

Qatar University in “Manara for Innovation” Platform:

An Active Presence in the National Innovation Ecosystem

Qatar University (QU) has actively participated in the “Manara for Innovation” platform, launched by Qatar Research, Development and Innovation Council (QRDI) at Web Summit Qatar 2025, reaffirming its leading position in supporting innovation and the scientific research ecosystem in the country. This participation comes as part of the University’s ongoing efforts to enhance research collaboration and expand the horizons of innovation, in line with Qatar National Vision 2030 and the realization of a knowledge economy based on research and development.

“Manara for Innovation” is an advanced national digital platform that aims to facilitate access to the resources, capabilities, and infrastructure available in Qatar’s innovation and research ecosystem. The platform marks a qualitative evolution of Qatar Research, Development and Innovation Portal, providing an interactive environment that encourages collaboration between researchers and institutions, and opens up new avenues for scientific and technological opportunities.

Qatar University has been one of the leading institutions to engage with this platform, contributing to forming knowledge and collaborative partnerships with national entities such as the Ministry of Public Health, Qatar Museum, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, and others. This step marks an extension of the University’s pivotal role in research and development, through its academic staff and specialized research centers, which are known for their prestigious reputation regionally and internationally.

“Manara” platform offers two new features that promote interaction and support data-driven decisions. Firstly, the “Research, Development and Innovation Communities” section provides a collaborative space for the exchange of knowledge and expertise between researchers and professionals, thereby contributing to stimulating innovation in various fields. Secondly, the “Visions” section provides data-driven dashboards and

analytical reports that support decision makers and guide them towards emerging research trends.

Engineer Omar Al Ansari, Secretary General of Qatar Research, Development and Innovation Council (QRDI), highlighted that the launch of this platform is a strategic step towards reinforcing Qatar’s status as a regional hub for innovation. Additionally, the participation in the Web Summit demonstrates the country’s commitment to building international partnerships and developing technology. Ms. Nujood Al-Jahni, Senior Director of Policy Planning and Evaluation, stated that the platform will continue its role in supporting communication among stakeholders and facilitating access to vital resources.

Qatar University’s participation in this national platform represents a culmination of its rich research journey and a clear message of its deep belief in the role of innovation in serving society and elevating the country’s scientific and economic standing. Through this step, Qatar University continues its contribution to advancing development through meaningful partnerships and applied research that addresses national challenges and provides innovative solutions with a tangible impact.