

# Meet to discuss green building technology

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DOHA: Green building technology is among the main topics to be discussed at the 'Doha Green Conference' to be held from December 9 to 10 at the Moevenpick Towers and Suites.

"The conference falls in line with many topics such as carbon economy, but the main issue to be discussed is green building technology," said Mark Sutcliffe, Project Officer, Unesco Doha, adding the convention will also explain what green and sustainability really means.

Jointly organised by the Friends of Environment Centre (FEC), Sesam Business Consultants and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (Unesco), the two-day conference will see approximately a hundred delegates participate in wide-ranging topics revolving around current environment concerns.

Around 20 subtopics along the main subjects namely 'Sustainable Building Concepts in Qatar and the Gulf', 'Sustainable Water Management', and 'Renewable Energy and Recycling Strategies' will be tackled in the conference.

"For the past five years we have been organising conferences on environment but this one is unique because it will feature fresh ideas from new experts in the field and at the same time serve as follow-up on previous projects," said Dr Nesreen Al Hashemi, FEC Board Member. She also said industry experts will share significant findings of recent case studies.

Sutcliffe said that the concepts and applications that would be shared by expert speakers can be used now and provide savings in the long run.

"It just takes will and very simple concepts to save money, water and electricity and these can also be integrated in homes not just in big projects," he said.

The second day of the conference will also see some students from various schools in attendance.

"The participation of schools is very important so students could have a taste of what's available with regard to sustainability and environment so they could grow up with sensitivity towards the environment," said Sutcliffe.

The opening session will feature speeches by Salah Sourour, National Commission; Dr Benno Boer, Unesco and R Seetharaman, Doha Bank

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