

Qatar: Green Building conference to begin today

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DOHA: Property developers, architects, urban designers and green technology providers will discuss Qatar's green building opportunities at the "MEED Middle East Qatar Green Buildings 2009" conference today.

The event, being held at W Doha Hotel, will also see discussion on the possibilities of Qatar issuing guidelines and a future regulatory framework for the construction sector.

Green building rating system, factors to be considered in selecting an appropriate green building rating system and how to achieve green building certification are among other issues to be debated in the meeting.

The experts will also outline the ways in which buildings can benefit from waste water recycling and technical challenges of introducing waste water recycling.

Mario Senevairatne (Green Building Council, US); Abdel Khan, sustainability consultant; Faithful+Gould; Dr Sadek Owainati (Emirates Green Building Council); Paul Largan, Project Manager, Time Qatar; Martin Townsend, Director of Bream BRE Global; and Rebecca Pearce, Senior Associate, Sustainability Advisory Group, will be among the international experts to present papers at the meeting.

Newly-launched Dohaland, developer of innovative urban living environments and a **Qatar Foundation** subsidiary, is the platinum sponsor for the event.

"The conference will highlight issues that are of utmost importance to Dohaland, and we are excited to share ideas and have useful discussions with our colleagues in the industry", said Issa M Al Mohannadi, Chief Executive Officer of Dohaland.

The MEED conference will bring together the key stakeholders in the construction sector to discuss possible green building guidelines and regulation that might impact the Qatar projects market, he said.

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