



Participant Guide

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About this guide

Everything here is designed so that the only thing you need to think about in Doha is the Forum itself.

The 9th World Investment Forum (WIF) takes place at the Sheraton Grand Doha Resort & Convention Hotel – from 25 to 27 October 2026 – hosted by United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD) together with the State of Qatar.

This guide sets out everything you need to know about WIF 2026 and your participation – how to register, how your Event Entry Permit is handled, where to stay, how to reach the venue and what to expect once you arrive.

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Your forum at a glance



25–27 October 2026

FORUM DATES

UNCTAD and the State of Qatar

ORGANISED AND HOSTED BY

**Sheraton Grand Doha Resort &
Convention Hotel, Qatar**

LOCATION

2,000–3,000 delegates

EXPECTED ATTENDANCE ACROSS THE 3
DAYS

Investing in the future

THEME

**High-level sessions and
ministerial roundtables**

PROGRAMME FORMAT

**Heads of government, global
investors and institutions**

HIGH-LEVEL ATTENDEES AND
PARTICIPANTS

International media presence

GLOBAL COVERAGE



The venue

Sheraton Grand Doha Resort & Convention Hotel

Since 1982, the Sheraton Grand Doha has stood at the crown of the Corniche. It is Doha's original landmark, built on its own island of reclaimed land and well known as the first five-star hotel in Qatar.

Four decades on, it remains the city's convening address – 371 rooms and suites, gardens, a private stretch of beach on the Arabian Gulf – and a convention centre with 26 meeting spaces built into the same footprint.

For three days in October, it becomes the Forum. A single, walkable campus on the Corniche.

Everything – from plenary, roundtables, side events, exhibitions and hospitality – sits within one connected venue, so no session is more than a few minutes from the last.

GETTING TO THE VENUE

Forum shuttle

A dedicated Forum shuttle links the official Forum hotels with the venue throughout each Forum Day. The frequency of this shuttle increases around the sessions' start and finish times.

Doha Metro

The Doha Metro is clean, fast and inexpensive, and connects the airport with West Bay and the city centre.

Taxi and ride-hailing

Qatar's national taxis – Karwa – and ride-hailing apps such as Uber operate throughout Doha and can be used at any hour.

On foot

The Corniche promenade runs directly past the venue and is a pleasant walk in October.



Key routes and distances



25–25 mins drive from / to Hamad International Airport



5–20 mins walk or 5 mins drive to the closest metro station (DECC Metro Station)



10–15 mins drive to Doha's iconic landmarks



Entry to the Forum

Your Event Entry Permit is handled by a specialised team

Every international participant attending the Forum will require an Event Entry Permit for the event. You do not need to manage this process yourself.

Register now. We will handle the rest. Four simple steps, here's how.

01

You register

Registration on Indico captures the details the Event Entry Permit application needs.

02

You are approved

After you register, your registration is reviewed and approved by UNCTAD. Once your participation is confirmed, you will receive a confirmation email with further instructions from the Host Country team to support with your Event Entry Permit.

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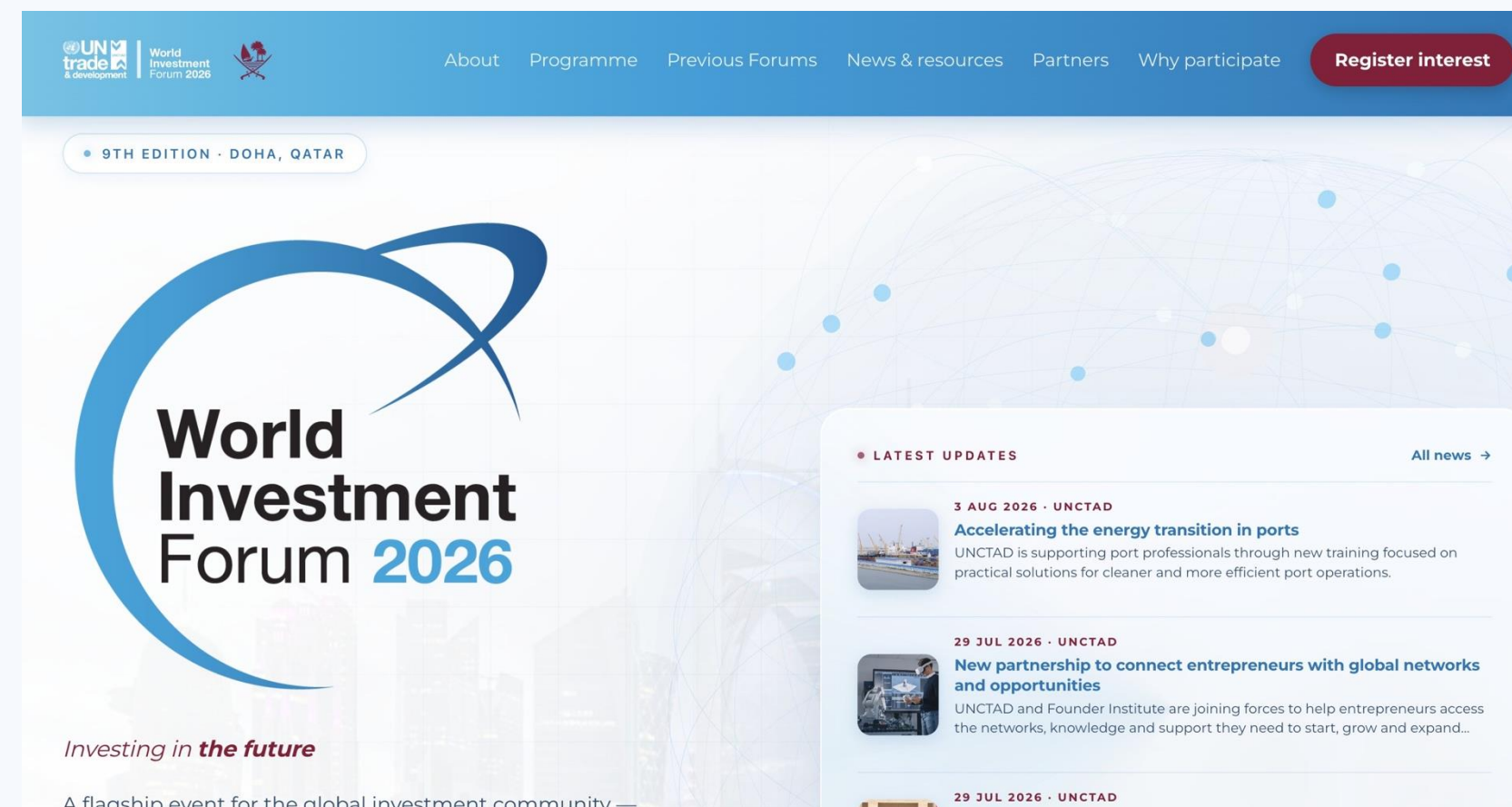
We collect your documents and submit your application

The Forum's Delegate Management Team will ask you to provide the required documents, such as passport copy, photograph — and travel dates — and submit the required application on your behalf, track its progress and send the approved Event Entry Permit to you before the event.

04

You receive the Event Entry Permit

The approved Event Entry Permit is sent to you ahead of your ticketing deadline.



The official UNCTAD registration platform for the Forum and the single system of record for your participation.

[Register your interest](#)



Good to know

The Event Entry Permit is a mandatory requirement

Applications must be made for all international participants, including nationals of countries eligible for a visa on arrival. There will be nothing to arrange at the airport.

Passport validity

Please check the validity of your passport. Passports must be valid at least another six months at the time of submission, and for every entry into Qatar, the passport's validity should not be less than three months.

Questions

The Delegate Management Team is your single point of contact for anything relating to your Event Entry Permit.

Delegations and groups

Delegations may be registered together. Your delegation focal point can submit the full party in one step.



Where to stay

Official partner hotels

A selection of hotels in the city centre, with favourable rates.

Andaz Doha by Hyatt **

[Book Now](#)

Waldorf Astoria Doha West Bay

[Book Now](#)

Swissôtel Corniche Park Towers Doha

[Book Now](#)

Best Plaza West Bay **

[Book Now](#)

Retaj Al Rayyan hotel, West Bay **

[Book Now](#)



West Bay — the Forum's partner hotels sit within a short walk or drive of the venue.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Rooms are released on a first-come, first-served basis and October is a busy month in Doha, so please book as soon as your participation is confirmed.

** Transportation is not provided as part of the event arrangements. Uber and public transportation options are available, and assistance with arranging these services can be provided upon request.



Discovering Doha

A little time either side of the Forum goes a long way.

October is one of the best months to be in Doha. The heat of the summer has passed, the evenings are breezy, and the Corniche, the souq and the waterfront come alive after dark.



ICONIC LANDMARKS



Museum of Islamic Art

I. M. Pei's masterpiece on its own island, holding one of the great collections of Islamic art, a short drive from the venue.



Souq Waqif

The restored heart of old Doha; spice merchants, falcon souq, courtyard restaurants and shisha cafés. Best in the evening.



National Museum of Qatar

Jean Nouvel's desert rose, telling the story of the country from the sea floor to the present day.



Katara Cultural Village

Amphitheatre, galleries, beach and a strip of some of the best restaurants in the city.



Msheireb Downtown Doha

Doha's reimagined old centre; sustainable architecture, museums and a growing dining scene.



The Pearl Island and Lusail City

Marina promenades, waterfront dining and the newest quarter of the city.



Practical essentials

The small things, answered in advance

Weather in October

Warm and dry, cool and pleasant in the evening. Indoor spaces are air-conditioned; a light layer is useful.

What to wear outside the Forum

Qatar is relaxed and welcoming; modest dress is appreciated in public spaces and required at religious sites.

Currency

The Qatari Riyal (QAR) is pegged to the US dollar. Cards are accepted everywhere and ATMs are widely available.

Connectivity

WiFi is provided throughout the venue. Local SIM cards are available at the airport and across the city.

Language

Arabic is the official language. English is spoken universally in business, hospitality and transport.

The Forum app

The official Forum app carries the live programme, session details, speaker information, venue maps and notifications. It is the definitive source for any change to the programme. More information will be shared about the Forum app in due course.

Time zone

Arabia Standard Time, UTC+3. There is no daylight saving.

Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation is provided in six languages in the main plenary and other selected sessions.

Electricity

240V, British-style three-pin sockets (Type G).

Accessibility

Qatar and the venue are generally accessible to all. However, if you require additional support, please inform our team to make the arrangements ahead of your arrival.



Help and Contacts

Someone is on the end of every one of these

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

Registration and Accreditation

<https://indico.un.org/event/1021025/>

Event Entry Permits and Travel Documents

wif26@evencia.app

WHILE YOU ARE IN DOHA

Delegate Hotline – 24 hours

Will go live one week before the Forum

Hotel Hospitality Desk

In the lobby of the Forum hotel and official partner hotels

Forum Helpdesk

Main entrance foyer and throughout the Forum

WE WILL BE IN TOUCH

You will hear from us before you travel and receive a full travel pack once your arrangements are confirmed. You will also receive a short 'Know Before You Go' note before the Forum opens.

Everything in this guide will also be kept up-to-date on the Forum website.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU IN DOHA!