

PRESS RELEASE

## Hamad Bin Khalifa University Presents Innovations at 2025 Web Summit Lisbon

*Continued participation underscores leading research university's role in shaping technology-driven solutions and global innovation*

**Doha, November 9, 2025:** Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF), is set to participate in Web Summit Lisbon 2025 as part of its commitment to seeking and finding novel solutions and enhanced global impact.

Taking place from November 10 to 13, the university is building on the agreement reached at this year's Web Summit Qatar to contribute to the world's largest tech event until 2030, showcasing innovations emerging from its own entrepreneurial pipeline. In doing so, HBKU also highlights the unique potential of its multidisciplinary education, research, and innovation ecosystem in Doha.

Web Summit Lisbon features 20 program tracks that mirror the homegrown university's focus areas and output. Over three days, HBKU faculty and staff will contribute to startup showcases and masterclasses, while engaging to build new partnerships and exchange knowledge between the university and other Web Summit participants in Portugal.

"We're excited to showcase the impact of HBKU's research and innovation, connect with global experts, and build new partnerships," said Dr. Eyad Ahmad Masad, HBKU's Vice President for Research. "Participating in Web Summit opens the door to impactful collaborations that can drive innovative technologies from Qatar to the world. We will continue to leverage our expertise and contribute meaningfully to the discussions shaping this global event."

HBKU presentations will showcase innovations with global applications, such as the [Eye Tracking Technology for the Early Diagnosis of Autism](#). Informed by research into neurological disorders of high-prevalence within Qatar and the wider region, the groundbreaking instrument incorporates Arabic audio-visual stimuli to aid detection of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The university's advancement of technologies integrating diverse social and cultural contexts is further reflected by [Fonar](#), a generative AI framework showcasing our pride in Arabic as a language, culture, traditions and breadth of knowledge.

A strong commitment to responsible, eco-friendly development is demonstrated by [OKONs](#). Incorporating 'circular economy' thinking, the digital waste exchange platform enables companies and individuals to financially benefit from recycling while reducing adverse environmental impacts.

Together, these technologies demonstrate how the university's research addresses complex challenges of global importance. Similarly, the inclusion of sustainability-focused spin-out ventures highlights its success in nurturing an entrepreneurial spirit where academic discovery can translate into market-ready impact.

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### **About Hamad Bin Khalifa University**

*Innovating Today, Shaping Tomorrow*

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF), is a pioneering and impact-driven university committed to advancing education and research to address critical challenges facing Qatar and the world.

HBKU develops multidisciplinary academic programs and national research capabilities that drive collaboration with leading global institutions. The university is dedicated to equipping future leaders with an entrepreneurial mindset and advancing innovative solutions that create a positive global impact.

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