

INTERNATIONAL NARRATIVE

Scotland – International message

Scotland is a creative nation with a rich heritage, contributing to the world, and preparing to be a modern independent state.

Scotland – the ‘I’ nation – innovative in ideas, imaginative and inventive in spirit, international in outlook , individual in experience and preparing for independence for our nation

We are promoting:

- our suitability as place for inward investment and to live, study and visit
- our research capacity,
- our green economy (renewables, tourism/health/food and drink),
- our modern, progressive approach to government and our constitutional future
- Homecoming, conferences and the Commonwealth games

Creative nation – Innovative in ideas; imaginative and inventive

- We have more universities (4) in the global top 200, per capita, than any other country in the world
- Scotland produces a disproportionately high share of the world’s research – we have a 1.8% share of the world’s research citations, an exceptional performance for a country with less than 0.1% of the world’s population.
- Scotland's thriving life sciences sector consists of over 630 organisations and over 32,500 employees
- From the bicycle to bio-sciences, from the TV to the MRI scanner, we are the home of invention and the home of enlightenment, with globally recognised Scots including Adam Smith, David Hume, Robert Burns.

Rich in heritage - individual in experience

- Europe’s wilderness – 67 people per square kilometre in Scotland and just 9 per square kilometre in Highland (in contrast to UK at mid-2009 - 255 people per square kilometre)
- We have an independent legal system based on Roman rather than common law; the UK is the only EU state with 2 different justice systems
- We have independent Health and Education systems, and were pioneers in establishing free education for all
- Our remaining oil and gas reserves may have a wholesale value of £1 trillion (Scottish Government’s Oil Fund for Scotland Paper, July 2009),
- Scotch whisky contributes around £3 billion to Scotland’s economy each year and employs around 10,000 direct jobs and a further 35,000 supported indirectly
- In 2005, *Golf Digest* calculated that Scotland had the most golf courses per capita, in the world.

Contributing to the world - internationalist in outlook

- World leading **low-carbon and climate change targets** and ambitions:
 - We currently have 23 wave and tidal projects underway - more than any other country in the world.
 - We have vast renewables potential including 25% of Europe's tidal power, 10% of Europe's wave power and 25% of all Europe's wind energy crossing Scotland and its surrounding seas.
 - World first 'Hydro-nation' – using our water to boost the economy, reduce carbon impact, protect the environment and contribute to global need
- **Former US Vice-President Al Gore, said:** *“His (FM's) government and private companies based in Scotland are providing inspiration to others in many parts of the world”* –28 September 2011
- Vice Premier Li of China chose to start his UK State visit in Scotland
- World's first 'whole nation' aid focus in Malawi

Preparing to be a modern independent state - individual in experience

- Scotland is a nation, not a region.
- It is fundamentally better for all of us if decisions about Scotland's future are taken by the people who care most about Scotland: that is, the people of Scotland. We have the greatest stake in making Scotland a success – no one else will do as good a job.
- The Referendum Bill provides for a referendum, to be held in Autumn 2014, run to the highest international standards, and in which the Electoral Commission will be fully involved.
- Respect for England – just two countries on different paths
- Comprehensive mandate in May 2011 – SNP 69 seats, Labour 37, Conservatives 15, Lib Dems 5, Others 3.

Independence facts

- Currency – An independent Scotland will retain the pound. Scotland is already a member of the EU and is not currently in the European Exchange Rate Mechanism II. Therefore Scotland would not be forced to join the Euro. Sweden is in a similar position and has not joined the Euro.
- Status – Scotland will remain a member of the EU. Should there be a vote for independence in 2014, Scotland will still be a part of the United Kingdom, and the EU. A process of negotiation will take place with the UK government on the transfer of powers to an independent Scottish Parliament. The Scottish Government has made clear that it expects Scotland's transition from membership of the EU as part of the UK to membership as an independent member state to be negotiated from a position within the EU.
- Defence – non-nuclear but standing army contributing to UN peace keeping
- Monarchy –Queen will be head of state
- Affordable – With independence, Scotland will be ranked 6th in the OECD league table of developed nations in terms of GDP per head – ten places ahead of the UK at 16th. Many small nations have out performed larger ones during the recession- Compared to pre-recession levels, output has recovered more in Austria, Finland, Luxembourg, Norway, and Sweden than it has in the UK.
- Attitude – our attitude is currently expressed through the institutions we do control – academia, sports, tourism, finance, green economy – where we are thoroughly international

FCO BRIEF ON QATAR AND HUMAN RIGHTS

- Qatar ratified the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in 1976 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1995, and became the 186th State Party to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women in 2009.
- The National Human Rights Committee was set up by Emiri Decree in 2002 with the aim of protecting human rights and freedoms. Representatives from a number of Ministries sit on the Committee, which produces an annual report that documents its activities and the support it has offered, and makes recommendations.
- In 2009 the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) officially opened the UN Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region in Doha. In 2008 the Doha Media Freedom Centre was opened with the aim of securing and defending media persons and the freedom of the press. Also established in 2008, the Qatar Foundation for Combating Human Trafficking aims to combating human trafficking in all its forms.
- In the run-up to the Qatar 2022 World Cup, there will be an increasing focus on the human rights situation in Qatar, particularly the rights of migrant workers who will be central to delivering Qatar's ambitious infrastructure plans in the next decade. Human Rights Watch published a report focusing on the issue in June 2012.
- In late November 2012, Mohammad Al Ajami, a Qatari poet, was sentenced to life imprisonment following his arrest last year on charges of 'inciting to overthrow the regime' and 'insulting the Emir'. According to recent press reports Al Ajami had his appeal case heard on 25 February and had his sentence reduced from life imprisonment to 15 years. He plans to appeal to the Supreme Court.

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SCOTTISH WATER

Top Line

- **Scottish Water is performing well as a publicly owned corporation – there are no plans to change its status. It should remain in the public sector and operate in the interests of customers, rather than in the interests of shareholders or banks.**

Hydro Nation. The Scottish Government is committed to making Scotland a Hydro Nation. Our water resource is significant and in a world demanding more food and water, there is good reason to nurture it for long term sustainable use.

- Water is of fundamental importance for Scotland's economy, health, social wellbeing and environment. All businesses rely on the water environment in some way or another and water plays a prominent role in the success of many sectors of the economy. Some are of strategic importance to Scotland's economy, such as tourism, food and drinks manufacturing and renewable energy generation.
- The hydro-economy provides huge opportunities for Scotland which we are determined to seize. Establishing Scotland as a Hydro Nation will maximise the benefits to the Scottish economy through the economic development and good stewardship of Scotland's abundant water resources.
- The Scottish Government will support the development of Scotland's hydro economy and the enormous potential that this brings. There are 3 main aspects of the Hydro Nation agenda:
 - Utilising Scottish expertise to maximise the economic benefit of our abundant water resources within a sound ecological context by reducing energy use, improving efficiency and creating a low carbon water nation.
 - Raising our international profile through recognition of Scotland as an international leader on water management and governance – The first Hydro Nation.
 - Developing a water centre of expertise and research with international reach.

We are working with the enterprise agencies to identify any further areas for action.

- Water is a global resource and Scotland is raising its international profile as a Hydro Nation through knowledge exchange and developing trade opportunities for services, manufacturing and research and supporting international water aid. Scotland as a Hydro Nation will gain direct economic benefit and enjoy an enhanced international profile.
- Scottish Water International is winning contracts around the globe utilising Scottish Water's highly sought after water management knowledge and skills.

Increasing sustainable economic growth

- A modern and efficient water service is an essential element of a dynamic economy.
 - o Scottish Water is delivering for the people of Scotland. Its regulators acknowledge the huge strides it has made in improving efficiency and customer service. By 2015, Scottish Water will provide one of the best value for money water and sewerage packages in the UK to the continuing benefit of households and businesses throughout Scotland.

- o We have introduced retail (i.e. billing, complaints handling services) competition for non-domestic customers – a world first. A choice of retailer gives Scottish businesses a competitive edge and supports Ministers' strategic objectives for Scotland - in particular our overall purpose of increasing sustainable economic growth.
- o Two thirds of customers now have lower bills as a result, half are on e-billing and over £28m of discounts are available to customers each year. Over £19m has been saved through water efficiency advice and measures.

Generating Renewable Energy

- Scottish Water is one of the largest consumers of electricity in Scotland, using 450 gigawatt hours per year. This equates to over 1% of Scotland's electricity demand.
- Scottish Water is committed to reducing its carbon footprint through a number of measures including through greater use of renewable energy generated from its assets, where it is cost effective to do so
 - o Scottish Water is planning investment of £50m by 2015 which, when combined with investment from partners, would enable assets on its land to generate more renewable energy than Scottish Water consumes.
 - o Renewable energy installations already in existence provide some 5% of Scottish Water's electricity needs.
 - o Examples of recent investment in small scale hydro generation include:
 - Turret Water Treatment works near Crieff - turbines now produce enough energy to power the works and a further 450 homes.
 - Glencorse Water Treatment Works, Edinburgh –one third of the power requirements of the new works comes from renewable sources.

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Scotland's Digital Ambition

Scottish Ministers aspiration is that, by 2020, Scotland will be regarded as a leading digital nation around the world.

Scotland's Digital Future outlines the steps that are required to ensure that Scotland is well positioned to take full advantage of the digital age.

This will include;

- Ensuring that businesses and individuals at all ages and stages can develop the digital skills they need to make the most of the social and economic opportunities the digital revolution presents .
- Making use of digital technology throughout our education system so that we produce confident, skilled and resilient learners who will develop into valuable assets in the workforce;
- Embracing the transformation of our public services and taking advantage of the opportunity that digital technology presents to drive efficiency; and to deliver easier and better services to customers – from knowing when your next bill is due, being able to find and pay for a parking space to genuinely helping people to care for themselves in their own homes and manage chronic conditions;
- Closing the digital divide and delivering world-class connectivity that will redistribute economic power across our land and support growth in our remote and rural communities as well as ensuring that our cities are super connected, enabling business to be conducted uninterrupted.
- Releasing the full potential of our staff at all levels through staff engagement strategies, focused learning and development opportunities.
- Working with the wider public sector in Scotland to agree and set standards, data sharing protocols and technical interoperability standards.

National Security and Digital Media: Challenges and Opportunities

The growth of the internet, has impacted profoundly on everyday life and the global economy. By enabling people to exchange knowledge and ideas all over the world, the internet has contributed to a more open society and greater freedom of speech. It has transformed the conduct of business and opened up new markets. The internet is also making governments more accountable and transparent and is changing the way they deliver public services. However, the internet was not designed with security in mind.

While National Security is a reserved matter, the Scottish Government has responsibility for managing the consequences of activities that impact on Scotland. The Scottish Government works closely with the UK agencies responsible at this time for National Security.

The explosion of the use of digital media, particularly internet related media is such that we are truly connected within a global village where views are easily expressed and those with particular interests can find and develop relationships with like minded others without ever having to meet.

The Arab Spring is a good example of how the internet was used to dynamically enable disenfranchised members of society to take action against the state. Within the UK the mass disorder of the recent London Riots were enabled by the use of internet. Currently there is clear evidence of the misuse of digital media by the so called Syrian Electronic Army being responsible for attacks on organisations who are considered to oppose the Assad regime.

The internet itself is but an enabler. The apparent anonymity offered by the internet and multitude of new communication devices designed to provide a rich user experience are also exploited rapidly by those who may pose a threat to society. The sheer volume of communications are such that traditional methods to track, monitor and investigate are limited, this of course is not helped by the jurisdictional limitations of laws which are not readily able to be applied adequately to the fast moving global internet landscape.

Cyber security and national security: defence against aggression

UK Policy Keeping the UK safe in cyberspace

The growth of the internet has transformed our everyday lives and is an important part of our economy. With greater openness, interconnection and dependency comes greater vulnerability. The National Security Strategy categorised cyber attacks as a Tier One threat to our national security, alongside international terrorism. The threat to our national security from cyber attacks is real and growing. Terrorists, rogue states and cyber criminals are among those targeting computer systems in the UK.

93% of large corporations and 76% of small businesses reported a cyber breach in the past year. On average over 33,000 malicious emails are blocked at the Gateway to the Government Secure Intranet (GSI) every month. These are likely to contain - or link to - sophisticated malware. A far greater number of malicious, but less sophisticated emails and spam are blocked each month.

With the cost for a cyber-security breach estimated between £110,000 to £250,000 for large businesses and £15,000 to £30,000 for smaller ones, the government must look at new ways to protect businesses and make the UK more resilient to cyber-attacks and crime.

The UK Strategic Defence and Security Review allocated £650 million over 4 years to establish a new National Cyber Security Programme to strengthen the UK's cyber capacity.

A significant amount of the current funding spend has been provided to the MOD and Security Services to bolster capability.

- sovereign capability to detect and defeat high end threats (Security & Intelligence Agencies, £157M)
- Mainstreaming Cyber throughout Defence (MOD, £31M)
- Law enforcement and combating Cyber Crime (Home Office, £28M)
- Engagement with the private sector (BIS, £17M)
- Improving the resilience of the Public Sector Network (Cabinet Office, £12M)
- Programme coordination, trend analysis and incident management / response (Cabinet Office, £9M)
- Education, skills and awareness (Cabinet Office, £4M)
- International engagement and capacity building (FCO, £2M)

Critical infrastructure within countries are particularly vulnerable to cyber attacks. More often than not they contain technology infrastructure which was not designed to integrate with the internet, yet remote operation enables efficient and effective control to be exerted over the infrastructure assets, presenting a real threat which would result in significant disruption within the nations.

Businesses in the public and private sectors are also vulnerable. While the potential economic benefit to embracing the digital opportunity is clear (The internet-related market in the UK is now estimated to be worth £82 billion a year. British businesses earn £1 in every £5 from the internet.) there are risks to engaging in an evermore

connected world. This vulnerability is twofold; firstly the risk of attacks to disrupt services and secondly the threat of data theft; including Intellectual Property. Investment in information security by organisations still remains low in comparison with the emerging the threat.

Scottish Cyber Security Action Plan

Aligned to the UK Cyber Security Action Plan, Scotland has developed its own plan to support the development of a cyber-resilient Scotland where our communities are safer and stronger and our economic opportunities maximised.

The plan includes actions in the following key areas;

Critical Infrastructure - to make Scotland's critical infrastructure more resilient to cyber-attack and better able to protect our cyberspace interests

eCrime - tackle cyber-crime and make the Scotland one of the most secure places in the world to do business.

Information Assurance - ensure that corporate information services and systems are resilient to cyber security threats by promoting effective use of Information Assurance and security standards and good practice

Education & Digital Participation - to support building Scotland's awareness, knowledge, skills and capability to ensure we create a cyber-secure and cyber resilient Scotland

Enterprise & Technology - to ensure we encourage enterprise, innovation and investment in cyber security within Scotland.

Social Media and Diplomatic Communication

Popular social media sites are just one of the online tools that governments are increasingly using to extend their spheres of internet influence. The web can help deliver consular advice, explain policy, and reach and engage with new audiences. It can also be used to issue admonishments and warnings and, on occasions, help solve problems

US Secretary of State John Kerry recently commented that foreign policy isn't really foreign at all. It is domestic policy carried into the global marketplace in an interconnected world. If governments are not using social media talking to people about that directly and plainly, then they are surrendering the field to people who'd rather tell you not to care about foreign policy, let alone invest in international efforts.

The US are the recognised leader in this field at this time. The US use technology to hear from its citizens; to understand their concerns; and to tap into the expertise of those outside the State Department. By using social media tools, governments can create dialogue among the broadest possible audience, and begin to find common ground. Scotland's current [Digital Dialogue](#) to our world class vision for digital infrastructure has embraced the opportunity to make use of social media using twitter and LinkedIn to tap in to expert networks.

E-Diplomacy: a new emerging trend

The diplomatic world is considered to be one of protocol and discretion, yet an increasing number of foreign policy officials and diplomats are conducting their business in the most public way possible, on Twitter.

E-diplomacy or Digital Diplomacy has been defined as the use of the Internet and new information communication technologies to help achieve diplomatic objectives.

The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office defines digital diplomacy as 'solving foreign policy problems using the internet', narrower definition that excludes internal electronic collaboration tools and mobile phone and tablet-based diplomacy

The first foreign ministry to establish a dedicated ediplomacy unit was the US State Department, which created the Taskforce on eDiplomacy in 2002. This Taskforce has since been renamed the Office of eDiplomacy and has approximately 80 staff members, about half of which are dedicated to ediplomacy-related work.

Other foreign ministries have also begun to embrace ediplomacy. The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office has an [Office of Digital Diplomacy](#) that is involved in a range of ediplomacy activities.

Recognised leaders in eDiplomacy are the USA. Secretary of State John Kerry speaking at press conference in May 2013 in Berlin commented that historically diplomacy was most often conducted between high level officials inside governments but we now live in a different era -- and a new challenge for the craft of diplomacy in an age where information, knowledge, and insight can come from an almost unlimited number of online sources instantaneously

With social media, when you say something to one person, a thousand people hear it.

While social media is an important aspect of ediplomacy it is not the be all and end all. Mobile technologies, crowdsourcing capabilities, text messaging, mapping software, tech camps and more are increasingly being used to extend diplomatic reach to those generally excluded from government. These tools can be used to make the diplomatic machine more efficient and better equipped to respond to new challenges, understand the world, share knowledge, and build on new ideas. For example, the US is giving the Syrian people better access to the Web without the fear of being tracked down.

Kerry asserts that there's no such thing any more as effective diplomacy that doesn't put a sophisticated use of technology at the centre of advancing foreign policy objectives, bridge gaps between people across the globe, and engaging with people around the world and right here at home.

The term digital diplomacy is almost redundant -- it's just diplomacy, period

Around the world

The acknowledged leader in the field is the **US State Department**. It uses familiar sites like YouTube, Facebook and Twitter, as well as local equivalents, such as VKontakte in Russia. Ambassadors and other State Department employees are encouraged to establish an online presence. What Hilary Clinton referred to as "*quantum leaps in connection technologies*" have significantly impacted how the US conducts foreign policy in an ever more interconnected, interdependent world.

The **UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office** has built on the US experience and is committed to the use of digital across every element of foreign policy work. Ambassadors use social media to explain their work, to extend UK influence and to set the record straight when necessary. The FCO uses digital channels to help reinforce the objectives of major conferences, events and visits. Digital has already helped foreign policy formulation: from predicting developments, to formulating and implementing policy, to influencing and identifying people to influence. The FCO aims to spread the use of those tools much more consistently and comprehensively, and make particular use of digital to deliver more open policy and increased transparency.

Other countries are catching up. For example, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden has built its House of Sweden in Second Life. A virtual building is the exact copy of the Swedish Embassy in Washington. Foreign Minister Karl Bildt (his avatar anyway) personally snipped a tape at the opening ceremony. Switzerland considers [Facebook](#) it's primary social media community for sharing news, promoting Swiss culture, and engaging with the public. It's strategic approach also includes the use of [YouTube](#), [Tumblr](#), and [Flickr](#) to support content programs.

Edinburgh Universities - Visit to Qatar

11-12 June 2013

Purpose of visit

This visit to Doha has been organised by City of Edinburgh Council and will involve two full days in Doha (11-12 June). Edinburgh's four universities (University of Edinburgh, Heriot-Watt, Napier and Queen Margaret) are travelling to Doha to investigate the potential of establishing research collaborations with institutions in Qatar. Meetings will take place with several key research organisations (listed below).

There are a small number of research projects already going on between universities in Edinburgh. These include Heriot-Watt's Prof. Bahman Tohidi research project with the Qatar Gas Processing Centre and the University of Edinburgh's Prof Harald Haas who has recently started a research project with Texas A&M Qatar investigating high speed data transfer.

Key research organisations

Qatar Foundation

Qatar Foundation is the driving force behind Qatar's move towards a knowledge economy. They run several R&D institutes;

- Qatar Science & Technology Park,
- Qatar Environment & Energy Research Institute
- Qatar Biomedical Research Institute
- Qatar Computing Research Institute

Weill Cornell Medical Centre Qatar

Specialist medical campus within Education City and the only branch campus of Cornell University outside of the US.

Texas A&M University Qatar

Texas A&M offers degrees in chemical, electrical, mechanical and petroleum engineering. Their main areas of research interest are Natural Sciences and Engineering & Technology.

Qatar University

The main Qatari University has research interests in a number of areas including Natural Sciences, Engineering & Technology and Social Sciences. One of their key research projects is the Gas Processing Centre.

Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC)

HMC is the healthcare provider within Qatar. They are involved in 43 research projects including one with the University of Strathclyde.

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The City of Edinburgh Council

Visit to the UAE & Qatar 9 – 24 October 2012

Post visit report for Scottish Government

Summary of visit

This note gives a brief summary of the recent visit to the Gulf by the City of Edinburgh Council. The visit to the United Arab Emirates and Qatar had two distinct elements. The visit to Abu Dhabi with the Lord Provost had a civic and culture focus whilst Graham Hatton's time (Investor Support team) in Dubai and Doha was centered on scientific research opportunities and business.

- Abu Dhabi (9-14 Oct)

The Lord Provost, City Officer and Senior Economic Development Officer Graham Hatton all visited Abu Dhabi. This involved a meeting with H.E. Mrs Kanoo the Founder of the Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation and visit to the Majlis of Sheikh Nahyan (the UAE Higher Education Minister). The Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation had previously signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Edinburgh International Festival in August 2012. The Lord Provost presided over the signing.

The Lord Provost also visited the Abu Dhabi Science Festival and met with the Director General of the Technology Development Committee, H.E. Ahmed Saeed Al Calily. The Abu Dhabi Science Festival is run by the Edinburgh International Science Festival and is now in its second year. The two venues for the festival (ADNEC and the Corniche) received over 120,000 visitors over the 10 day period.

The civic element was very successful and the role of the Lord Provost was very well respected. This resulted in meetings with senior people including Sheikh Nahyan and the British Ambassador.

- Dubai (14-19 Oct)

Graham Hatton went on to Dubai where he attended the GITEX technology show with SDI. Edinburgh's connections with Dubai are less developed than Abu Dhabi however one of the strongest links is the Heriot-Watt campus. The campus is doing very well and is currently expanding in order to increase its capacity from 3,000 to 5,000 students. There is a real sense that Dubai is the main international centre in the region and over 100 countries have a presence there. Therefore it can be difficult to stand out from the crowd.

- Doha (19-24 Oct)

The Doha visit was centered on the Qatar Annual Research Forum, where the Qatar National Research Strategy was unveiled. Qatar research investment will be aligned with this strategy and there are four pillars: Health, ICT, Energy/Environment and Social Science/Arts. Specifically several areas of interest within the Health pillar mirror expertise in Edinburgh, including cancer, diabetes and infectious disease.

Future priorities

There is no doubt that there are massive opportunities in the Middle East for Edinburgh and Scotland as a whole. However, there is also a great deal of competition with many cities and countries trying to attract investment. Therefore it will be important to build on specific areas of strength i.e. science, education and culture. Edinburgh already has a strong reputation in these fields and this can be leveraged to attract additional activity and investment.

Strong relationships will be vital in attracting investment. It is proposed that Edinburgh, working with Scottish Development International and other partners, concentrate on two areas: further develop cultural links with Abu Dhabi and help forge new scientific / medical research connections with Qatar. These are both areas receiving support from the UAE and Qatar Governments.

Both the UAE and Qatar are governed by a relatively small number of key decision makers (including Sheikh Nahyan). Focusing on Edinburgh's areas of strength will lead to further engagement with such individuals. Due to their diversity of interests Edinburgh and Scotland will then be able to draw on a wide range of contacts to develop links in other areas including Inward Investment. Every opportunity should be taken to welcome senior Arab figures when they visit Edinburgh.

Actions

- Work up a programme to invite key UAE and Qatari officials to Edinburgh (e.g. the Tattoo)
- Work with SDI to explore interest from SWFs in Edinburgh (e.g. ADIA & QIA)
- Consider follow-up visit during Arab Health (Jan 2013)
- Meet with SDI Head of Life Sciences to share findings from the Qatar Research Forum

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**BRIEFING NOTE FOR HUMZA YOUSAF, MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

DOHA FORUM, QATAR

Meeting with H.E. Dr Hamad Bin Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari, Minister for Culture, Arts and Heritage

Sunday, 19 May time tbc

Key Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scotland has a rich cultural heritage, creative in everything we do.• Scotland is supportive of the Qatar/UK 2013 year of culture and are keen to collaborate where possible.• We welcome representatives from Qatar to visit Scotland, particularly during the world famous Edinburgh Festivals in August.
Who	H.E. Dr Hamad Bin Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari, Minister for Culture, Arts and Heritage
What	Meeting with H.E. Dr Hamad Bin Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari, Minister for Culture, Arts and Heritage
Why	Opportunity for the Minister to promote how Scotland can contribute to the Qatar/UK Year of Culture
Where	tbc
When	Sunday, 19 May time tbc
Official(s) attending	Craig Egner, International Division, Ext 44952 Mob. <i>[Redacted]</i> Anna Stansfield, International Division, Ext 41899 Mob. <i>[Redacted]</i>
Annexes	Annex A: Purpose of the meeting and Summary page Annex B: Biography of H.E. Dr Hamad Bin Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari, Minister for Culture, Arts and Heritage (NB Provided in full in response to request) Annex C: Cultural links with Qatar Annex D: Edinburgh Festivals – Economic Impact Study Annex E: Historic Scotland and the Scottish Ten Annex F: National Collections Annex G: Commonwealth Games architecture (NB Provided in full in response to request) Annex H: Science Festival and Qatar Foundation Annex I: Year of Qatar 2013 – British Council brief (NB Provided in full in response to request) AnnexJ: Year of Qatar 2013 – British Council press release (as a PDF)

Purpose of Meeting

- Introductory meeting to build a relationship with the Minister.
- Opportunity to promote Scotland's distinctive cultural offering to the Qatar/UK Year of Culture.

Suggested topics of discussion – these will be the same for all three meetings.

- **HE** Chief of Staff, Major General Hamad Bin Ali-Attiya accompanied by Brigadier Jassim Al-Sulaiti, Head of Maintenance Unit of the Qatari Armed Forces attended last year's Edinburgh Tattoo in place of the Emir. The Emir has accepted an invitation from the FM to attend this year's Edinburgh Tattoo.
- Interested to hear about progress with the Qatar/UK 2013 Year of Culture. Explore areas where Scotland could support and collaborate with Qatar, for example Museums and Galleries – educational outreach and visitor numbers, strengthen links between our galleries. Possible partnerships on museum development to share best practice on how to increase footfall
 - Festivals – traditional and contemporary culture, Tattoo, visit to Edinburgh Festivals during August – knowledge transfer on running festivals
 Science festival – See Annex I – Qatar Foundation. To explore how the Edinburgh Science Festival can support the Science Festival in Qatar
 - Education and English/Arabic language schools
 - Sport – great interest in football
- Relationships between architecture and heritage and use of digital scanning for conservation (Scottish Ten)
- Glasgow 2014 preparations – to discuss whether there is merit in inviting Qataris to Scotland to see preparations for the Commonwealth Games and to learn about Scotland's approach to legacy, construction of facilities and cultural offering. Share knowledge and learning on major sporting events particularly in relation to Commonwealth Games, Ryder Cup

CULTURAL LINKS WITH QATAR

- The EISF are in negotiations with Qatar to run a Science Festival in December 2013. This should be announced over the next few months [COMMERCIALY CONFIDENTIAL]
- **Katara Culture Village** are in the early stages of looking to host a month of traditional Scottish Music either at the end of 2013 or during 2014. Dr Khalid, General Manager of the Culture Village is currently looking to visit Scotland at the end of May in liaison with Ian Smith from Creative Scotland. They also want to take this opportunity to theme it with Scottish food and drink.
- **'Shallow Grave'** will be screened as part of the DFI British Cinema Showcase **26-29 September**.
- The **Qatar Music Academy Concert** is scheduled to take place at the **Usher Hall in Edinburgh** on 14 June 2013. Mr Yousaf will be invited to attend.
- The 1969 film **'Kes'** and **'My Name is Joe'** by Ken Loach was screened 25-26 April, as part of DFI UK Cinema Showcase, at the Museum of Islamic Art.
- The **National Theatre Scotland** took **Ménage a Trois'**, renamed **'Three'** to Qatar for performances, on **21 and 23 March 2013** supported by the British Council and Scottish Government International Touring Fund [£45K]. This production formed part of the 'Unlimited' series for the cultural programme of the Cultural Olympiad for the Paralympics, based on **award-winning performer Claire Cunningham's 20-year relationship with her crutches**.
- **Evelyn Glennie** performed a Percussion and Dance collaboration with **Marc Brew Productions** on **28 March in Qatar 2013**. Percussion and dance provides an exciting visual display. This production is supported by British Council. Marc Brew performs from a wheelchair.
- Exhibition on Islamic art by Turquoise Mountain in Scotland. (TBC)
- The Scottish located **'Angels Share'** film was screened in Qatar as part of the **Doha Tribeca Film Festival** in November 2012.
- The Tattoo is making tentative enquiries in respect of an 'offshore' Tattoo in various Gulf venues. The Tattoo has a good range of contacts (through serving and ex-military) across the Gulf Region. Some outline discussions have taken place with Metropolis Studios in respect of a potential partnership in Qatar.

EDINBURGH FESTIVALS

ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY – SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The Edinburgh Festivals generated over a **quarter of a billion pounds worth of additional tourism revenue** for Scotland (£261m) in 2010. The economic impact figure for Edinburgh is £245m¹. To put this into context the most recent independent economic impact figure for Golf tourism to Scotland is £191m, Glastonbury Music Festival £45m and projections for the recent Royal Wedding were £107m.

The Festivals sustain **5,242** full-time equivalent **jobs**.

The Festivals enjoy over **4m attendances** each year.

The lion's share of additional non-ticket visitor expenditure is attributable to beneficiary businesses such as hotels and retailers. 37% goes to accommodation providers, 34% to food and drink establishments, 6% to retailers and 9% is spent on transport.

The Festivals play a **starring role in the profile of the city** and its tourism economy, with 93% of visitors stating that the Festivals are part of what makes Edinburgh special as a city, 82% agreeing that the Festivals make them more likely to revisit Edinburgh in the future and 82% stating that the Festivals were their sole or an important reason for coming to Scotland.

85% of all respondents agree that the Festivals promote a confident, positive Scottish national identity; and 89% of Edinburgh respondents say that the **Festivals increase local pride** in their home city.

The Festivals **encourage and widen access to the arts**, with 77% of audiences saying that the Festivals had enabled them to discover new talent and genres, and nearly two-thirds saying that the Festivals encourage them to take risks and see less well-known performances, events or films.

93% of parents agreed that attending Festival events as a family **increased their child's imagination**.

Background

The Edinburgh Festivals Impact Study was written by leading economic and social researchers BOP consulting.

This groundbreaking study looks at impacts beyond the purely financial. Quantifying the social, cultural and environmental impact of major events, in addition to the economic return, is emerging as best practice in the international events sector.

The study was commissioned by the Festivals Forum and funded by the Scottish Government, City of Edinburgh Council, Scottish Enterprise, Creative Scotland and EventScotland.

The study analysed audiences, journalists, delegates, participants, volunteers, temporary staff and teachers at the 12 Edinburgh Festivals which make up Festivals Edinburgh, the strategic umbrella body which takes the lead on the festivals joint direction.

The 12 participating Festivals, in alphabetical order, are:

¹ The Scotland figure is lower because money spent by Scottish visitors from outside the capital can be counted as additional to Edinburgh, but not to Scotland.

Bank of Scotland **Imagine** Festival; Edinburgh **Art** Festival; Edinburgh Festival **Fringe**;
Edinburgh International **Book** Festival; Edinburgh **International** Festival; Edinburgh
International **Film** Festival; Edinburgh International **Science** Festival; Edinburgh **Jazz** and Blues
Festival; Edinburgh **Mela**; Edinburgh's **Hogmanay**; Royal Edinburgh Military **Tattoo**; Scottish
international **Storytelling** Festival.

In his meeting in February 2013 with Faith Liddell of Festivals Edinburgh Mr Yousaf outlined his role in new and emerging international markets and in particularly the Middle East, focusing on Qatar, UAE and Saudi Arabia. He spoke about Qatar's aspirations to position themselves geo-politically. He is keen to support cultural connections and the knowledge brand. Faith suggested that a project had been developed, as part of the Knowledge Base Package, called Creative Carbon Scotland, which may provide an opportunity to work with the Middle East. As Faith is on sabbatical this is still a work in progress.

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HISTORIC SCOTLAND

There are no existing links between Historic Scotland and Qatar at present, but there is potential for the future. Historic Scotland, through their work in Scotland and the international side of the Scottish Ten project, have considerable experience in digital preservation, interpretation and presentation of historically significant sites. With support from colleagues in the Cultural Diplomacy Team they would be pleased to provide advice or assistance with work in this field.

Three Scottish Ten brochures have been provided to Mr Yousaf for distribution during his visit.

Background to Digital Scanning:

The Scottish Ten project is digitally recording all five UNESCO designated World Heritage Sites in Scotland and five overseas heritage sites of significance over a five year period. The project will conclude in 2015.

The Scottish Ten is being delivered by the Centre for Digital Documentation and Visualisation (CDDV), a Limited Liability Partnership between Glasgow School of Art and Historic Scotland. The CDDV has in place an agreement with CyArk, the US non-profit foundation to support delivery.

The objectives for the project are to;

- Record important historical sites for the benefit of future generations in Scotland and overseas;
- Share and disseminate Scottish technical expertise and foster international collaboration;
- Realise the cultural and economic benefits of this type of activity by enhancing Scotland's lead in this sector;
- Develop Scotland as a centre of excellence in this field;
- Recognise international Scottish cultural connections.

The Scottish Ten is designed to bring together Scottish expertise in the historic environment with our expertise in digitally recording our cultural heritage.

This technology can be used to enhance global understanding of these sites, to provide remote access and enhanced interpretation, to introduce different cultures to these sites of international importance, and crucially to ensure these sites are documented for future generations.

Through the creation of the Scottish 10 project, we have committed to digitally scanning Scotland's five World Heritage Sites and another five international sites of cultural significance. This has now developed into a commitment to digitally record 600 structures at the 345 historic properties in the care of Scottish Ministers. Site work has already been completed at the standing stones of Calanais on the Isle of Lewis which were the inspiration for the setting of the Disney/Pixar film Brave.

The partnership between the Digital Design Studio and Historic Scotland is also vital to deliver a new visitor experience at the Battle of Bannockburn visitor centre in time for the 700th anniversary in 2014 when Scotland will be hosting the Commonwealth Games, the Ryder Cup and the second Year of Homecoming. The project is the most ambitious collaboration between HS and the National Trust for Scotland and is funded by the Scottish Government and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Site	Location	Progress
New Lanark	Scotland	Largely completed.
Orkney	Scotland	Largely completed.
Antonine Wall	Scotland	Not progressed – scheduled for 2013.
Edinburgh	Scotland	Sample visualisation complete Sept 2012, data capture largely completed, but continuing in 2013.
St Kilda	Scotland	Fieldwork completed in July 2011 and data processing scheduled for completion early 2013.
Mount Rushmore	South Dakota, USA	Completed. Launch of the Digital Preservation Project in early 2012 in South Dakota.
Rani Ki Vav	Gujarat, India	Fieldwork completed in October 2011.
Eastern Qing Dynasty Tombs	Hebei, China	Fieldwork completed November 2012.
Sydney Opera House	Sydney, Australia	Site work completed April 2013.
Site Five	To be decided	

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The only other interaction Historic Scotland has had thus far with Qatar was the following:

In September 2012 HS were contacted (MACCS 2012/0026344) by John McAslan CBE of architects John McAslan + Partners. Mr McAslan was involved in a number of projects in the Msheireb development in downtown Doha. He was also interested in developing cultural tourism links with the Qatar Tourism Authority, chaired by Issa Al Mohannadi, and suggested HS might be interested in partnering his firm in pilot projects at historic sites in Qatar such as Al Zubara.

HS wrote back to inform Mr McAslan of our heritage tourism role within Scotland and advised him of contacts within VisitScotland and Creative Scotland should he wish to develop his proposals. They have not heard anything further on this.

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SCIENCE FESTIVAL (SF) AND THE QATAR FOUNDATION

A meeting in May with them and the Minister would be very useful to SF.

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No one from the Qatar Foundation accepted the Minister's invitation to attend the Edinburgh Science Festival this year.

NATIONAL COLLECTIONS

NATIONAL GALLERIES SCOTLAND – WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND ACCESS

Examples

- **Going Further – The National Strategy for Scotland's Museums and Galleries** was launched by the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs on 30 March 2012. The Strategy presents a real opportunity to unite all museums and galleries in driving up public value and participation. The sector can work towards a sustainable future through collaborative approaches, partnerships, being competitive, innovative and enterprising. One of the strategy's key aims is to strengthen connections between museums, people and places as a way to inspire greater public participation, learning and wellbeing.
- The **National Galleries of Scotland** (NGS) achieved a record number of visitors in 2012. All three sites across Edinburgh attracted over 1.6 million people last year, a 25% increase on visitor figures in 2011. The results are, in part, due to the huge success of the opening of the refurbished Scottish National Portrait Gallery. The **Scottish National Portrait Gallery** (SNPG) re-opened on 1 December 2011 following a two and a half year closure and ambitious £17.6 million restoration project. The project – the first major refurbishment in the Gallery's 120 year history – has restored much of the architect's original vision opening up previously inaccessible parts of the building and increasing the public space by more than 60%. Reviews and feedback were overwhelmingly positive with more than 52,000 visitors going to Gallery during the first month of opening.
- During the SNPG project NGS worked with local businesses to engage their staff and encourage them to broadcast by word-of-mouth the positive messages of the new gallery. They hosted several events targeting e.g. bar managers, taxi drivers hairdressers and retail managers to come and have a tour so that they felt as though they had an insight into the Gallery and would hopefully talk to their customers positively about it. They also arranged a fashion show with Harvey Nichols within the building to open it up to a new audience. They held an event for local tour guides to encourage them to bring their groups to the SNPG to 'discover the history of Scotland in one building' and then built opportunities into the visit for them. Finally, they also encouraged national ownership of the project and really pushed that this was the public's gallery and they should make the most of it. This included supplements in key newspapers and local radio advertising to promote the opening.
- The **National Museum of Scotland** opened to the public following a £47 million transformation on 29 July 2011. A staggering 22,000 visited on the first day and the museum welcomed over 1.29 million visitors in its first six months. The project restored the A-listed Victorian building to its original glory with a key aim of bringing thousands of objects out of storage, and engaging a much larger audience with inspiring new learning experiences.
- **A local example** - The Borders Textile Towerhouse was set up in 2009 as part of the 'Heart of Hawick', a multi-agency initiative to contribute to the social, cultural, physical and economic regeneration of Hawick and the wider Borders. In an effort to combat a decline in young people entering the textile industry and to engage with the broader community, the museum has employed an education and outreach officer. Working with Heriot-Watt University School of Textile and Design, Borders College, local schools and communities and the textile industry, the museum has developed a range of learning opportunities and creative textile events. By linking the history of the industry with innovative contemporary fashion design the museum has successfully renewed interest in the local knitwear and tweed industries, whilst attracting a greater range of visitors.

The National Galleries of Scotland Director General, John Leighton, visited Qatar at their invitation a couple of years ago to discuss possible partnerships and museum development, but there has been no contact since and, as yet, no partnerships have evolved.

NATIONAL LIBRARIES SCOTLAND (NLS)

NLS do not have any established relationships with Qatar.

NATIONAL MUSEUMS SCOTLAND (NMS)

NMS Enterprises Ltd carried out two consultancy projects on the Middle East, one in Sharjah and the second in Qatar (a few years ago now). Both were performed in liaison with the British Consulate and involved the training of local museum professionals in visitor/customer service and service delivery within a museum environment.

Subsequent to the first phase of training, we produced an outline of the 'Creating Great Visitor Experiences' objectives and programme which we had translated into Arabic for future projects. Although this created great interest, it coincided with the world economic crisis which resulted in massive budget cuts across the sector. We would be pleased to further develop our consultancy in this area if the opportunity arose.

(N.B. NMS Enterprises Ltd It was established in 2002 to facilitate the commercial activities of National Museums Scotland).

Potential points for discussion

When considering how to increase footfall and widen engagement in museums and galleries the following areas could be considered:

Accessibility – There is a need to know why visitors might attend a museum/gallery and why. Experience in Scotland has shown that programming makes a big difference to audiences and most success has been found when scheduling exhibitions that are accessible and not too high brow e.g. the loan of the Rodin sculpture *The Kiss* from Tate has had a positive effect on NGS visitor numbers.

Prices – Are the museums charging entrance fees? We have a commitment to making our national collections accessible to the public free of charge which is successful in attracting people. If this isn't possible can they offer discounted rates? Are there opportunities to partner organisations in the media or travel sector?

Advertising – Are they advertising in the right places and for the right audience?

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ANNEX J

YEAR OF QATAR 2013 – BRITISH COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE



Qatar - Doha
Forum - Briefing...

BRIEFING NOTE FOR HUMZA YOUSAF, MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DOHA FORUM, QATAR

Meeting with Qatar Minister of Culture, Arts and Heritage
Meeting with Martin Hope, Director for Qatar, British Council
Working lunch with Qatar/UK Year of Culture stakeholders

18 – 22 May 2013

What does this stem from	These meetings form part of Mr Yousaf's visit to Qatar and his attendance at the Doha Forum
Key Message	Scotland has a rich cultural heritage, creative in everything we do. Scotland is supportive of the Qatar/UK 2013 year of culture and are keen to collaborate where possible. We welcome representatives from Qatar to visit Scotland, particularly during the world famous Edinburgh Festivals in August.
Who	Dr. Hamad Bin Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari, Minister for Culture, Arts and Heritage Martin Hope, Director for Qatar, British Council Qatar Foundation Qatar Museums Authority British Council
What	Meeting to discuss cultural links between Qatar and Scotland, and strengthening these links in the Qatar/UK Year of Culture 2013.
Why	Why is the conference/meeting being held – what will it achieve and why is the Minister taking part.
Where	Where is the meeting or the conference being held? (including postcode if it is not a Scottish Government building or in Parliament)
When	Date and timings of the event. Who will meeting the Minister and what will be the running order for the Minister's programme. When will she be able to leave.
Dress code	Is there any specific dress requirements – eg, lounge suit, black tie/evening dress, traditional dress etc.
Official(s) attending	Name, Division Extension and Mobile number
Media Handling	Suggested Media Handling (as advised by Press Office). Is there a press call or photo op? Which journalists, papers or magazines are expected.

Annexes	<p>What is in the briefing pack:</p> <p>Annex A: Summary page</p> <p>Annex B: Cultural links with Qatar (NB – Provided on page 15 above)</p> <p>Annex C: Edinburgh Festivals – Economic Impact Study (NB Provided on page 16 above)</p> <p>Annex D: Historic Scotland and the Scottish Ten (NB Provided on page 18 above)</p> <p>Annex E: National Galleries Scotland (NB Provided on page 20 above)</p> <p>Annex F: Commonwealth Games architecture</p> <p>Annex G: Biography – Dr. Hamad Bin Abdulaziz Al-Kuwari, Minister for Culture, Arts and Heritage (NB Provided in full in response to request)</p> <p>Annex H: Biography – Martin Hope (NB Provided in full in response to request)</p> <p>Annex I: Biographies – Working lunch stakeholders</p> <p>Annex J: Year of Qatar 2013 – British Council brief (separate document)</p> <p>Annex K: Year of Qatar 2013 – British Council press release (separate document)</p>
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SUMMARY PAGE

Suggested topics of discussion – these will be the same for all three meetings.

- Interested to hear about progress with the Qatar/UK 2013 Year of Culture. Explore areas where Scotland could support and collaborate with Qatar, for example
 - o Museums and Galleries – educational outreach and visitor numbers, strengthen links between our galleries
 - o Festivals – traditional and contemporary culture, Tattoo, visit to Edinburgh Festivals during August – knowledge transfer on running festivals
 - o Science festival
 - o Education and English/Arabic language schools
 - o Sport – great interest in football

- Relationships between architecture and heritage and use of digital scanning for conservation (Scottish Ten)

- Share knowledge and learning on major sporting events, particularly in relation to Commonwealth Games, Ryder Cup

GLASGOW 2014 COMMONWEALTH GAMES BUILDINGS

- Although new buildings are being constructed for the Games as a part of the regeneration of the Parkhead/Dalmarnock area of Glasgow, 70% of the Games venues are existing or refurbished facilities. New buildings have been constructed with their reuse after in the Games as part of the brief.
- **The [Emirates Arena](#)** (consisting of the Commonwealth Arena and the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome) was completed in October 2012. Designed by the Glasgow office of 3D Reid architects, the project maximises flexibility in use and combined public/ support facilities serve both arenas. 3D Reid have offices in other parts of the UK as well as Asia, Abu Dhabi and Dubai.
- **The [Athletes' Village](#)** will form the centrepiece of the wider Clyde Gateway Project, a strategic £1.6 billion [inner city](#) regeneration of the East End of the city, to be completed six months before the Games start. The Scottish-based international architecture practice [RMJM](#), acted as masterplanners and design champions for the village which covers a 35 [hectare](#) site and is being purpose-built to house over 6,000 athletes and officials while leaving a legacy of [regeneration](#) in this part of the city. The development is being carried out by 4 Scottish building contractors/developers, part of City Legacy consortium.
- RMJM carried out projects for the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games and the Beijing Olympic Games. The practice has offices in Europe, the United States, Asia and the Middle East, including Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Bahrain. It was the architect for the **Dubai Tower, Doha**, a mixed residential and commercial development currently under construction.
- The planned mix of homes at the Athletes' Village incorporates a wide range of sizes and types of housing that will be important in creating a balanced community and will aid sales of the homes after the Games. There are three core house types with permutations which will result in around 21 types in total to suit the needs of every buyer. The unique design of the accommodation presents flexibility and allows for relatively simple post Games retrofit which will eventually see a total of nearly 1,500 homes built.
- Consideration of how the site will develop after the Games is at the heart of the design of the village. 765 additional homes, community buildings, transport connections, local facilities, amenities and pedestrian routes will be provided. 300 of the homes will be for sale, with 300 being provided for social housing and 100 for mid-market rent. The riverside site will include an urban beach and carefully located and supervised play spaces. 10% of the village's energy will be generated by renewable energy sources on site and a minimum of 10% recycled material content is being used in construction.
- **Infrastructure:** over two billion [pounds](#) will have been spent on enhancements to the city's transport infrastructure by 2014, partly in support of the Games. These include completion of major motorway links, including the [M74](#) and [East End Regeneration Route](#), remodelling of [Dalmarnock railway station](#) and refurbishment of the stations on the [Glasgow Subway](#).
- In terms of future engagement, given that they will be hosting the FIFA World Cup in 2022, there may be opportunities to discuss with the Minister of Culture the prospect of sharing lessons we have or will learn from the Glasgow Commonwealth Games. However, this is more likely to be around the organising of the Games, rather than construction of venues. The focus in Qatar is building lots of big stadiums which can be disassembled and shipped off to other countries, while also addressing the air conditioning challenges from their hot summers.

**COMPARISON BETWEEN THE FIFA WORLD CUP IN 2010 AND THE 2014
COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

	South Africa	Glasgow
Tickets	3,170,856	1,000,000
Number of teams	31	71
Days play	1 month	11 days
Athletes & Officials		6,500
Global TV audience	715 million (final)	1,500 million (games)

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YEAR OF QATAR/UK 2013 – WORKING LUNCH STAKEHOLDER BIOGRAPHIES

QATAR FOUNDATION

Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of Qatar, and Her Highness Sheikha Mozah bint Nasser Al Missned, the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (Arabic: **مؤسسة قطر**) is a semi-private chartered, non-profit organization. In addition to private funding it is government-supported and in some parts government-funded by the government of Qatar. Qatar Foundation is chaired by Sheikha Mozah bint Nasser Al Missned. Its aim is to "support Qatar on its journey from a carbon economy to a knowledge economy by unlocking human potential".

Qatar Foundation carries out its mission by focusing on three pillars—education, science and research, and community development. Its work in the education field has brought a number of international universities to Qatar to help develop an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. Its main science and research agenda is to build Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercializing solutions through key sciences. The community development programs aim to help foster a progressive society, while also enhancing the cultural landscape, protecting Qatar's heritage, and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

Education - The Qatar Foundation has several efforts to benefit primary and secondary education programmes, and has established branch campuses of eight international universities at Education City (the education campus of Qatar Foundation), including HEC Paris and University College London.

Science and research - Qatar Foundation's main aim in this field is to help build Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercializing solutions in key sciences. It is also developing a research strategy built on complementing Qatar-based research efforts with expertise from abroad, to build networks that provide home-grown solutions for Qatar and the region. A research division was established at Qatar Foundation in 2007 to manage developing a scientific community in Qatar. It has hosted several international conferences in the fields of biotechnology, nanotechnology, and stem cell research.

Community Development – with the three aims of fostering a progressive society, protecting Qatar's cultural heritage and addressing social needs, includes:

- The Doha Debates filmed at Education City and broadcast by BBC World News
- Al Jazeera Children's Channel is part of Qatar Foundation and is broadcast from Education City along with Baraem, the Arabic channel aimed at preschoolers
- Mathaf - the Arab Museum of Modern Art was opened in 2010 in association with Qatar Museum Authority and is host to exhibitions, programs and events that explore and celebrate art by Arab artists
- Reach Out To Asia (ROTA) – charity initiative focused on assisting community development projects in Asian countries. It has responded to crises in places such as Pakistan, Indonesia, Lebanon, and Gaza.
- Qatar Diabetes Association – offers programs and services to people coping with diabetes, a prominent problem in the Middle East.

Joint venture partnerships in the areas of design, information and communication technologies, telecommunications, policy studies, and event management also contribute to fulfilling the objectives of Qatar Foundation.

QATAR MUSEUMS AUTHORITY

The Qatar Museums Authority (QMA) is the peak body of museums in Qatar. The QMA was founded in late 2005 to manage the resources of all museums in the State of Qatar, to develop cultural institutions such as museums and galleries, and to provide an effective system for collecting, protecting, preserving and interpreting historic sites, monuments and artifacts.

The QMA was the bid leader for Qatar's successful candidature to join the UNESCO heritage panel in 2011. The chair of the board of trustees Al-Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, is the daughter of the current Emir Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, and other board members include Dominique de Villepin, the former Prime Minister of France.

The QMA is responsible for the construction, ongoing management and coordination of museums in Qatar, including:

- The Museum of Islamic art
- Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art
- The Qatar National Museum (not yet open)
- The Orientalist museum (open by appointment only)

More museums are scheduled to be open in the few coming years, such as the Sports Museum.

It is important to note that the scope of actions of the QMA goes beyond developing museums and art galleries and restoring archaeological sites to other activities, such as organizing and sponsoring various events locally and internationally. Notable examples of these are the yearly organization of an international film festival called Doha Tribeca Film Festival, the installation of a Louise Bourgeois giant sculpture in the Qatar National Convention Center, the sponsoring of the World Cinema Foundation, the sponsoring of the Japanese artist Takashi Murakami's exhibition in Château de Versailles, and the sponsorship of an exhibition of English artist and art collector Damien Hirst at Tate Modern in 2012.

BRITISH COUNCIL

The British Council is a British organisation specialising in international educational and cultural opportunities. It is registered as a charity both in England and Wales, and in Scotland. Founded in 1934 as the British Committee for Relations with Other Countries, and granted a royal charter by King George VI in 1940, the British Council was inspired by Sir Reginald (*Rex*) Leeper's recognition of the importance of "cultural propaganda" in promoting British interests. Its "sponsoring department" within the United Kingdom Government is the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, although it has day-to-day operational independence. Martin Davidson is its chief executive, appointed in April 2007.

The British Council's remit is "to build mutually beneficial cultural and educational relationships between the United Kingdom and other countries, and increase

appreciation of the United Kingdom's creative ideas and achievements." Its overseas network extends to 233 locations in over 100 countries and territories. It has headquarters in Spring Gardens, near Whitehall in Central London. There are other branch offices in Belfast, Cardiff, Manchester and Edinburgh.

The British Council Director for Qatar, Martin Hope, will meet with Mr Yousaf to brief him on current and future cultural exchange opportunities with Qatar.



April 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

QATAR UK 2013 YEAR OF CULTURE

Celebrating the long-standing relationship between the two countries, Qatar UK 2013 Year of Culture aims to forge new and support existing partnerships in the arts, education, sport and science, while promoting an awareness and appreciation of each country's culture, achievements, and heritage.

Qatar UK 2013 Year of Culture is a programme of cultural exchanges and events in Qatar and the UK coordinated by the British Council and Qatar Museums Authority. BBC Symphony Orchestra, The British Library, UCL, National Theatre of Scotland, the Royal Academy of Arts, Sadler's Wells, Serpentine Gallery, Shakespeare's Globe, Shubbak Festival of contemporary Arab arts in London, Tate, V&A, Coventry University, Museum of Islamic Art Doha, the Arab Museum of Modern Art Doha - MATHAF, the Doha Film Institute and the Cultural Village Foundation, Katara are among the leading British and Qatari cultural and educational organisations participating in the programme. Highlights of the programme in the UK include:

- A major exhibition on the history of pearls at the V&A, including spectacular objects from the collections of the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha.
- A debate about the future of learning organised by the British Council in partnership with Qatar Foundation's World Innovation Summit for Education in Manchester.
- A pop-up project organised by The Serpentine Gallery in collaboration with Qatar's Mathaf, the Arab museum of Modern and contemporary art, including lectures, debates and symposia. Part of London's Shubbak Festival of Arab contemporary arts this summer.
- A programme to promote Arabic language and culture studied in UK schools, led by the British Council and supported by Qatari partners.
- Concerts by Qatar Music Academy in Edinburgh and London.
- Fischli Weiss *Rock on Top of Another Rock*, an installation in Kensington Gardens by the celebrated Swiss artists, presented in a collaboration between Qatar Museums Authority's Public Art Programme, The Serpentine Gallery and The Royal Parks.

□ A special showing in Manchester of the internationally acclaimed exhibition, Hey Ya: Brigitte Lacombe's photographs of over 50 Arab sportswomen.

□ A British Council science programme encouraging new research between young Qatari and British early career researchers in areas prioritised by the Qatar National Research Fund to be launched in June.

□ A sports programme which includes a Premiere League, British Council and Aspire Academy schools football competition, visits to Qatar by senior UK coaches and referees and the exchange of PE teachers to share experience of encouraging youngsters to engage in sport.

In Qatar the programme is creating new opportunities for the UK by showcasing the best of British culture, sport, art, science and education. The curtain was raised in Doha on 6 December 2012, with the opening at the Cultural Village Foundation, Katara of *Encounter: The Royal Academy in the Middle East*, an exhibition featuring 100 works by 25 Royal Academicians shown alongside 25 prominent artists from across the Middle East, selected by Royal Academicians.

This was followed by a sell-out world premiere of Globe Education's *Romeo and Juliet* at the drama theatre in Katara, with a full programme of introductory workshops for schools.

The programme continued with an Arts and Disability Festival, drawn from the *Unlimited* season in the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad, curated by the British Council. This was the first festival of its kind in the Middle East and included performances by Claire Cunningham and Gail Sneddon, in partnership with the National Theatre of Scotland, the Marc Brew Company featuring Evelyn Glennie, Rachel Gadsden's *This Breathing World* and short films by Chris Tally Evans, Joel Simon and Sue Austin.

Highlights of the programme in Qatar include:

□ Performances of cutting edge works by Sadler's Wells Associate Artists Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui, Russell Maliphant and Wayne McGregor at Katara Village Foundation in Doha.

□ A visit by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under conductor Sir Andrew Davis to Doha.

□ A major new exhibition of the work of *Damien Hirst*, curated by Francesco Bonami at Al Riwaq Exhibition Hall in Doha opening in October 2013.

□ A series of curatorial tours, residencies and exchanges between the two countries through a programme organised by the British Council.

□ *Designed to Win*, A Katara exhibition in collaboration with the Design Museum, exploring the various ways in which design has shaped the sporting world.

□ The *Ferozkoh* exhibition showcasing works created by Afghan artists inspired by masterpieces from the Museum of Islamic Art (MIA) collection. The exhibition presents a partnership between the Museum of Islamic Art, Doha, and the Turquoise Mountain Trust, a UK-based charity that established the Institute for Arts and Architecture in Kabul, Afghanistan.

The season also celebrates an ambitious partnership between the British Library and Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development to transform understanding of Middle Eastern history – a three year programme which will digitise half a million pages of archive material in co-operation with Qatar Foundation's new Qatar National Library, due to open in 2014. As well as the opening of UCL Qatar, the first British university in Qatar, offering postgraduate degree programmes in the areas of archaeology, conservation, cultural heritage and museum studies.

Qatar UK 2013's Platinum sponsors are Vodafone, Shell and QatarGas.

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BRIEFING NOTE FOR HUMZA YOUSAF, MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DOHA FORUM, QATAR

**Meeting with Martin Hope, Director for Qatar, British Council
Meetings with Katara Village and Qatar Museums Authority**

**Sunday, 19 May 13.00 – 14.00 – Katara Village
19 May 14.30 – 15.30 – Qatar Museums Authority**

Key Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland has a rich cultural heritage, creative in everything we do. • Scotland is supportive of the Qatar/UK 2013 year of culture and are keen to collaborate where possible. • We welcome representatives from Qatar to visit Scotland, particularly during the world famous Edinburgh Festivals in August.
Who	Meetings with Dr Khalid, General Manager, Katara Village and Miguel Blanco, Director, Strategic Cultural Relations, Qatar Museums Authority.
What	Meetings with 2 keys stakeholders involved in the Qatar/UK Year of Culture. Martin Hope, Director for Qatar, British Council and Martin O’Neill, UK Ambassador will attend
Why	Opportunity for the Minister to promote how Scotland can contribute to the Qatar/UK Year of Culture
Where	1 st meeting - Katara Village, General Manager’s Office Building 15 2 nd meeting – Qatar Museum of Islamic Art (Café)
When	Sunday, 19 May 13.00 – 15.30
Official(s) attending	Craig Egner, International Division, Ext 44952 Mob. [Redacted] Anna Stansfield, International Division, Ext 41899 Mob. [Redacted]
Annexes	Annex A: Purpose of the meeting and Summary page Annex B: Biography of Martin Hope, British Council (NB Provided in full at request stage) Annex C: Background on Katara Village (NB Provided in full at request stage) Annex D: Qatar Museums Authority Annex E National Galleries of Scotland and Qatar Annex F: National Galleries – Widening Participation (NB Provided at page 27 above) Annex G: Other Cultural links with Qatar (NB Provided at page 15 above) Annex H: Edinburgh Festivals – Economic Impact Study (NB Provided at page 16 above) Annex I: Historic Scotland and Digital Imaging (NB Provided at page 18 above) Annex J: Commonwealth Games architecture (NB Provided at page 31 above) Annex K: Commonwealth Games cultural activity Annex L: Qatar Foundation and Edinburgh Science Festival Annex M: Qatari Poet (To be raised with Martin Hope and Martin O’Neill separately)

	Annex N: Qatar/UK year of culture – British Council Brief (NB Provided at page 23 above)
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Purpose of Meeting

- Opportunity to promote Scotland's distinctive cultural offering to the Qatar/UK Year of Culture and other cultural links between Scotland and Qatar.
- To follow up on the visit of the Director General of the National Galleries of Scotland, John Leighton in January 2011 to discuss with the Qatar Museums Authority possible partnerships on museum development and to share best practice on how to increase footfall.

Suggested topics of discussion

- HE Chief of Staff, Major General Hamad Bin Ali-Attiya accompanied by Brigadier Jassim Al-Sulaiti, Head of Maintenance Unit of the Qatari Armed Forces attended last year's Edinburgh Tattoo in place of the Emir. The FM has sent an invitation to the Emir to attend this year's Edinburgh Tattoo.
- Interested to hear about progress with the Qatar/UK 2013 Year of Culture. Explore areas where Scotland could support and collaborate with Qatar, for example
 - Museums and Galleries – educational outreach and visitor numbers, strengthen links between our galleries
 - Festivals – traditional and contemporary culture, Tattoo, visit to Edinburgh Festivals during August – knowledge transfer on running festivals
- Relationships between architecture and heritage and use of digital scanning for conservation (Scottish Ten)
- Share knowledge and learning on major sporting events, particularly in relation to Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup

QATAR MUSEUMS AUTHORITY

The Qatar Museums Authority (QMA) is the leading museums body in Qatar. The QMA was founded in late 2005 to manage the resources of all museums in the State of Qatar, to develop cultural institutions such as museums and galleries, and to provide an effective system for collecting, protecting, preserving and interpreting historic sites, monuments and artifacts.

The QMA was the bid leader for Qatar's successful candidature to join the UNESCO heritage panel in 2011. The chair of the board of trustees Al-Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, is the daughter of the current Emir Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, and other board members include Dominique de Villepin, the former Prime Minister of France.

The QMA is responsible for the construction, ongoing management and coordination of museums in Qatar, including:

- The Museum of Islamic art
- Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art
- The Qatar National Museum (not yet open)
- The Orientalist museum (open by appointment only)

More museums are scheduled to be open in the few coming years, such as the Sports Museum.

It is important to note that the scope of actions of the QMA goes beyond developing museums and art galleries and restoring archaeological sites to other activities, such as organizing and sponsoring various events locally and internationally. Notable examples of these are the yearly organization of an international film festival called Doha Tribeca Film Festival, the installation of a Louise Bourgeois (who is well known for her very large sculptures of spiders) giant sculpture in the Qatar National Convention Center, the sponsoring of the World Cinema Foundation, the sponsoring of the Japanese artist Takashi Murakami's exhibition in Château de Versailles, and the sponsorship of an exhibition of English artist and art collector Damien Hirst at Tate Modern in 2012.

The Director General of the National Galleries of Scotland, John Leighton, was invited to Qatar in 2011 to discuss potential collaboration (see Annex E below). Although there has not since been a great deal of activity, the National Galleries would welcome discussing with QMA further collaboration and the national Galleries' work to increase footfall.

NATIONAL GALLERIES OF SCOTLAND AND QATAR

TOP LINE: National Galleries of Scotland (NGS) have had early talks in Qatar about helping to deliver its ambition to become a major international cultural capital. Positive endorsement of these talks could help NGS in taking this forward – there is considerable scope to share both expertise and exhibitions/joint programmes.

KEY POINTS:

1. Qatar is ambitious to become a major international cultural capital and is investing heavily in collecting and museums building

- The new Museum of Islamic Art opened in 2008 at an estimated cost of \$800m
- The National Museum of Qatar, originally opened in 1975, is being transformed by a new building due to open in December 2014
- The Emir of Qatar's family (Al-Thani) is reported to be spending more on contemporary art than any other international collectors (*Art Newspaper* August 2011).

2. Scotland has been identified by Qatar as a potential collaborative partner on expertise and exhibition/programming

- John Leighton, Director-General of NGS, was invited to Qatar in January 2011 by the Chief Executive of Qatar Museums Authority, Roger Mandle.
- John had two meetings with the Emir's daughter, H.E. Sheikha Al Mayassa Bint Hamad Khalifa Al-Thani, Chair of the Qatar Museums Authority Board and a passionate advocate of the social and cultural power of museums. She expressed an interest in NGS and the prospect of works from Scotland travelling to Qatar.

3. NGS is well placed to collaborate with Qatar on both public-facing and “back-office” functions

- NGS has over 150 years experience across a range of museums operations; it can offer placements, staff exchanges and skills development on e.g. education programmes, project management, conservation.
- Qatar wishes to develop its own distinctive exhibition programmes but is looking at the scope for joint programming. NGS organises 30 exhibitions a year, often with international partners.
- NGS can also offer international touring shows – e.g. modern and contemporary art, or special projects like *Golf in Scotland* (touring to the USA in 2012).

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Culture Division. Ext: 40349

Commonwealth Games Cultural Activity

- The Cabinet Secretary announced Scotland's Cultural Plan for London 2012 and Glasgow 2014 in July 2011. With funding of £13m over 3 years (£8m for 2014 although 'top-ups' to this may be announced) it will feature inspiring high quality events and programmes that reach out to and engage with Scotland's communities and visitors. The Glasgow 2014 Cultural Programme Open Fund will was announced in early December 2012. The Fund, collaboration between Creative Scotland, Glasgow 2014 and Glasgow Life, will invite individual artists, community-led groups and experienced event organisers to bid for awards that could range from £20,000 up to £300,000 to celebrate the Games coming to Scotland in 2014. The closing date for applications was 23 February 2013, with successful applicants being informed in Summer 2013.
- Creative Scotland allocated £1.5 million of National Lottery funds to support Get Scotland Dancing in the period 2012-2014 to create an inclusive celebration of dance across Scotland. Creative Scotland is working with hubs, their programming partners in each of the six cities in Scotland as the instigators of events and networks in their geographic areas. Numbers in this programme of activity across Scotland far exceed the original target of 15,000 participants
- On 30th April 'Celebrate' was announced, a £4 million joint lottery funded programme, will allow communities to celebrate the people, places and culture of the Commonwealth. 'Celebrate' will offer small grants of up to £10k to sports/ arts/ communities/ heritage organisations across Scotland that are doing "something to mark the arrival" of the Commonwealth Games. They will be ready to go live from the launch date and expect the grants to be awarded within 6-8 weeks. The fund will last until after the Games, possibly to 31 December 2014. They are including the Legacy 2014 branding amongst their partner branding.

(To be raised separately with Martin Hope, Director, British Council Qatar and Martin O'Neill HMA)

Amnesty international Prisoner of Conscience

Mohammed al-Ajami

Taken from Amnesty International's briefing for the meeting with Mark Bevan on 14/5/2013

Freedom of expression is significantly limited. For example, poet Mohammed al-Ajami, was detained in November 2011 and sentenced to life imprisonment, commuted to 15 years after appeal in January 2013. He was jailed solely for the peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of expression through his poetry. He remains in solitary confinement.

He believes that the reason for his arrest was his 2011 work "the Jasmine Poem", which he wrote during the wave of protests throughout the Arab world that began in December 2010. The poem criticized Gulf States and read: "*we are all Tunisia in the face of the repressive elite*". Amnesty requests that in the context of Scotland hosting one of the world's largest international arts festivals, Scottish Government explores the case of Mohammed al-Ajami.

BRIEFING NOTE FOR HUMZA YOUSAF, MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Meeting with Gary Soper, Senior Development Executive, SDI Dubai

Date : Sunday 19 May 10.30 – 11.30 am

What does this stem from	Minister will visit Qatar for the Doha Forum. This presents a timely opportunity to meet with Gary Soper (SDI) who is based in Dubai, to discuss the Minister's proposed programme for his visit to Gulf in November 2013.
Key Message	Building trade links with Qatar makes a vital contribution to the purpose of the Scottish Government – sustainable economic growth.
Who	Gary Soper, Senior Development Executive, SDI
What	To hear about Scotland's trade and investment links with Qatar and to discuss plans for the November visit to UAE, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.
Why	To get the Minister's views on the plans for the November trip in particular and to hear about some of the key issues around that visit.
Where	British Embassy, Doha, West Bay, PO Box 3 (off Wahda Street)
When	Sunday 19 May 10.30 – 11.30 am
Dress code	Business attire
Official(s) attending	Anna Stansfield, International Policy Executive, Mob: <i>[Redacted]</i> Craig Egner, International Strategy & Reputation Team Leader, Mob: <i>[Redacted]</i>
Media Handling	N/A
Annexes	Annex A: Short summary of Scotland's trade and investment links with Qatar. (NB Provided in full in response to request) Annex B: <i>[redacted]</i> Annex C: Planning ahead of Minister's UAE Visit – (Anna) Annex D: Gary Soper's CV

PLANNING AHEAD OF MR YOUSAF'S TO UAE IN NOVEMBER

(Anna will talk through with the Minister ahead of the meeting)

- Profiling of Mr Yousaf in advance of visit with UAE media
- [redacted]
- 'in conversation' Q+A with emirates literature festival re: his role, his inspirations, his story of how he came to be a govt minister age of 27
- [redacted]
- Meeting with sheikha lubna, international development minister (who is also in her late 20s and used to work in economic ministry) - meeting with sheikh mansouri, minister for economy
- Meetings with UK ambassador in AD and dubai
- Meeting with UAE Humanitarian Fund reps
- [redacted]
- Roundtable session with british business group focus group based in Dubai
- Follow up to FM govtal mtgs
- Heriot watt campus visit and speech to students (opening might not be possible but they are checking)
- [redacted]

CURRICULUM VITAE

GARY L SOPER

[redacted]

Tel : [Redacted]

Em: [Redacted]

Brief Overview

A career Civil Servant building up a wide range of transferable skills key of which include: change management; strong team leadership and negotiating experience; and with strong presentational skills both formal and informal. A good knowledge of international trade and investment, and its drivers, has been built up over a number of years both in the UK and as a consequence of working in a number of continents. At ease with all levels of business/political players.

Previous Experience

03/12 to present	Senior Development Executive, Scottish Development International Middle East Office, Dubai - [redacted] -
[redacted]	[redacted]
07/09 – 08/10	First Secretary, Head of UK Trade & Investment Iraq, British Embassy, Baghdad - [redacted]
11/06 – 07/09	Head of Trade and Investment, British Embassy, Seoul - [redacted]
06/02 – 10/06	First Secretary (Trade and Investment), British Embassy, Bogota - [redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
07/99 – 10/01	Head, Brazil Unit, Trade Partners UK - [redacted]
11/93 – 07/99	Australasia Unit, Overseas Trade Services - [redacted]
04/90 – 11/93	DTI's Environment Directorate - [redacted]
02/88 – 04/90	DTI's Consumer Markets Division - [redacted]
06/85 – 02/88	DTI's Minerals and Metals Division - [redacted] -
10/82 – 06/85	Home Office (later DTI) Radio Regulatory Division - [redacted]
09/78 – 10/82	Home Office Prison Department HQ (A2/CO) - [redacted]

Other information

- FCO Operational Spanish (2003-2008)
- Ex-County badminton player
- Keen golfer
- Keen traveller

BRIEFING NOTE FOR HUMZA YOUSAF, MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROTOCOL MEETING WITH SHEIK HAMAD BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, RULER OF QATAR

Date – tbc

Key Messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Scottish Government is keen to deepen economic, cultural and governmental ties with Qatar • There is much we can learn from each other and opportunities for collaboration including Scottish Water and Scotland’s contribution to the UK/Qatar Year of Culture
Who	Sheik Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Ruler Of Qatar
What	Protocol meeting to continue the high level relationship between the Scottish Government and the Ruler of Qatar building on the First Minister’s visits to the Gulf Region in 2011 and 2012 and subsequent Ministerial visits.
Why	<p>Opportunity to promote Scotland’s expertise in;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • energy/climate justice, international development and cultural engagement to highlight investment opportunities within Scotland • discuss Scotland’s contribution to the 2013 Qatar/UK Year of Culture
Where	Doha, tbc
When	tbc
Supporting Official	<p>Michael O’Neill, UK Ambassador to Qatar (tbc) Craig Egnor, International Div, Ext 44952, Mob. <i>[Redacted]</i> Anna Stansfield, International Div, Ext 41899 or Mob. <i>[Redacted]</i> Billy Wright, Private Office, Mob. <i>[Redacted]</i></p>
Attached Documents	<p>Annex A: Annotated Agenda Annex B: Biography of Sheik Hamad Bin Khalifia Al Thani (NB Provided in full in response to request) (including Biography of Her Highness Sheika Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned) Annex C: Key Scotland/Qatar Links Annex D: Qatar Fact File (NB – Provided in full in response to request)</p>

ANNOTATED AGENDA AND SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Welcome and Introductions

- An introductory meeting with the Emir of Qatar while you are in Doha, to attend the Doha Forum
- You are keen to progress discussions on the opportunities to further engagement between Scotland and Qatar, particularly around energy/climate, trade and investment, international development and cultural engagement
- Engaging with the Qatar Foundation? Commercial water purification industry to Qatar

Top Line: *Qatar and wider Gulf region is an increasingly important region for Scotland. It is an area with vast natural resources, a diverse culture, existing trade links and with great potential to help Scotland meet its aims and Purpose as outlined in the Government's Economic Strategy and the International Framework.*

General diplomatic relations between Scotland & Qatar

- The Emir of Qatar has accepted an invitation to attend the Edinburgh Military Tattoo from First Minister.
- SG plans to host an inward visit of around 15 Arab Ambassadors based in London, including the Qatari Ambassador Mr Khalid Rashid Al-Mansouri between 12-15 June 2013 (programme still to be finalised)
- The Qatari Ambassador also participated in an inward visit of 14 Arab Ambassadors based in London, between 18-20 April 2012. The programme included: FM hosted dinner at Edinburgh castle, a visit to the Scottish Parliament; business lunch hosted by the Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh Council at NMS; a civic reception with the Lord Provost of Glasgow City council and a visit to Whitelee Wind Farm
- Minister for External Affairs & International Development, Mr Yousaf met with Qatar's Ambassador to the UK, HE, Mr Khalid Rashid Al-Mansouri on 6 December 2012 while in London
- The First Minister visited Qatar in October 2011, when he met with both Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Ruler of Qatar and Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jaboor Al Thani, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. The First Minister met with the Ambassador in Inverness in October 2011.
- The First Minister met with His Excellency Dr Khalid Bin Al-Attiyah, the Qatari Minister for International Cooperation, and the Ambassador in June 2009.
- The SG has recently developed an internal Gulf States/Middle East Strategy which will help our engagement with Qatar

Top Line: *The Scottish Government is keen to deepen economic, cultural and governmental ties with Qatar.*

BIOGRAPHY FOR HER HIGHNESS SHEIKA MOZAH BINT NASSER AL MISSNED



- Born on 8 August 1959 she is the second of the three wives of Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar. She has seven children, five sons and two daughters.
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- She married the Emir (at the time Heir Apparent) in 1977 at the age of 18, while she was attending Qatar University. She received her BA degree in Sociology from there in 1986 and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane letters from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2003.
- Unlike many other monarchical wives in the Middle East, Sheikha Mozah has been a high-profile figure in her nation's politics and society, actively involved in Qatar's government.
- She is actively engaged in education and social reforms in Qatar and has played a major role in spearheading various national and international development projects.
- Her Highness is Chairperson of the Qatar Foundation of Education, Science and Community Development (a private non-profit organisation founded in 1995 on the personal initiative of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al-Thani.
- In 2003, the Qatar Foundation officially inaugurated Education City, a prototypical university of the future which brings campuses of international universities on site in Qatar into a conglomeration of community based research centres.
- Her Highness is also President of the Supreme Council for Family Affairs, a government institution founded in 1998, with the aim of strengthening the role of family in society. The council is active in analyzing issues related to family and children's rights and proposing culturally appropriate solutions.
- In November 2002, she was appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Supreme Education Council, a government institution which oversees Qatar's reform efforts in the K-12 education system.
- In 2003 UNESCO appointed Her Highness Special Envoy for Basic and Higher Education. In this capacity she is actively promoting various international projects to improve the quality and accessibility of education worldwide. In June 2003 she established the International Fund for Higher Education in Iraq which is dedicated to the reconstruction of institutions of advanced learning in Iraq.

BRIEFING NOTE FOR HUMZA YOUSAF, MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MEETING WITH MICHAEL O'NEILL, UK AMBASSADOR TO THE STATE OF QATAR

Sunday 19 May, 09.30 – 10.30

Key Messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Gulf States region is an increasingly important region for Scotland, with great potential to help Scotland meet its aims and purpose• The Scottish Government is keen to deepen economic, cultural and governmental ties with Qatar.
Who	Mr Michael O'Neill, UK Ambassador to the State of Qatar
What	Courtesy meeting with the Ambassador, Mr Michael O'Neill
Why	The Minister has been invited by the Qatari Ambassador to be part of the UK Delegation to the Doha Forum from 20-22 May. A courtesy meeting with the Ambassador while in Qatar will provide the Minister with a current overview of UK/Qatar political, commercial, economic and cultural interests and builds on the First Minister's visits to the Gulf Region in 2011 and 2012 and subsequent Ministerial visits
Where	Ambassador's residence, British Embassy, Doha, West Bay, PO Box 3 (off Wahda Street)
When	09.30 – 10.30
Supporting Officials	Anna Stansfield: <i>[Redacted]</i> Craig Egner: <i>[Redacted]</i>
Attached documents	Annex A: Biography – Michael O'Neill, UK Ambassador to State of Qatar (NB Provided in full in response to request)

BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Meeting with Qatar Foundation

TBC

Key Message	We are keen to learn more about the work of the Foundation and explore potential links with our work on environmental justice through the Climate Justice Fund and in education through the Edinburgh Science Festival.
Who	Tbc
What	A visit to the Qatar Foundation has been proposed for delegates at the Doha Forum. At present, we do not know when this will take place.
Why	To discuss how we can make links with the Edinburgh Science Festival, the Climate Justice Fund and to look for other potential areas of joint working and mutual support.
Where	Tbc
When	Meeting not confirmed, may become a visit to the Foundation for the UK Delegation organised by the Qatari Embassy UK
Official(s) attending	Anna Stansfield: <i>[Redacted]</i> Craig Egner: <i>[Redacted]</i>
Annexes	Annex A: Summary page and discussion points Annex B: Qatar Foundation (NB Provided in response to request) Annex C: Edinburgh Science Festival background (NB Provided in response to request) Annex D: Edinburgh Science Festival strengths Annex E: Climate Justice Fund (NB Provided in response to request) Annex F: Climate Justice Fund Q and A (Provided in response to request) Annex G: Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Annex H: Full details of Royal Botanic Projects and Capability Statement (attached as PDFs)

SUMMARY PAGE

Purpose of meeting:

- To ask the Qatar Foundation to provide match funding for the Climate Justice Fund
- To establish whether the Qatar Foundation is still interested in working with the Edinburgh Science Festival to deliver the Qatar Science Festival
- To establish whether there are further links that can be made between Scotland and the Qatar Foundation (including as a potential funder for Botanic Garden projects)

Discussion Points:

Climate Justice

- Scotland has particular expertise in the areas of renewable energy generation and climate change. We are developing our international development work along these themes, where we are leading the world it is right that we do what we can to support other countries in their development.
- Through our International Development Policy, we are bringing together our leadership on climate change, renewable energy and our expertise on research and development in developing countries. Would be keen to explore with other international donors how we can work together to consider other approaches to financing further projects and work under this new fund and develop our policy to address new challenges.

Edinburgh Science Festival

- [redacted]

Other potential areas of joint working with the Foundation

- The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh [*Text redacted*] are looking for potential opportunities to expand their work in the region and are looking for funding for 2 projects. They would like to invite the Qatar Foundation to visit them in Edinburgh (please note it would need to be at the Qatari's expense as they do not have a budget for this).

[redacted]

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Background

[Paragraph redacted]

The Royal Botanic Garden is keen to develop more work in the region. Currently they are pitching for 2 projects with the Qatar Foundation (information below). They would be very happy to meet with the Foundation, so an invite to the Foundation to come to Edinburgh would be very timely. The Botanic Garden would be very happy to provide background on their knowledge of the plants of the Middle East

Projects that RBGE are pitching with the Qatar Foundation

1. Developing Aloe cultivation for poverty alleviation in Yemen

This project aims to use the worldwide demand for Aloe resin and products to move farmers away from growing the drug qat (which is very water intensive) to the cultivation of Aloe (which is much more suited to semi-arid conditions).

The project will run over 4 years with a budget of US \$800,000.

2. Arabian Plant Centre

In recent years many eco-systems in Arabia have become degraded. This has led to an urgent need for in situ conservation and resource planning. This project will complete scientific accounts of the plant species and vegetation of the Arabian Peninsula.

The project will run for 4 years and has a budget of US \$800,000.

Pdf's giving full details of both projects and a capability statement for the RBGE are provided as additional attachments.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN EDINBURGH

PROJECT DETAILS AND CAPABILITY STATEMENT



Aloes in
Yemen.pdf



Arabian Plant
Centre.pdf



RBGE capability
statement.pdf

BRIEFING NOTE FOR HUMZA YOUSAF, MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS & INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

13th Doha Forum, Qatar

Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd May 2013

What does this stem from	The Minister is part of the official UK delegation attending the Doha Forum. The Minister was invited to be part of the UK delegation by the Qatari Ambassador in London.
Key Message	Qatar and wider Gulf region is an increasingly important region for Scotland. It is an area with vast natural resources, a diverse culture, existing trade links and with great potential to help Scotland meet its aims and Purpose as outlined in the Government's Economic Strategy and the International Framework.
Who	<p>A number of high-profile personalities, eminent political leaders, decision-makers and members of parliament, renowned businessmen, academics, media figures and experts, as well as representatives of the civil society and regional and international organisation's attend the Doha Forum.</p> <p>The UK delegates include: Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP, Rt Hon Simon Hughes MP, Mr Sherard Cowper-Coles and Baroness Patricia Morris of Bolton. A full list of UK delegates can be found at Annex C</p>
What	The Minister has a speaking slot on Tuesday 21 st (4 TH Session, 'Challenges facing the New Democracies in the Region') in the Al-Wasail Hall. The session is from 09:00-10:30 and the Minister will speak for 10 minutes. The Doha Forum presents a good opportunity to network with key global figures and develop relations with key influencers in Qatar in order to advance Scotland's diplomatic, cultural and economic interest in Qatar.
Why	<p>The Doha Forum is an established world-class event that celebrates its 13th edition this year in presence of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani (Emir of the State of Qatar) and His Excellency Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassem Bin Jabr Al Thani (Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs).</p> <p>The Forum offers an overview of issues regarding Democracy, Development and Free Trade in the Middle-East, the Arab countries and the world. It will discuss critical political, economic, social, financial, strategic and human matters of pressing concern for a region witnessing some of the most substantial changes in its long history.</p>
Where	Ritz Carlton Hotel, Doha
When	Monday 20 th to Wednesday 22 nd May 2013
Dress code	Business attire
Official(s) attending	Craig Egner, International Division, Mob: <i>[Redacted]</i> Billy Wright, Private Office, Mob: <i>[Redacted]</i>
Media Handling	Press Release will issue on morning of speech to the Forum
Annexes	<p>Annex A - Summary page</p> <p>Annex B – Doha Forum Agenda (NB Provided in full in response to request)</p> <p>Annex C – UK Delegate list (NB Provided in full in response to request)</p> <p>Annex D – UK Delegate biographies</p>

SUMMARY PAGE

Purpose of meeting:

- The Doha Forum is a world-class event that celebrates its 13th edition this year in presence of His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani (Emir of the State of Qatar) and His Excellency Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassem Bin Jabr Al Thani (Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs).
- The Forum offers an overview of issues regarding Democracy, Development and Free Trade in the Middle-East, the Arab countries and the world. It will discuss critical political, economic, social, financial, strategic and human matters of pressing concern for a region witnessing some of the most substantial changes in its long history.
- The Doha Forum presents a good opportunity to network with key global figures and develop relations with key influencers in Qatar in order to advance Scotland's diplomatic, cultural and economic interest in Qatar.

Key Issues:

- Officials will work to secure meetings with other UK and International delegates (including Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles, Rt Hon Ian Lucas MP, Mr Khristjan Guy Burgess, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Chris Doyle, Sir Iqbal Sacranie) on the fringes of the Forum as requested.
- We are, through the British Embassy in Doha pursuing meetings with Qatari Culture Minister. Qatari Embassy in the UK is pursuing meetings with the Qatari Development Minister and the Emir (latter meeting looks very unlikely).
- **Lines to Take:**
- Qatar and wider Gulf region is an increasingly important region for Scotland. It is an area with vast natural resources, a diverse culture, existing trade links and with great potential to help Scotland meet its aims and Purpose as outlined in the Government's Economic Strategy and the International Framework.

OTHER DELEGATES THE MINISTER WISHES TO MEET.

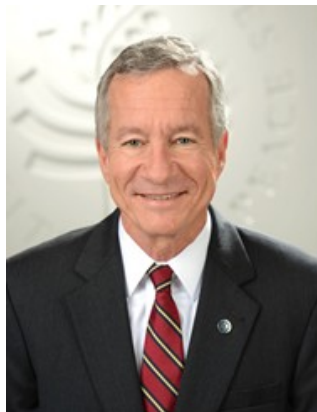


Frederick Kempe, President of Atlantic Council, Frederick Kempe (born 5 September 1954) is president and chief executive officer of the Atlantic Council, a foreign policy think tank and public policy group based in Washington, D.C. He is an award-winning journalist, best-selling author, columnist and a regular commentator on television and radio both in Europe and the United States. His latest book, *BERLIN 1961: Kennedy, Khrushchev and the Most Dangerous Place on Earth* (Putnam) was released May 10, 2011 and was a *New York Times* bestseller.



Ambassador John William Ashe, President of UN General Assembly, Dr. John William Ashe (born 20 August 1954) is the ambassador to the United Nations for Antigua and Barbuda. His position was last confirmed on 3 May 2004. He is also his country's Ambassador to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and has ministerial responsibility for WTO and sustainable development matters. He will serve as president of the United Nations General Assembly at its 68th session.

Hon. Jim Marshall, Institute of Peace, March 31, 1948) is an of the United States 2011. Marshall, a district based in Central Georgia. His from 2003 to 2007 Marshall has been of Peace since 2012.



Former Congressman and CEO of James Creel "Jim" Marshall (born American politician who was a member House of Representatives from 2003 to Democrat from Georgia, represented a Macon that also included much of rural district was numbered the 3rd district and the 8th district from 2007 to 2011. President of the United States Institute



Sarah Cliffe. World Bank, Director and Special Representative WDR 2011

Sarah Cliffe has worked for the last twenty years in countries emerging from conflict and political transition, covering Afghanistan, Burundi, CAR, DRC, Guinea Bissau, Ethiopia, Haiti, Indonesia, Liberia, Rwanda, Sudan, South Africa, and Timor Leste.

Prior to joining the Bank, she worked for the United Nations Development Program in Rwanda, the Government of South Africa, and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, as well as for a major management consultancy company in the United Kingdom on public sector reform issues. She holds degrees in History and Economic Development from Cambridge and

Columbia Universities.



Dr Muhammed Yunus, Grameen Bank/Rector Caledonian University, Muhammad Yunus (Bengali: মুহাম্মদ ইউনুস; born 28 June 1940) is a Bangladeshi banker, economist and Nobel Peace Prize recipient. As a professor of economics, he developed the concepts of microcredit and microfinance. These loans are given to entrepreneurs too poor to qualify for traditional bank loans. In 2006 Yunus and Grameen Bank received the Nobel Peace Prize "for their efforts through microcredit to create economic and social development from below". Yunus has received several other national and international honours. He was awarded the U.S. Congressional

Gold Medal in 2010, and presented with it at a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol on 17 April 2013.

Dr Bernardo Leon, EU external Action Service

NO BIO AVAILABLE



BRIEFING NOTE FOR HUMZA YOUSAF, MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROTOCOL MEETING WITH SHEIK HAMAD BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, RULER OF QATAR

Date – tbc

Key Messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Scottish Government is keen to deepen economic, cultural and governmental ties with Qatar• There is much we can learn from each other and opportunities for collaboration.
Who	Sheik Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Ruler Of Qatar
What	Protocol meeting to continue the high level relationship between the Scottish Government and the Ruler of Qatar building on the First Minister's visits to the Gulf Region in 2011 and 2012 and subsequent Ministerial visits.
Why	Opportunity to develop relations with key influencers in Qatar and promote Scotland's expertise in; energy/climate justice, international development and cultural engagement
Where	tbc
When	tbc
Supporting Official	Craig Egner, International Division, Ext 44952 Mob. Anna Stansfield, International Division, Ext 41899 Mob. <i>[Redacted]</i>
Annexes	Annex A: Purpose of the meeting and summary page Annex B: Biography of the Emir of Qatar (NB Provided in full in response to request)

Purpose of the meeting

- Opportunity to develop relations with the Emir of Qatar and promote Scotland's expertise in; energy/climate justice, international development and cultural engagement
- This meeting is unlikely to happen – if it does – probably be no longer than 15 minutes with photo opportunity

Discussion points

- FM has invited the Emir to attend the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in August. Last year HE Chief of Staff, Major General Hamad Bin Ali-Attiya attended in place of the Emir
- Commitment to growing the friendship between our two countries – including around culture, energy and possibly international development (climate justice)
- Your plans to visit the UAE and Qatar in November to lead an industry delegation to ADIPEC. Very encouraging export statistics for oil and gas supply companies to Qatar
- 2014 is a huge year for Scotland with 2 major sporting events (Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup). Referendum in September.

BRIEFING NOTE FOR HUMZA YOUSAF, MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Drinks and possibly dinner with Qatar based GlobalScots and some local Scottish-related Business people

Monday 20 May 18.30 – 19.30

Key Message	Grateful for help of GlobalScots on the ground in Qatar. Appreciate the growing business opportunities here and am keen to help Scottish companies understand and be successful in this market.
Who	The 5 GlobalScots resident in Qatar (bios attached – Annex B) plus a collection of key local business contacts with some linkage or affinity to Scotland (list attached). In total around 16 people will be present (including officials).
What	This will be an informal gathering for drinks followed by dinner in a private room.
Why	Minister requested a get together with the GlobalScots.
Where	Renasissance City Center Hotel, West Bay City Center, Al Wahda Street, West Bay, Doha, Qatar 25500 Pre dinner drinks will take place in the Globe Bar (ground floor) Dinner at the Cucina Restaurant (2 nd Floor)
When	(Minister will leave at 19.30 to travel to the Doha Forum Dinner) 1830hrs Drinks 1930hrs Dinner
Dress code	As its 'informal', smart casual would be fine but we anticipate the majority will turn up in business attire.
Official(s) attending	Craig Egner Billy Wright Anna Stansfield
Media Handling	N/A
Annexes	Annex A: Full list of expected attendees. Annex B: Bios for GlobalScots

DRINKS/DINNER LIST FOR MONDAY 20 MAY 2013

1830 drinks (Globe Bar, ground floor)

1930 dinner

Cucina Restaurant

2nd Floor

Renaissance Doha City Center

West Bay City Center, Al Wahda Street, West Bay, Doha, Qatar

Tel: 974-4419 5555

Guest List:

Humza Yousaf MSP Minister for External Affairs and International Development

Billy Wright PS/Minister

Craig Egner Head of Intl Strategy and Reputation, SG

Anna Stansfield International Policy Executive, SG

Gary Soper

Senior Executive, SDI ME Regional Office, Dubai

Moira Bibb

International Executive, SDI ME Regional Office, Dubai

GlobalScots

James Elwen

Pinsent Masons

David Macauley

Medicare

Stewart Hay

Halcrow/CH2M

Patrick Forbes

Forbes Associates

John McCallum

SORA Marine Services

Others

David Dougan

Doha Bank

Ian Sangster

Qatar Insurance Group

David Campbell

Qatar National Broadband Networks

Keith Milne

Davidson&Adamson (Chartered Surveyors)

Leah Taylor

Scottish Water/Ashgal

Steph Wilson or

Karen McGrath

Pinsent Masons

QATAR GLOBALSCOTS' BIOS**James Elwen****Partner, Pinsent Masons LLP**

James set up and now leads the Doha office of Pinsent Masons LLP, an international law firm.

Expertise

James acts for corporates large and small on commercial and corporate matters; and for renewables developers, global energy companies and utilities, Government owned or independent, on all aspects of energy and infrastructure projects, including PFI/PPP type projects and other infrastructure contracting models. In relation to Doha and Qatar, James acts for Qatari and international clients on a diverse range of matters, including business establishment and joint ventures, contracting, agency and infrastructure.

Recent work includes

- Advising Qatar Government on establishment of inter-governmental institution for green growth
- Advising bidders on Qatar 2022 stadia design contracts
- Acting for international companies on joint venture arrangements for establishment in Qatar
- Acting for oil supermajor on oil and lubricant distribution arrangements in MENA country
- Acting for major Qatari conglomerate on several M&A transactions
- Drafting legislation for Qatar Government agency focusing on renewables, food security and sustainability
- acting on power and water infrastructure projects

John McCallum**MD, SORA Marine Services Ltd**

Having served an apprenticeship in the marine sector, building Sulzer RND and Doxford engines I moved into marine construction. This was in the offshore industry and involved rigs, FSO and FPSO conversion etc. I migrated through the oil and gas sector in Norway and Holland in the main and ended up in technical engineering supply and consultancy. My business development background started around 1990 with directorships in 3 businesses that supplied the areas above. I moved to the Middle East as Director of Operations for London Bridge Engineering in 1995 for several years running offices in the UAE supplying the Gulf area.

Now based in Qatar where there is forecast massive growth over the next 10 years as the Managing Director for a Qatari business in the Marine and Industrial Engineering sectors. The work is ever changing as the infrastructure required to support the massive investments is not here yet but I am happy to say I am involved with its development in our own small way.

Stewart Hay**Regional Director, Halcrow**

No current biography

Patrick Forbes
CEO, Forbes Associates Ltd

Patrick is the CEO of Forbes Associates Ltd, a PR company based in Doha, Qatar that specialises in the Gulf and Levant.

An experienced Arabic and English language communications consultant with head of state level experience in three Arab countries.

During his time with Bell Pottinger, the UK's largest PR company, he acted as Director of Communications for the first lady of Syria. He also directed the Middle East communications activities for the Common Word initiative, an interfaith initiative headed by HRH Prince Ghazi bin Mohammed of Jordan that promotes better Muslim-Christian understanding.

Patrick is former Director of Communications of the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce, where he worked closely with Chambers of Commerce, government ministries and the business media to promote trade and investment between the UK and Arab states. Between 2002 and 2005 he was a researcher and then speechwriter at the Royal Hashemite Court for H.R.H Prince Hassan bin Talal.

David Macauley
CEO, Medicare Group

David Macauley is a qualified pharmaceutical chemist with extensive experience across a range of industries in the public and private sectors. In November 2007 David was named as one of 'The Future 500' UK's rising stars published by The Observer newspaper.

David has just completed a successful period as Chief Executive of Virgin Health Bank QSTP-LLC the Qatar headquartered umbilical cord blood stem cell company, a joint venture between Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Group, Merlin Bioscience and the Qatar Foundation. He raised £9m to establish and develop the business in Doha.

David began his career as a healthcare consultant with the World Bank in Zambia and after establishing Scottish Biomedical in 1994, a self-funded drug discovery company, he was appointed Scotland's first Drug 'Czar' in 1996 by the Secretary of State.

In December 2004, David and Professor Sir Christopher Evans established and launched the UK Stem Cell Foundation, an initiative backed by the UK Prime Minister. The Foundation's mission was to accelerate the translation of regenerative medicine, moving promising advances in stem cell research from the laboratory into the clinic. David initiated and raised over £25m to conduct seven pioneering stem cell clinical trials.

David has successfully worked in the UK and internationally in the USA, Southern Africa and the Middle East. He now lives in Doha, Qatar where he has established five new businesses in a range of sectors from specialist tyres to biofuel.

Meeting with DR Khalid, Katara 19 May 2013

Attendees:

Minister for External Affairs & International Development
Craig Egner, SG
Anna Stansfield, SG
Billy Wright, SG
Dr Khalid, Katara
Maryam Majid Al-Saad, Katara
Malika Mohamed Al Shraim, Katara
Martin Hope, British Council

Key Points & Actions

- Dr Khalid is very keen to have Scotland feature in the Qatar/UK Year of Culture programme but also to build longer-term cultural links between the two countries.
- Dr Khalid is a strong advocate of Scotland having studied at Strathclyde University. His son and nephew are currently studying in Glasgow.
ACTION: Minister extended an invitation to his son to visit the Scottish Parliament and meet with him.
- Minister explained that Scotland has rich culture and heritage, and many skills/expertise it is happy to share with Qatar and to identify cultural partnerships. **ACTION: Minister committed to sending Dr Khalid a note of Scotland's cultural offering/cultural partnerships/cultural 'pitch' document. He would then like Dr Khalid to be invited to Edinburgh Festivals, Edinburgh Military Tattoo and/or Celtic Connections and a programme developed to showcase what the 'pitch' document contains.**

Anna Stansfield
19 May 2013

Meeting with HE Dr Hamad Bin Abdulaziz, Minister for Culture, Arts & Heritage
Tuesday 21 May 2013

Attendees:

HE Dr Hamad
Minister for External Affairs & International Development
Anna Stansfield
Billy Wright

Key points & actions

- HE explained that Doha started as a cultural hub in 2010 and continues to grow its cultural institutions e.g. the many new museums opening in next 2-3 years in Doha. Since then they've held many cultural themed events and wish to invite all cultures and countries to participate in such exchanges. This includes extending an invitation for Scotland to, not only participate in the UK/Qatar Year of Culture but in the years beyond too.
- Qatar view culture as a diplomacy tool that can help build economic, diplomatic as well as cultural ties. This echoes Scotland's own feelings about the important role that cultural diplomacy can play on an international stage.
- The Ministry of Culture would be very supportive of a 'Scotland day' or 'Scotland week' - essentially a cultural partnership between Scotland and Qatar. **Action: Cultural 'pitch' document to be developed by Cultural colleagues/British Council and presented to all the relevant Qatari Ministries and stakeholders e.g. Dr Khalid.**
- The Minister extended an invitation for HE to come to Scotland to sample some of our world famous cultural events such as the Military Tattoo, Edinburgh Festivals and Celtic Connections. **ACTION: Culture officials to take forward invitations for Tattoo, Festivals etc for all relevant Qatari officials.**
- HE recommended that during the Minister's next visit to Doha that he visits the 'Aspire' area (Sports City).
- HE also extended an invitation to the Minister for lunch or dinner at his residence during his next visit.

Anna Stansfield
21/05/13

Meeting with Miguel Bianco, National Museums Authority

- Minister ran through Scotland's cultural offering. Work and expertise around exhibitions, museum curation, extending footfall etc. Generation exhibition running in 2014 around the Commonwealth Games Action: SG to send Miguel more detail on the exhibition.
- Touched on UK Qatar year of culture and the role of NMS in that process. New National Museum complete in 2016. Sports museum to be completed in 2015. Qatari artist going to Dumfries House.
- We touched on issues around attracting and involving the young and lot of locals. Noted lack of Qataris actually playing in the Qatari Philamonic Orchestra – a lot of Qataris are attending music school.
- Touched on Scottish expertise on digital mapping and handed over the 10 brochure
- QMA touched on student exchange and QMA's sponsorship of some 50 students studying at UK universities. Can we establish how many are studying at Scots Unis? Also a list of relevant degree courses that Scottish Universities offer in this space
- Mr Bianco attending the performance in Edinburgh in June by the Qatari Music Academy: Action see if short programme can be organised around his visit (.g. National Galleries, NMS)
- Mentioned the exchange programme that the V&A run with QMA. Is there more scope for people to people links with Qatar in a Scottish context.

Meeting with Gareth O'Brien, UKTI Doha Sunday 19th May 2013

Attendees:

Minister for External Affairs & International Development

Mr Michael O'Neill, British Embassy

Yusuf Ismail, British Embassy

Craig Egner, SG

Anna Stansfield, SG

Billy Wright, SG

Georgina Simpson, FCO

Key Points & Actions:

- Gareth outlined that UKTI have good links with SDI and that he'll be meeting Gary Soper tomorrow. He did reiterate the Ambassador's comments that the devolved administrations needed to physically visit Qatar at least once a year. Northern Ireland and Wales are starting to enhance their engagement with Qatar too which is a positive sign.
- He's happy to help Scottish companies identify potential opportunities to do business with Qatar. **ACTION: SDI to consider the feasibility of inviting representatives from the Qatari Embassy in London to Scotland for a market awareness session.**
- The main sectors where the UK is excelling are in: luxury goods, pharmaceuticals, oil and gas consumables, security equipment, chemicals, luxury vehicles, construction, food and drink, retail and clothing. **ACTION: Gareth to send on further details of UK T&I statistics - received.**

Anna Stansfield
19 May 2013

Meeting with Martin Hope, British Council Sunday 19th May 2013

Attendees:

Minister for External Affairs & International Development
Yusuf Ismail, British Embassy
Craig Egner, SG
Anna Stansfield, SG
Billy Wright, SG
Georgina Simpson, FCO

Key Points & Actions:

- Martin outlined that the Qatari's are very keen for Scotland, Scottish artists and organisations to get involved in the Qatar/UK Year of Culture. The opportunities, however, extend beyond the 2013 Year of Culture and we should be looking to build long term links with the Qatari's.
- He highlighted that two Scottish performances have already featured in the programme - Evelyn Glennie performance and the performance of Three. The Qatar Orchestra will also play at the Usher Hall in June 2013. There will also be Arabic language and cultural awareness sessions running in the UK.
- Martin explained that the Katara Village (which the Minister later visited) is a cultural venue. Dr Khalid is a graduate of Strathclyde University and has strong and positive affiliation with Scotland. The key opportunities where Scotland may be able to contribute are in helping it extend its audience, Youth participation, sports, cultural collaboration and exchange but we should look at it as a partnership and would need to identify seed-corn funding to support any such activities.
- The Qatar National Research Fund has already awarded funding to Scottish institutions.
- **ACTION: Martin to provide SG with a map of Scottish alumni in Qatar so we can identify opportunities to more proactively engage with them.**
- **ACTION: Martin to help facilitate a meeting with Sheika Mayasa (?) in November.**
- **ACTION: Recommendation that someone in Minister's party engages with Patricia Middleton, Chieftan of the St Andrew's Society in Doha.**

Anna Stansfield
19 May 2013

BRIEFING NOTE FOR HUMZA YOUSAF, MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DOHA FORUM, QATAR

Meeting with H.E. Sheikh Ahmed Bin Mohammed Bin Jabr Al Thani, The Minister's Assistant for International Co-operation Affairs, Chairman of Permanent Committee for Organising Conferences

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Key Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Scottish Government remains committed to working in partnership with the developing world on poverty alleviation and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.• Scotland's unique approach to international development is making a real difference to some of the world's most vulnerable people. We will continue to build on this work in the coming years. We will also be innovative in our approach and consider how Scotland's expertise can best support development priorities.
Who	H.E. Sheikh Ahmed Bin Mohammed Bin Jabr Al Thani, The Minister's Assistant for International Co-operation Affairs, Chairman of Permanent Committee for Organising Conferences
What	Meeting with Qatari International Development Minister while in Qatar to attend the Doha Forum
Why	Opportunity to promote Scotland's distinctive approach to international development amongst key influencers in Qatar
Where	TBC
Official(s) attending	Craig Egner, International Division, Ext 44952 Mob. [Redacted] Anna Stansfield, International Division, Ext 41899 Mob. [Redacted]
Annexes	Annex A: Purpose of the meeting and Discussion points Annex B: Biography of Qatari International Development Minister (NB Provided in full in response to request) Annex C: International Development in Qatar Annex D: Scottish International Development – Top Lines Annex E: Summary of International Development Programmes Annex H: Malawi Renewable Energy Acceleration Programme (MREAP Annex I: Speaking Note – MREAP Programme and UNDEP SE4A Partnership

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SUMMARY PAGE

Purpose of the meeting

- Opportunity to promote Scotland's distinctive approach to international development including ground breaking work with UN on sustainable energy for all (**Annex F**) and Climate Justice (included in Core Briefing)

Suggested discussion points

- Interested to see that 92% of Qatar's International Development Fund goes to other governments. Would be keen to hear more about Qatar's approach to bilateral engagement and how it compares to the Scottish Government's relations with the Malawi Government
- I note that Qatar's International Development budget has doubled between 2010 and 2011, would be interested in seeing what approach you take to monitoring and evaluation to ensure that the expanded programme of work is monitored effectively.
- Would be keen to hear more about your approach to engaging with Pakistan as this is also one of our priority countries.
- I would be interested to hear more about your approach to responding to the humanitarian crisis in Syria as you have provided \$100 million in relief funding – how was this distributed and what impact is it having?
- Keen to follow up on letter I sent to His Excellency Mr Al Mansouri at the Qatari Embassy regarding the Climate Justice Fund if you need more information.
- How does the Qatari government coordinate the work it is involved in with the non-governmental organisations you work with?

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN QATAR

A report published by the Qatari Department for International Development in July 2012 indicated **that more than 5 billion Qatari Riyals (£945 million) were provided in International Development assistance over two years (2010-11)** from the Qatari Government and non Governmental organisations
http://english.mofa.gov.qa/QAids2011_2012En.pdf

Key highlights of the report are:

- **Qatari Government humanitarian aid in 2011 amounted to £469.6 million** which has more than doubled from £187 million in 2010. In the same period, non governmental aid went from £141 million to £142.5 million. The combined aid amounted to 0.54% of GDP in 2011.
- **The aid was distributed to 108 countries** around the world across 5 continents. Africa received more than any other continent with a total of £494 million with Egypt (£322 million) being the largest single recipient. 90% of African aid went to North Africa with 8% going to East Africa.
- **92% of aid was offered as bilateral aid** and assistance to other governments with 6% going to NGOs and the remaining 2% going to multilateral organisations.
- Somewhat surprisingly, **Britain ranked 13th out of total donor recipient countries receiving a total of £5.98 million** making it the largest donor recipient in Europe.
- **Of the Scottish Government priority countries for development aid, Pakistan (£662,304) received the most** over the period followed by India (£68,605.60)
- **Qatar have recently launched the "Hope For" Initiative** to increase the effectiveness of using military resources in disaster relief as well as a regional privilege center to help improve the use of military resources in confronting natural disasters.

On 21 February, the Qatari Government announced \$100 million of assistance for people in Syria who have been affected by the humanitarian crisis.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**TOP LINES:****Key Points:**

- In times of global economic hardship, it is often the poorest that are the hardest hit. Scottish Ministers continue to support international development and our commitment is clearly evidenced by our securing a doubling of the baseline budget from £4.5 million to £9 million between 2007/8 and 2011/12.
- Our unique model means that we provide funding for Scottish NGOs to work in partnership with organisations in the developing world on priority areas, particularly those where Scotland has specific skills and expertise for example **renewable energy**. In addition, all our work across our priority countries is clearly focused on the key objective of poverty alleviation and the achievement of the **Millennium Development Goals** and must adhere to the principles of the **Paris Declaration** on Aid Effectiveness.
- **The Scottish Government is providing over £5 million funding per year to support more than 40 projects in Malawi** on the themes of Health, Education, Civic Governance and Sustainable Development. The latest tranche of funding was announced by the First Minister during the visit from President Banda to mark the Livingstone bicentenary.
- **The Scottish Government is providing over £1.4 million per year to help improve food security for vulnerable farmers** in 3 projects in Rwanda, Tanzania and Zambia through the Sub Saharan development programme.
- Over the last three years **we have supported a total of 19 projects in Bangladesh, Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka through our South Asia development programme** on the theme of sustainable economic development which have made a real difference to the lives of vulnerable people in these areas.
- As well as setting ourselves ambitious targets on cutting Co2 emissions, **we are funding 5 projects in Malawi and Zambia through our world leading Climate Justice Fund** which are helping people in the developing world adapt to the impacts of climate change.

International Development Fund	Amount
Malawi Development Programme (including MREAP)*	£5.5 million
Sub Saharan Development Programme	£1.4 million
South Asia Development Programme*	£1.6 million

British Council Pakistan Scholarships	£150,000
Networking support (incl NIDOS, SMP, Fairtrade Forum)	£330,000

** N.B Estimated amount. Final amount tbc.*

- Scotland's commitment to helping people in the developing world was further underlined by our achievement of **Fair Trade nation status** in February of this year with people throughout Scotland guaranteeing a fair price for producers in the developing world.
- **Together with Sport Relief, we are match funding four projects in Malawi, Uganda and South Africa worth a total of £2.5 million** on the themes of Education, Housing and support for people whose lives have been affected by conflict as part of our Commonwealth Games Legacy.
- Over the last five years we have responded to humanitarian crises in Gaza, Pakistan, Haiti and Democratic Republic of Congo. In March of this year, the **First Minister announced £100,000 funding to support people who have been affected by the humanitarian crisis in Syria.**
- **The Scottish Government have awarded funding to the British Council in Pakistan for a programme to provide 50 scholarships at Masters level study for disadvantaged women in rural Pakistan over the next two years.** The funding of £150,000 will support study in areas prioritised for funding which include sustainable energy, climate change and food security and education.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES SUMMARY

Malawi

- **Over 40 projects are currently operating in Malawi worth a combined total of over £5 million per year.** These projects target the priority areas set out in the Co-operation Agreement between the Scottish Government and the Government of Malawi - health, education, sustainable economic development and civil society and governance.
- The refreshed International Development Policy, published in 2008, included a more distinctive 'Malawi Development Programme', supported by a ring fenced budget for the first time ever. This secured a minimum of £3 million per annum, a figure that we have exceeded each year.
- The latest round of projects in Malawi was announced by the First Minister during the visit of President Banda on 19 March 2013.

Sub Saharan Africa

- The 2012 Sub Saharan Africa Development Programme is focused on three countries to support projects in **Zambia, Tanzania and Rwanda**, and on the thematic priorities of food production, water, renewables and climate change projects.
- A total of **£ 4 million** will be allocated to a total of 3 projects, one in each of the above countries between 2012-13 and 2014-15.

South Asia

- **A total of 13 projects worth a combined value of £4.5 million have been recommended for funding in South Asia** through the 2013 funding round in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.
- 19 projects worth a total value of £5,540,027 were funded across India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka between 2010 and 2013.
- The South Asia Development Programme was developed to reflect our historical and contemporary relations with South Asia and to support our wider engagement with this part of the world as articulated in the country plans.

Networking Support

- The Scottish Government also provides funding to both the Scotland Malawi Partnership and the Network of International Development Organisations in Scotland (NIDOS) to assist them in supporting the capacity-building of NGOs in Scotland to work with developing countries and also to provide a focal point for information exchange and the promotion of best practice in development.

Iraq Funding

- In addition to the International Development Fund, £1.5million has been made available from Weir Group monies in support of international development, the Scottish Government will allocate:
 - i £1 million for Scottish charities and development organisations to work with Iraqi partners to support civil society development in Iraq;
 - ii £300,000 for water development in Iraq through the United Nations Development Assistance Framework for Environmental Management Initiatives;
 - iii £100,000 match-funded donation to the new Scottish charity, the Linda Norgrove Foundation, for humanitarian work in Afghanistan;
 - iv £100,000 for the Iraqi Youth Orchestra to tour the Edinburgh Festival in association with the British Council.
- Recognising the clear need to support Iraqi civil society the Iraq funding round has prioritised support for development projects addressing issues of either gender, human rights and/ or civil society.

Sport Relief

A total of four projects are being funded through Sport Relief as outlined below

Organisation	Country	Amount	Description
International Institute for Environment & Development	South Africa	£703,068	A Housing project working to improve living conditions of slum dwellers in South Africa
Signpost International	Uganda	£471,020	A project working in a conflict zone in Northern Uganda helping people increase their incomes and have better access to food and nutrition
Woodford Trust	Malawi	£369,272	This programme will assist the integration of deaf children into mainstream education, providing equitable access to and attainment in quality basic education
Homeless International	Malawi	£979,829	The project will work with slum dwellers in Malawi to directly benefit 114,885 people through improved basic infrastructure, land tenure, affordable sanitation schemes and livelihoods.

Humanitarian Assistance

The First Minister announced a total of £100,000 assistance for the people of Syria in response to the humanitarian crisis on 28 March 2013.

Briefing – MREAP AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ALL

Top Line:

Scotland has particular expertise in the areas of renewable energy generation and climate change. We plan to develop our international development work along these themes, where we are leading the world so it is right that we do what we can to support other countries in their development of this technology.

Scotland's unique approach to international development is making a real difference to some of the world's most vulnerable people. Through our International Development Policy, we are bringing together our leadership on climate change, renewable energy and our expertise on research and development in developing countries.

Malawi Renewable Energy Acceleration Programme (MREAP)

- o Ensuring access to sustainable energy supplies for all will be vital for Malawi's future development. The Government of Malawi has confirmed it is committed to working with international partners to substantially extend the provision of electricity supplies to all parts of the country, and all sections of the population, and to ensuring this is done on a sustainable basis through renewable sources.
- o Through this action Scotland is seeking to use its strengths in renewable energy generation and climate change policy in a way which supports Malawi's development - the secondment of Scottish Government staff with policy expertise and capacity to facilitate the development of an energy policy within the GoM, is seen as a critical input to provide the catalytic support required to take forward this policy development process.
- o The proposed action builds on successful pilot project in Malawi and the current provision of programme of renewable energy work, developed in consultation with Government of Malawi and operating at present to support the take up of renewable energy in communities in Malawi.
- o The initial stages of the Renewable Energy Capacity-Building Programme have entailed a review of the process that may be required to enable Malawi to provide access to modern energy services, in line with the objectives of the UN Sustainable Energy for All initiative. as well as Agenda for Change.
- o Engagement with the Government of Malawi, stakeholders and international donors in-country which have considered the current energy policy framework within Malawi and noted that none explicitly address renewable energy. The development of a renewable energy strategy is seen as a positive need and while it is critical that the process is led by the Government of Malawi, there will be

areas of the process where external support is required to help build appropriate capacity within Malawi.

- o The secondment of Scottish Government staff with policy expertise and capacity to support the Government of Malawi is seen as a critical input to support this policy development process. In addition to developing a renewable energy and climate change strategies for Malawi the policy development process will engage international donors and position Malawi to effectively align with the wider international agenda in these areas as enter transitional post-MDG phase and can achieve wider EU and multinational donor objectives.

Context and Basis for Scotland's Engagement with Renewable Energy in Malawi:

- o Funded by the Scottish Government the University of Strathclyde successfully implemented a three year solar energy project in Malawi with Scottish Government funding (2008/09 – 2010/11). This project has supported the deployment of solar systems in rural communities with community ownership of these “off-grid” solutions.
- o Following the conclusion of that project discussions took place at the UN Climate Change Summit in Cancun in December 2010 between Jim Mather, then Scottish Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism and Mr Grain Malunga, then Malawian Minister for Natural Resources, Energy and Environment regarding cooperation on climate change under the framework of the Scotland Malawi Cooperation Agreement. The discussions had a particular focus on renewable energy.
- o On the basis of these discussions the Scottish Government commissioned Strathclyde University to undertake a scoping study on supporting community energy development in Malawi. The scoping study was undertaken with significant contribution from several Government of Malawi (GoM) ministries and departments.
- o Based on the outcomes from the scoping study, Strathclyde University submitted a three year funding application for a comprehensive Malawi Renewable Energy Acceleration Programme (MREAP). The MREAP programme was designed to provide the GoM with enhanced resources, information, tools, capacity and models to support the growth of community and renewables. Drafts of this programme were shared and discussed with GoM representatives (primarily in the Department of Energy Affairs - DoEA) and has their support.

The MREAP Programme:

Awarded over £1.7m in February, 2012, by the Scottish Government the programme has multiple benefits including reducing poverty and tackling climate change in line with the objectives of EU's **Agenda for Change** as well as the UN's **Sustainable Energy for All** initiative.

The programme has four main elements strongly linked to the recommendations of the Scoping Study:

- i Institutional Support Programme - to provide policy and strategy support at the institutional level in Malawi;
- ii Community Energy Development Programme – through direct community engagement to support and enable the take-up of renewable energy at community level in Malawi;
- iii Wind Energy Preparation Programme - to provide the basis for development of the wind power resource in Malawi [this element was specifically requested by the GoM];
- iv Renewable Energy Capacity-Building Programme - to support the development of the knowledge base and channel modest financial support to support the longer term growth in the renewable energy sector in Malawi.

Next Steps:

- o Through in-country discussions with the GoM and international donor community in Malawi the secondment of Scottish Government staff with policy expertise and capacity to facilitate an energy policy review within the GoM is seen as a critical input to support this policy development process.
- o At the Rio Summit in June 2012, Stewart Stevenson Minister for Environment & Climate Change extended an offer accepted by Catherine Gotani Hara, the Minister for Environment & Climate Change in the Malawian Government of a renewable energy and a climate change policy expert from the Scottish Government to support GoM develop its renewable energy strategy. At that meeting, we made a commitment to reciprocal secondments between the Scottish Government and the Government of Malawi to help deliver renewable energy and climate change policies.
- o Through a phased process over a two year period seconded policy experts from Scottish Government will work with Government of Malawi to undertake a policy development process to provide GOM with a renewable and climate change strategies. The stages in this process are set out below and throughout all of this, we are working in partnership with the Government of Malawi. The Scottish Government has received a proposal from the Government of Malawi on the use of these secondees which will inform the requirements for this policy alongside an extensive process of consultation.
- o This is envisaged as a two year process to enable a multi-stakeholder dialogue with a clear focus on providing energy to all within a clear time frame; the strategy will need to be flexible to enable future technologies and financing mechanisms to be included.
- o Off-grid renewable energy is highly relevant for the current situation in Malawi and a high demand is present. Renewable energy technology presents a clear

opportunity for Malawi to meet the energy gap around modern energy services – in line with the objectives of the UN Sustainable Energy for All initiative.

Scottish Government UNDP Sustainable Energy for All Partnership – SE4A

Top Line:

UN General Assembly has designated 2014 to 2024 as the decade for sustainable energy for all and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is leading the global SE4A initiative to mobilise action from all sectors of society in support of three interlinked objectives to be achieved by 2030:

- i providing universal access to modern energy services;*
- ii doubling the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency; and*
- iii doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.*

SG Partnership with UNDP on Sustainable Energy for All:

- o In 2012, Ban Ki-moon asked the First Minister to support the SE4A initiative, believing that Scotland had a significant contribution to make because of Scotland's leadership on renewable energy and climate change.
- o We are now working towards delivering on that agreement in partnership with the UNDP, initially through the development of a community renewables toolkit for use in developing countries, and the provision of policy support to countries such as Malawi and South Africa on renewable energy and climate change.
- o This is envisaged as establishing a linked range of interventions that developing countries could tap into which would help them develop their capacity around, and access to, renewables, ultimately leading to an increased take-up of renewable energy, and to the wider social, environmental and economic benefits.
- o *The SG support process to provide GOM with a renewable and climate change strategies set out above also provides a further input to one of the key work streams of Sustainable Energy for All strategy in relation to Country Actions that focus on activities that support national Governments.*

Next Steps:

- o Officials are currently developing a broader strategic plan for Scotland's SE4A contribution, which will focus primarily on capacity building for community renewables and on government-to-government policy support on renewable energy and climate change. The initial focus of this work will be on Malawi, given our well-established partnership, but we will also seek to develop stronger relationships on energy access with other developing nations over the coming years.
- o Early discussions at official level with UNDP on this approach indicate that our approach focusing on support for policy development at institutional level as well as support to enable community access to renewables has been welcomed as

being consistent with focus areas of the *UNDP Sustainable Energy for All – Bottom-Up Energy Solutions* and providing a suitable platform for follow up that UNDP would be keen to work with SG in implementing in specific countries, starting with Malawi and looking for other opportunities in the future.

ANNEX

SPEAKING NOTE - MREAP PROGRAMME and UNDP SE4A PARTNERSHIP

Introduction

- I welcome this opportunity to discuss Scotland's approach to international development, and in particular to highlight the growing focus within our development work on support for climate justice and renewable energy.
- I would like to discuss 3 issues in particular:
 - o Scotland's growing focus on renewable energy generation and international development, including existing MREAP project in Malawi;
 - o Our partnership with the UNDP Sustainable Energy for All programme;
 - o up-scaling some of the innovative projects tested in Scotland, and how we might create that "pipeline" between our innovation and the donor funded programmes.

Renewable energy generation and international development

Malawi and renewables

- Scotland has particular expertise in the areas of renewable energy generation and climate change. We are developing our international development work along these themes and I am keen to discuss with you and how we might work together.
- Our work with the Government of the Malawi provides an example our activity in this field.
- Only 7% of the population of Malawi has access to electricity. Our initial project in this area saw solar systems deployed in rural communities with community ownership of these "off-grid" solutions.
- The current Malawi Renewable Energy Acceleration Programme provides a more comprehensive package of support for renewables in Malawi, with:
 - v Institutional Support Programme - to provide policy and strategy support at the institutional level in Malawi;

- vi Community Energy Development Programme – through direct community engagement to support and enable the take-up of renewable energy at community level in Malawi;
 - vii Wind Energy Preparation Programme - to provide the basis for development of the wind power resource in Malawi [this element was specifically requested by the GoM];
 - viii Renewable Energy Capacity-Building Programme - to support the development of the knowledge base and channel modest financial support to support the longer term growth in the renewable energy sector in Malawi.
- The MREAP programme was designed to provide the GoM with enhanced resources, information, tools, capacity and models to support the growth of community and renewables.
 - Through a phased process over a two year period seconded policy experts from Scottish Government will work with Government of Malawi to undertake a policy development process to provide GOM with a renewable and climate change strategies.
 - This is envisaged as a two year process with a clear focus on providing energy to all within a clear time frame; the strategy will need to be flexible to enable future technologies and financing mechanisms to be included.
 - We would like to engage international donors and development community in this projects and others like them, particularly in order that our learning from the projects is shared, and could be taken on and perhaps up-scaled.

Partnership with UNDP Sustainable Energy for All

- In 2012, Ban Ki-moon asked the First Minister to support the UN's SE4A initiative, believing that Scotland has a significant contribution to make because of our leadership on renewable energy and climate change.
- Among the 65 developing countries that have committed to the Sustainable Energy for All Initiative objectives, including Malawi, many need support on sustainable energy.
- Scotland's Sustainable Energy for All partnership with the UN Development Programme (UNDP) will deliver sustainable energy to help some of the most disadvantaged communities across the developing world.
- The Scottish Government is developing a toolkit that will set out good practice drawn from its experience in Scotland, Malawi and other countries of how communities can develop ownership of community based renewable energy schemes.

- By choosing renewables, communities can have access to technologies which are appropriate to their needs, have low running cost and contribute to efforts against climate change. Already communities in Malawi have developed schemes which have improved school education and created employment opportunities, leading to a better quality of life and in line with the UN sustainable energy for all initiative.
- Scotland will work with the UNDP to roll out this initiative in many countries and make a contribution to providing much needed energy and support global efforts to fight climate change.

Building the “pipeline” between Scotland and the EU

- My final point then is perhaps the briefest, and one which we could perhaps continue to explore as we build upon this discussion. That is how in practice should we develop this “pipeline” between the innovative examples of development projects we are supporting in Scotland and funding mechanisms.
- Our focus is on supporting on Sustainable Energy for All is well-aligned and I would welcome your comments and the opportunity to discuss our current programme of development work and within that our focus on a green development approach.
- *[One way to take that forward is for me to extend an invitation to you to Scotland to hear first hand from our renewables development projects; and from the Scotland-Malawi Partnership on how we have developed our unique model of international development in partnership with Malawi].*
- Scotland’s unique approach to international development is making a real difference to some of the world’s most vulnerable people.
- It is vital that we not only continue to support progress towards meeting these countries development goals. We must work together to develop our policy to address new challenges.

Scotland's International Science Offering

According to an independent report published in January 2010 Scotland's research productivity in terms of papers and citations per billion GDP was first in the world and more than twice the average of competitor nations.

Productivity is a measure of the overall quality of Scotland's research which contributes towards National Outcome 3 "we are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation"– and ultimately Scotland's economic growth.

The report also showed Scotland was second in the world for research impact as measured by citations per paper and third in the world for researcher productivity in terms of citations per researcher.

Scotland has particular strengths in physical sciences, biological sciences, environment and health & medical research as measured by citation impact against the world baseline. These reflect well the GES key sectors of Food & Drink, Life Sciences and Energy.

Independently, Times Higher Education reports have shown Scotland as number 1 for pharmacology, agricultural science and space science and in the top 10 for plant & animal science, Mathematics, biology & biochemistry, neuroscience, molecular biology & genetics, clinical medicine, Microbiology, Computer science and Immunology.

Scotland has pioneered a radical new and strengthened research landscape, through research pooling across Scotland's universities. The pools which include physics, chemistry, life sciences, computer science, imaging, energy and environmental research effectively provide a single point of access to Scotland's research in these disciplines. Research pooling is helping to generate new opportunities for Scottish researchers and is also attracting new talent to Scotland.

Some examples

- Scotland is home to the second largest life sciences cluster in the UK.
- Scotland's medical expertise has improved the lives of millions of people around the world. Keyhole surgery, beta blockers drugs, medical imaging technology and the hepatitis B vaccine were all pioneered by our scientists.
- Scotland's research in diabetes and cancer is world leading. The discovery of p53 cancer suppressor gene was made by Scottish scientist Professor David Lane.
- Scotland is a global leader in animal bioscience and has the largest concentration of animal science related expertise anywhere in Europe.

- Since the 1970s Scotland has been at the leading edge of wave power developments, and now the Saltire Prize is challenging today's scientists through the world's largest prize for innovation in renewable marine energy.
- The UK's most advanced super computer, HECToR, is based at the University of Edinburgh and is amongst the largest in the world.
- The UK Astronomy Technology Centre in Edinburgh design and build instruments for many of the world's major telescopes.
- Scotland is home to Professor Peter Higgs and the Higgs Centre for Theoretical Physics. Over 100 scientists and engineers from both Glasgow and Edinburgh are actively involved in experiments using the Large Hadron Collider at CERN.
- The world's first and longest running city-specific science festival, the Edinburgh Science Festival, has become a model for science engagement across the world.

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