



QATAR: HOW TO BECOME A WORLD-CLASS CONFERENCE HOST BY NOVEMBER 2025?

As Qatar prepares to host the Second World Social Summit in November 2025, expectations for concrete, inclusive leadership are rising. Building on its fourth Universal Periodic Review (UPR), where both progress and persistent gaps were acknowledged, and guided by its own National Vision 2030, Qatar now has a timely opportunity to act. The global spotlight—especially in the lead-up to a summit focused on social justice—requires more than vision: it calls for decisive, people-centred delivery.

With this overview, we outline seven targeted recommendations that reflect UPR priorities, align with the Copenhagen Commitments, and respond to current gaps between policy and practice. These measures are not an endpoint but a foundation—intended to spark institutional confidence, enable rights-based governance, and demonstrate Qatar's readiness to step into the role of a world-class conference host. Acting now would set the tone for a Summit rooted in credibility, inclusion, and lasting impact.

WHO ARE WE?

Qatar Centre for Peace and Democracy (QCPD) is an organisation dedicated to strengthening local democracy, protecting human rights—especially for minority groups—and fostering active civic participation in Qatar through advocacy, intercultural dialogue and citizen empowerment.

Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 10 and SDG 16, we promote social justice, peace, and strong institutions, supporting communities and systems that uphold human dignity and equal opportunity.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Ratify** at least one additional recommended core UN Treaty (e.g. CAT-OP) or ILO Convention (e.g. ILO C189 on Domestic Workers).
2. **Convene** one inclusive civil society consultation on UPR follow-up, to generate shared reflections and targeted action roadmaps.
3. **Amend** at least one article of the domestic family law so as to expand women's legal autonomy in line with international recommendations.
4. **Begin publishing** quarterly disaggregated data on labour inspections, complaints and dispute resolution outcomes.
5. **Provide** accessible translations of standard work contracts into the five major migrant languages to empower workers.
6. **Recruit and increase** the number and capacity of labour inspectors by at least 20%, prioritising high-risks sectors, and ensure inclusion of trained interpreters to support inspections and confidential reporting by workers.
7. **Establish** at least two in-community and two in-courts pilot free legal centres, clinics, legal aid desk or mobile units to assist workers in navigating complaints, dispute resolutions and access to other remedies.

