnificent views over the Gulf from its enormous esplanade. Its facilities include an amphitheatre, art and exhibition galleries and two enormous birdfeeders.

Doha Corniche & Al Rumaila Park

Extending 7 km along Doha's waterfront from Ras Abo Abboud to Sheraton Park, the picturesque palm tree-lined corniche is flanked by rolling green lawn, banks of flowers, a medley of old and new buildings, hotels and landmark architecture. Bikes can be hired in the Sheraton park and there are designated biking and walking paths. Just across a Corniche street, Al Rumaila Park is beautifully landscaped and has number of attractions: an art gallery, an open-air-theatre which is used during the annual cultural festivals.

Museums

Main Museums in Qatar is the Museum of Islamic Art. This architectural wonder is built on a man-made island off Doha's corniche and was designed by Pritzker Prize laureate and world-renewed architect. The Museum of Islamic Art showcases an internationally aircrafts. The 35.500 sq m building includes an education wing with facilities for research scholars and students, a library, a state-of-the art 200 seat auditorium, a conservation laboratory, as well as reception areas, prayer halls for men and women, a café and gift shop.

As well The Arab Museum of Modern Art, this new institution created by the Qatar Museums Authority exhibits modern Arab art. Its collection of more than 6.000 works represents major trends spanning the 1840s to present.

Sightseeing

An organized tour is a great way to see Qatar. Tour operators offer shopping, Bedouin camping excursions, water sports and chow trips, plus, visits to heritage sites. Main sites are:

Camel Races, Doha Zoo, Dhow and Fishing, racing and Equestrian club, Al Khor, al Wakra, Khor al Adaid, flora and Faurna, Al Zubra in addition to Celin Seahore area.

Welcome to Qatar

The Higher Committee of the Conference

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Main Topics of the Conference:

Under the umbrella of the content of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the main Topics of the conference are distributed as follows:

1 –**Generalization and Disability**, in all development processes, including integration of issues of Persons with Disability into sustainable development strategies in various areas, through enabling Persons with Disabilities and increasing their skills to realize achieving the principle of equal opportunities.

2 - **Gender**, by including the two segments of women and girls with disabilities segments in the development processes and protect them from exposure to violence, abuse or maltreatment, inside or outside house, and ensure they benefit from social protection and poverty reduction in order to achieve higher levels of development.

3 – **Youth and Children**, it includes the involvement of children and young people with disabilities in development.

3-1) The effective involvement in decision-making processes on development establishment and implementation of legislations and national policies and programs on to the National levels and on regional, Arab and international levels thereafter.

3-2) The rights of Children with disabilities to care, protection and education, taking into account the best interests of the child with disability in equality with other children.

3-3) Support the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and invest them in the service of development.

4 – **Accessibility**, it includes the physical environment, social, economic, educational, cultural, health, education, information and communication services, in order to remove barriers and ensure comprehensive development for Disability including:

4-1) Reasonable accommodation arrangements with all necessary modifications to suit the needs of persons with disabilities.

4-2) General design, including design of products and environments, programs and services used by all people as much as possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design, and without the exclusion of some auxiliaries needed by persons with disabilities where they are needed.

5 – **Prevention**, through programs of reproductive health and interventions to reduce the deterioration of social, life, economic, educational and health conditions for people with disabilities, it includes:

5-1) Reducing the high rate of having children with disabilities

5-2) The role of early intervention in the life of persons with disabilities

5-3) The role International organizations in reducing the deterioration of Persons with Disabilities situation from both perspectives the physical (supportive) and the legislative (international conventions and treaties)

5-4) Social responsibility of the private sector

5.4.1) Giant international and Arab Companies

5.4.2) Individual and Institutional initiatives

5-5) The role of official National Governments through national coordination between the various relevant sectors of the official bodies such as the Ministries of Social Affairs, Justice, Labor, Health, Work, parliaments, unions, syndicates and others, in order to control and organize of services provided to persons with disabilities.

5-6) The role of NGOs in inclusion Persons with Disabilities in various sectors of development.

6 – **Studies and Research**, in order to enhance the collection of data and statistics on disability.

6-1) To enhance collaboration and coordination through the establishment of National, Regional, Arab and international networks, concerned with Disabilities, to monitor the reality of Persons with Disabilities in the Arab countries, and exchange successful experiences, to build a clear credible and reliable database to be considered in the development of programs, projects and activities.

6.2 -) The Role of the Academic Institution, Promote the collection of data and statistics relating disability by encouraging senior students to do research on disability issues, particularly on the level of Master and PhD

6-2 - 1) Develop programs related to the specializations of the Special Education through following the academic development to keep pace with the global level, and adopt deep specializations in the Field of Disability.

6.2 - 2) Provide a safe learning environment persons with disabilities, during high education stages.

Preliminary Conference Program

Monday 24/9/2012

Arrival of participants – Registration
Official opening ceremony at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday, 25/9/2012

8.00 - 9.00 Registration
9.00 - 10.00 First Plenary : **Generalization of Disability**
10.00 - 11.00 Parallel workshops
11.00 - 11.30 Break
11.30 - 12.30 Second Plenary: **Gender**
12.30 - 13.30 Parallel workshops

13.30 - 15.00 Lunch

15.00 - 16.00 Third Plenary : **Youth and Children**
16.00 - 17.00 Parallel workshops
17.00 - 20.00 Free time
Dinner

Wednesday, 26/9/2012

8.30 - 9.00 Summarizing the work of the previous day
9.00 - 10.00 Fourth Plenary : **Accessibility**
10.00 - 11.00 Parallel workshops
11.00 - 11.30 Break

11.30 - 12.30 Fifth Plenary : **Prevention**
12.30 - 13.30 Parallel workshops
13.30 - 15.00 Lunch
15.00 - 16.00 Sixth Plenary: **Researches and Studies**
16.00 - 17.00 Parallel workshops
17.00 - 18.00 Closing Session :Presentation of outcomes and recommendations

Venue

Sharq Village & SPA

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Conference Language

Arabic language is the official language of the conference, simultaneous translation into English will be available during Plenaries and some parallel sessions.

Registration Fees

Before 30/5/2012

After 30/5/2012

- Participants from Qatar	250 \$	350\$
- RI – Members	250 \$	350 \$
- Participants from developing countries	250 \$	300 \$
- Other participants	300 \$	350 \$
- Accompanying persons	125/150 \$	150/175\$

- Registration fees includes main documents bag, Lunch meals, Coffee/Tea breaks, Opening Ceremony, and transportation from and to Doha Airport.

- Registration fees should be paid by Bank Transfer to:
Rehabilitation International – Arab Region

A/ C: 0022478488010

Account Currency :USD

Bank of Beirut and Arab Countries.

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Accommodation

Participants will be responsible for their accommodation; It was agreed on discounted rates with some hotels. Limited accessible rooms are available for wheelchairs users; it will be booked on first come first serve basis.

Hotel	Classification	Rooms Wheelchair	Cost per Night		Remarks
			Single	Double per person	
Sharq Hotel/Venue	5*	*	800 QR	850 QR	
Ritz Carilton	5*	*	850 QR		
Mariott	5*	*	750/800 QR		
Best Western	4*	*	450 QR		
Al Bustan	4*	*	450 QR	550 QR	

Transport

The Organizing Committee provides transportation as follows:

- From Doha Airport to hotel and vice-versa, provided that flight information details (itinerary) arrives the secretariat or the Public Relation committee one week prior to arrival.
- Between hotels listed and venue of the conference and vice-versa morning and evening.
- Between hotels and venues of any programs organized by the organizing committee.

Visas

- Participants are responsible for their own visas, although some participants from USA and Europe and GCC residents can obtain their visas after arriving Doha Airport, other participants should obtain visas from Qatari Embassies in their countries.
- (Organizing Committee may provide official invitation letters to facilitate obtaining visas once registration fees payment has been made).
- Organizing Committee shall take care of Visas **only** for Providers of Presentations accepted by scientific committee.

Official Airlines

Qatar Airways is the official carriers for participants in the RI- Arab Region Fifth Conference.

Important Notes:

- The working papers are supervised by a specialized scientific committee experts and academics from some universities.
- Contact and communication to be made with Presenters of working papers relevant to main themes of the conference, as assessed by the Scientific Committee by 15/6/2012.
- The Organizers undertake to secure visas to Qatar and a roundtrip ticket in economy class and accommodation during the conference **only** to providers of working papers accepted by the Scientific Committee.
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- Interested people can visit the following link to see the content of the previous conference in the UAE www.ridubai.com.

Important dates

15/5/2012	Deadline for submitting Working papers.
30/5/2012	Deadline for Early registration in the Conference
15/6/2012	Communication with Presenters of working papers accepted by the scientific committee.
24/9/2012	Official Opening Ceremony (Evening)
25-27/9/2012	Plenary Sessions

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Conference Registration Form

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Disability Type/ If any:

- Are you wheelchair user/white stick/ walker ? Yes No
- Do you need sign translation? Yes No
- Any accompanying person? Yes No
- Are You RI Member? Yes No
- Have you paid registration fees? Yes No

If you have made payment of registration fees, please send copy of Bank transfer receipt or any other proof.

- Any other special requirement needed.

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Presentation Title / Conference theme:

Presentation language:

Do you need any assistive technology in presenting the paper? Specify.

Was this presentation distributed or presented in any other previous activity? Yes No

Steps to be followed in preparing presentations:

- 1- Related to Conference Topics.
- 2- One page summarizing main goals and outcomes, followed by a complete paper not to exceed 15 pages.
- 3- To be sent by E-mail.

4- All accepted presentation will be considered as property of the conference.