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INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 25TH BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (ABLOS) DOHA, QATAR, 22-25 OCTOBER 2018

11th July 2018

Dear Members of the ABLOS,

1. All members of the ABLOS are hereby invited to attend the 25th Business Meeting of the ABLOS which will be held at the Ritz-Carlton - Doha, Qatar on 22–25 October 2018. The latest Membership List is attached at Annex A.
2. It is proposed to hold a seminar following the ABLOS BM on 23–24 October 2018 at the Ritz-Carlton. The theme of the seminar is “**Challenges in the implementation of UNCLOS – a regional perspective**” and ABLOS members and observers are invited to attend and actively participate. Please contact the Chair, Vice-Chair or Miss Mariam AL-HAIL (mhail@mofa.gov.qa) at the Secretary to the Qatari Standing Committee of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, directly for participation requirements. Details will be available on the ABLOS25 web page.
2. Everyone attending the meeting must complete “ABLOS BM25 Reservation Request Form” at Annex B and return it to Miss Mariam AL-HAIL, Secretary to the Qatari Standing Committee of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, (mhail@mofa.gov.qa), no later than **7 September 2018**; please also copy Mr. David Wyatt at adso@iho.int and Mr. Tarek EL SHERIF at telsherif@mofa.gov.qa. The form is also available on the ABLOS25 web page.
3. Miss Mariam AL-HAIL has made a block booking at the Ritz-Carlton, Doha, in the name of ABLOS25 with special rates including breakfast, tax, 3 pieces laundry and free internet as follows:

Superior Single: QR 595(about 164 US \$), - per room per night, including breakfast.
Superior Double: QR 650 (about 179 US \$), - per room per night, including breakfast.

Full details of the hotel are available in the Logistical Information document available on the ABLOS25 web page and at Annex C. Members attending must make their reservations with Miss Soumia Trachi, Director of Group Sales, The Ritz-Carlton Doha (soumia.trachi@ritzcarlton.com), copying Miss Mariam AL-HAIL (mhail@mofa.gov.qa) and Mr. Tarek EL SHERIF at telsherif@mofa.gov.qa, quoting “ABLOS 25”, no later than 7th Spetember 2018. Please refer to “ABLOS BM25 Reservation Request Form” attached.
4. Finally, there are two ways to obtain a visa to visit Qatar:

(a) either to have the visa at the airport (electronic visa),

(b) either to receive the visa from the Qatari embassies which requires a visit to the embassy to collect the visa prior the travel to Doha.

In both cases, a copy of the passports (valid at least 6 months) should be sent to Miss Mariam AL-HAIL (mhail@mofa.gov.qa) and mentioning your preference between (a) or (b).

On behalf of the Chairman, ABLOS,

Yours sincerely,



David Wyatt
Secretary ABLOS

Annexes:

- A. ABLOS membership list.
- B. ABLOS BM25 registration request form.
- C. ABLOS BM25 logistics information.
- D. ABLOS BM25 general country information



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The 25th ABLOS BM Registration Form

IMPORTANT Note: All members must please complete the information requested in this form, and forward it to Mariam AL-HAIL (mhail@mofa.gov.qa) **Secretariat to the Qatari Standing Committee on the Convention on the Law of the Sea** no later than the 7th September 2018, also copied to David Wyatt at adso@iho.int.

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Your Arrival at Doha Airport

Flight No:

Airline:

Arrival time:

Your Departure from Doha Airport

Flight No:

Airline:

Departure time:

Comments or additional information:

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LOGISTIC INFORMATION

1. Venue

The 25th Business Meeting of the Advisory Board on Technical Aspects on the Law of the Sea (ABLOS) will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Doha, Qatar on the 22nd and 25th October.

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Participants can alternatively choose another hotel to stay during the business meeting and workshop. **Transportation will be arranged to and from the other hotels mentioned below and the Ritz Carlton (the venue of the business meeting and workshop).** The following is a list of other hotels that are close to the (Ritz-Carlton Doha) that you may find useful. The hotels mentioned below charge below \$200 for the single room.

A) **Sheraton Grand Doha Resort & Convention**

Address: Al Corniche Street, West Bay, Doha, Qatar

Tel: +974 4485 4444

Fax: +974 4483 2323

E-mail for reservations: sheraton.doha@sheraton.com

Website : www.sheratongranddoha.com

Usual Rate: There are various room types available.

- Single Room: QR 700 (approx. \$193 US)
- Double Room: QR 775 (approx.. \$213)



B) InterContinental Doha The Bay

Address: West Bay Beach, Doha, Qatar
Tel: +974 4031 2222
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Email: icdoha@ihg.com
Website: www.intercontinental.com/doha
Rate: There are various room types available.
- Single Room: QR 650 (approx. \$179 US)
- Double Room: QR 750 (approx. \$205 US)



C) Hilton Hotel Doha

Address: Diplomatic Street Doha
Tel: +974 4423 3333
Fax: +974 4423 3000
Email: doha.reservations@hilton.com
Website: www.hilton.com/doha
Rate: There are various room types available.
- Single Room: QR 550 (approx. \$152 US)
- Double Room: QR 600 (approx. \$165 US)



D) Grand Hyatt Doha






Address: P.O Box 24010, Doha, Qatar
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Email: doha.grand@hyatt.com
Website: Doha.grand.hyatt.com
Rate: There are various room types available.
- Single Room: QR 570 (approx. \$157 US)
- Double Room: QR 620 (approx. \$274 US)

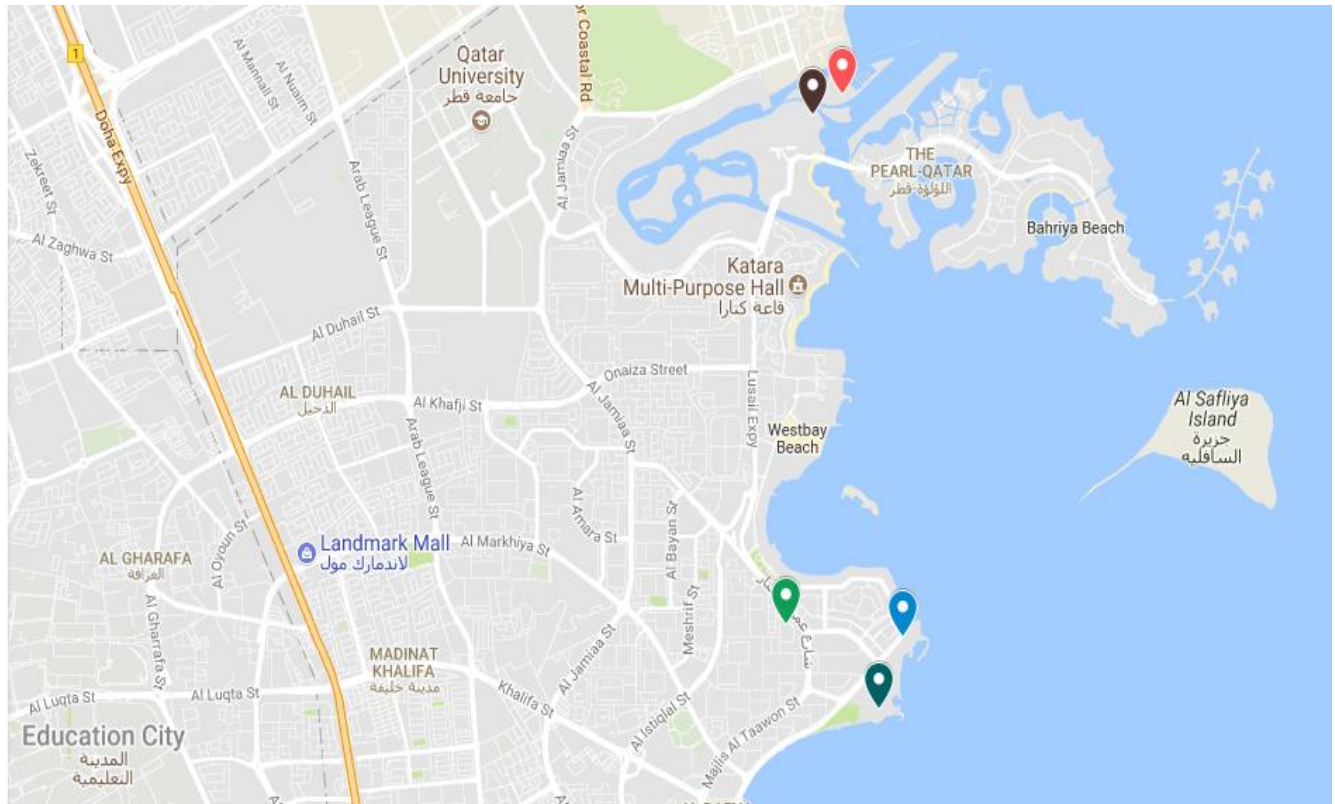


Locations of the Hotels:



Hotels

-  The Ritz-Carlton, Doha
-  Sheraton Grand Doha Resort & Convention ...
-  InterContinental Doha - The City
-  Hilton
-  Grand Hyatt Doha Hotel & Villas



4. Visa

There are two ways to obtain the visa:

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Please email a copy of your passport, ensuring that it is valid for at least 6 months to Miss Mariam Al-HAIL at (mhail@mofa.gov.qa) and Mr. Tarek EL-SHERIF at (telsherif@mofa.qa).

5. Transportation

Transportation will be provided from and to Hamad International Airport (HIA) and the Ritz-Carlton Doha (the venue). Any trips arranged by the committee, transportation will be provided for all participants. This includes touristic trips and official dinner.

In case other members of the ABLOS would prefer to stay at other hotels than the Ritz-Carlton, transportation will be arranged and provided. Please note that it will be shared transportation with the other participants that are staying at the hotel.

6. Catering Arrangements

The Business Meeting will take place on the 22nd and 25th October 2018. Hence, two small coffee breaks will be provided by the host between the meeting sessions. On the 22nd October 2018, there will be an official dinner with the committee where all the members of the ABLOS will be transported to and eventually back to their hotel(s). On the 25th October 2018, depending on the length of the agenda, there will be an official closing lunch, again the ABLOS members will be transported to and back their hotel(s).

During the workshop on 23rd and 24th October, there will be coffee breaks and lunch breaks at the venue, the Ritz-Carlton Doha.

7. General Information about Qatar

Qatar is known to be a young, developing, exciting and a place of opportunities for all. The capital city of the State of Qatar is Doha located on east side of the coastal state. It is a mixture of business, family values, up-to-date technology, multinationalism and most importantly rich in culture. Qatar is investing in different sectors in order to increase the diversification of its economy and reduce its reliance on natural resources. This is being achieved by investing in education and human capital in order to fulfill the needs of different specializations in multiple sectors. The nation is aiming to excel in education, technology, health, sustainability and commerce. Hence, the Qatar National Vision 2030 was created in order to achieve the desired missions to the maximum potential. The main segment of the national vision is to convert the nation to a knowledge-based economy by investing in education, research and technology.

8. Electrical Power

In Qatar the power sockets are of type D and G. The standard voltage is 240 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. You can use your electric appliances in Qatar, if the standard voltage in your country is in between 220 - 240 V (as is in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa).



9. Currency

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Telephone: Country Code +974

Climate: According to the Climate to Travel, The climate of Qatar is hot, with a very mild winter, and a very sunny summer. Being a small and flat country, it has a uniform climate Basically there are two main seasons: a cooler season from December to February, and a hot season from April to October, within which we can distinguish a very hot period from May to mid-October. March and November are transitional months, hot but without excesses. In Doha, the daily average temperature goes from 18.5 degrees Celsius (65 °F) in January, to 37 °C (99 °F) in July. Here are the average temperatures of Doha

Doha	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Min (°C)	14	16	18	23	28	30	32	31	29	26	22	17
Max (°C)	22	24	29	34	40	42	43	42	39	36	30	25
Min (°F)	57	61	64	73	82	86	90	88	84	79	72	63
Max (°F)	72	75	84	93	104	108	109	108	102	97	86	77

Enclosure – State of Qatar

About Qatar

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Map of Qatar

People

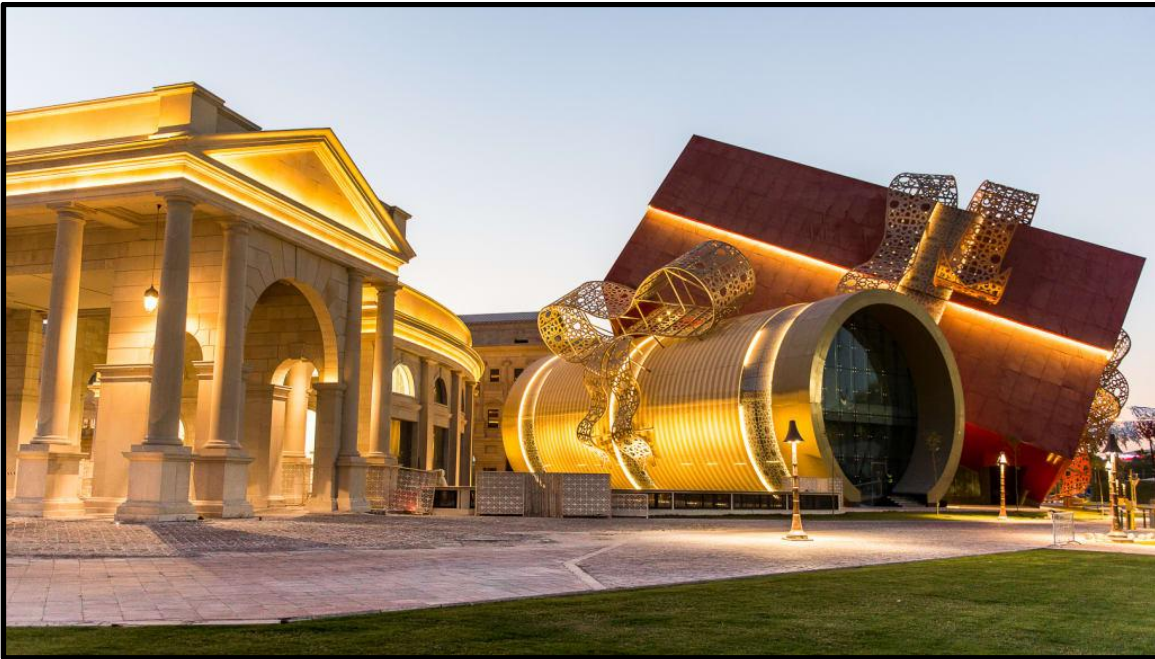


As of 2017, the youth in Qatar represents more than 70 percent of the total population (under age of 30). This helps to boost Qatar's dynamic energy and enthusiasm to develop and evolve. Currently, the total population is approximately 3 million people and more than half of the population live in the capital city, Doha. Three-quarters of the population in Qatar are Muslim while the

remaining population practice a variety of other religions peacefully. The official language in Qatar is Arabic, however English language is widely used because of the diversity the country enjoys. The majority of the expatriates living in Qatar are from neighboring Arab states. Qatar has an open-minded attitude to the world however the Arab and oriental/Islamic culture is enforced actively within the local culture of the nation.

Places to go in Qatar

Katara Cultural Village



A masterpiece interpretation of the region's architectural heritage. Katara is has a purpose-built development's impressive theatres, galleries and performance venues stage a lively year-round programs of concerts, shows and exhibitions and other cultural events. Visitors can also find other recreational attractions, including top class restaurants and cafes offering a variety of cuisines, and a spacious. Katara has a well-maintained public beach with water sports. Visitors will also find much to enjoy over a night time stroll along the promenade, with its expansive views of Doha's skyline, as well as a rich array of seaside food stalls and markets. It is recommended that visitors visit Katara between 11am-2pm and 5pm-11pm.

Doha Corniche

A promenade that is 7 km on the corniche side of Doha city. It is across the whole of Doha's bay. Walking from the Sheraton, the corniche offers a terrific vistas of the city from high rises skyscrapers to the Museum of Islamic of Arts where the old city is located. There are several cafes and restaurants available on the corniche promenade of which some of them are open 24 hours. It is a great location for a jog and/or stroll.



Souq Waqif



A traditional market that consists of shops that offers different traditional products, services, attires and other essentials and needs for the public. It is distinguished by its very traditional architecture that consists of the historical theme of Qatar. There are many restaurants and cafes that covers almost all cuisines to match different tastes for people. Souq Waqif has many different cultural events throughout the year as well as different artistic galleries. There are 7 boutique hotels situated across the Souq. Souq Waqif provides underground parking with multiple entries and exits. There are several parks around the Souq which is suitable for a stroll or picnic. The Fanar Cultural Centre is located at the entrance of the Souq, it provides cultural programs for Arabic language and cultural studies for visitors and new expatriates.

Museum of Islamic of Arts

Experience 14 centuries in a few hours at one of the leading collections of Islamic art in the world. The MIA's magnificent and imaginatively presented displays of the finest art and artefacts from across the Islamic world have earned it recognition among the world's top cultural institutions. Marvel at award winning collections which feature paintings, glassworks, metalwork, ceramics, textiles and manuscripts and cover periods. No visitor can fail to be impressed by the quality and diversity the collections, housed in a modern architectural masterpiece designed by IM Pei, winner of the 1983 Pritzker Architecture Prize. The museum ensures fresh interest through its constantly changing program of special exhibitions. admission to the permanent galleries is free. The MIA is also home to indoors and outdoors cafes, a gift shop and IDAM, a world class restaurant run by Alain Ducasse, who holds three Michelin stars. Onsite guides are also available to assist visitors.



Souq Al Wakra

A quick escape from Doha city, Souq Wakra is a traditional souq with different delicious restaurants where you are sure to enjoy an afternoon or evening with your family and / friends. Most restaurants have outdoor seating facing the sea, so in and off the sand, and the promenade is short—only a five to ten-minute walk—. Parking is extensive with



convenient golf carts to pop you from the parking lot to your destination. What distinguishes this Souq is that it is located beside the beach side of Wakra city. The architecture there is designed in a very traditional style to represent the history and culture of Qatar.

Al Zubarah Castle



Located on Qatar's north-west coast and comprising the immaculately restored Al Zubarah Fort and surrounding 60-hectare archaeological works, this UNESCO World Heritage site is one of the most extensive and best preserved examples of an 18th–19th century settlement in the region.

It covers the remains of a walled coastal town that once ranked as one of the Gulf's most important pearl diving and trading centers with links extending to the Indian Ocean. The fort houses a visitor's centre. According to UNESCO, Al Zubarah was one of a long line of prosperous trading towns around the coast in what is present day Qatar. UNESCO said "Al Zubarah bears a unique testimony to the human interaction with both the sea and the harsh desert environment of the region. Pearl divers' weights, imported ceramics,

depictions of dhows, fish traps, wells and agricultural activity show how the town's development was driven by trade and commerce, and how closely the town's inhabitants were connected with the sea and their desert hinterland.”

The Pearl



The Pearl-Qatar is a man-made island off the West Bay coast featuring Mediterranean-style yacht-lined marinas, upmarket residential towers, villas and internationally renowned hotels, as well as luxury shopping at top brand name boutiques and showrooms. There are also game centers, cinemas, art galleries and sport gyms. The Pearl is a popular dining spot with dozens of restaurants, its waterfront promenades are lined with cafes and restaurants serving every taste – from a refreshing ice cream to a five-star dining experience. It is a popular visitor attraction by virtue of its chic elegance, outdoor atmosphere and al fresco dining. Hence its inviting description as the ‘Arabian Riviera’. It is considered as the most glorious address in the State of Qatar.

Al Hazm Mall

Al Hazm offers the world's most exclusive brands and contemporary luxuries in a fashionably refined setting. A center of gravity for those in the know, Al Hazm provides the ideal blend of high-end fashion boutiques, trendy restaurants and cafés. A spectacular social scene the best place in Doha to see and



be seen Al Hazm is an environment of classical European style in the heart of modern Arabia. Experience the evolution of Qatari shopping. A magnificent venue of grand proportions and noble design, Al Hazm is an architectural gem in the heart of modern Qatar. With classic continental style in the spirit of grand Italian shopping arcades of years gone by, Al Hazm is a testament to timeless traditional style, designed to renew the wonder and sprit of amazement in everybody that walks among its splendid pillars, domes and arches. Crafted from the finest materials, including original Tuscan marble, Al Hazm will leave visitors in awe of the stunning scale and striking beauty of its open spaces and inspiring panoramic terrace for shows and special events.

Tawar Mall



be towards end of March 2018. To enter Bounce, there is a separate entrance for the facility and designated parking lot.

Tawar Mall is located in the Duhail area in Doha city. It has the Bounce Inc. entertainment and is considered to be the largest in the Middle East. It consists of more than 100 trampoline for jumping and “bouncing”. It has different cafes and restaurants from different cuisines. More shops and retails will be opening soon. The official opening of the mall is scheduled to

Getting Around



For taxis, the metered 'Karwa' taxis generally offer the lowest fares. Be sure to ask your driver to turn on the meter, which will normally start at QR4 or QR25 from the airport. The minimum fare is QR10, with rates varying from the cheaper day time rate (rate 1 on the meter) and the night time rate (rate 2). Many hotels

offer limousine services, which will be more expensive. Rental cars are also available starting from around \$150 a week. Gas is inexpensive in Qatar, so for those planning a lot of driving this can sometimes be a cheaper and more convenient alternative to taxis. You can use your international driving license for seven consecutive days from the date of your arrival in Qatar, after which you must apply for a temporary driving license at the Traffic Department of the Ministry of Interior.

Currency



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Phone Services

The two mobile phone providers for Qatar are Ooredoo and Vodafone. You can buy a prepaid SIM card from the airport or from any of their stores for around QR50 by completing a registration form and presenting your passport. This should allow you to call internationally. Alternatively, travellers with international roaming may connect via these service providers for calls and text messages. The country code for Qatar is 974.



Tamim Al Majd



Meaning “The Glorious Tamim”. After the beginning of the siege imposed on Qatar by some neighboring countries, citizens and expatriates used the poster, named 'Tamim Al Majd', to express their support for the HH the Emir and the Qatari government. This support is prevalent in all places in Qatar to elaborate the support, love and appreciation to his highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani and the government of the State of Qatar.