



Contribution by Qatar (State of)

PREPARATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HOSTING OF THE ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE (PP-26) IN DOHA, IN NOVEMBER 2026

Purpose

This document presents an update on the preparation and arrangement for the hosting of the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference in Doha, Qatar.

Action required by the Council

The Council is invited to **consider** this document.

Preparations and arrangements for the hosting of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26) in Doha in November 2026

- The State of Qatar, through efforts led by the Communications Regulatory Authority and in close cooperation with the ITU and relevant national entities, continues the preparations to host the PP-26 Conference in Doha on the previously scheduled dates of November 9-27, 2026, based on a comprehensive national plan that is steadily progressing towards its final implementation stages.
- The past period has witnessed tangible progress across various legal, regulatory, financial, technical, logistical, and security tracks, reflecting a high level of institutional readiness and comprehensive national coordination.
- This readiness is based on the State of Qatar's advanced digital infrastructure and its established experience in hosting and managing major international events, in addition to a comprehensive system of national partnerships and ongoing coordination with the ITU to ensure that all regulatory and operational requirements are met in accordance with the highest international standards.

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority's Executive Position

- The Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) is the national body in charge of managing and directing all technical, logistical, security, and financial workflows to ensure the highest level of readiness for the conference.

Conference Date and Location

- The date and location of the conference have been announced in advance. This is a key step in the preparation process, as it involves finalizing the organizational, logistical, and technical requirements for hosting delegations and participants from member states and relevant entities.
- The Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre, which will host the conference, boasts a prime location, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and the operational capacity to accommodate the conference meetings and associated events in accordance with the standards adopted by the International Telecommunication Union.

Visual Identity and Logo

- The Communications Regulatory Authority, in coordination with the ITU and relevant national entities, oversaw the development and adoption of the visual identity and official logo for the conference. These were officially announced and incorporated into all media and promotional materials related to the conference.

Official Conference Website

- In order to enhance media and promotional readiness for the event, and to facilitate access to information for participating delegations and interested parties, the Communications Regulatory Authority launched the official conference website, which can be accessed via the link <https://www.pp26-doha.gov.qa>. The website was designed to serve as a unified digital platform that provides all the necessary logistical and organizational information.

Host Country Agreement

- The State of Qatar has completed all legal and technical reviews of the Host Agreement and its four annexes, and the ITU was provided with the approved version of the Agreement and its annexes on June 24, 2026. The ITU is currently processing the final updates to the annexes in preparation for adopting the final version and completing the procedures for signing the Agreement.

Budget and Financial Estimates

- The necessary budget for hosting the conference has been approved, commensurate with the size and importance of the event. The budget reflects the State of Qatar's commitment to providing all the necessary operational, logistical, technical, and organizational requirements, in accordance with the highest international standards adopted for organizing major global events.
- The next phase involves completing the procedures for transferring the approved financial allocations, in parallel with finalizing the procedures for signing the host country agreement. This will enable the Standing Committee for Organizing Conferences to move to the actual implementation phase of the tenders, sign contracts with local suppliers, and commence the logistical and technical preparations for the conference venue according to the approved timeline.

The National Committee for Hosting the Conference

- Cabinet Resolution No. 17 was issued to establish the National Committee for Hosting the Conference with the aim of unifying the efforts of the concerned national bodies and ensuring coordination and integration among them, and to follow-up on the various preparations and requirements necessary to host the conference.

Readiness and Logistical and Technical Arrangements

- The scope of services covered by the approved budget has been defined and allocated. These include equipping and operating conference facilities, hospitality services, transportation, providing technical infrastructure, translation and secretarial support services. The services also include implementing accompanying events and protocols, security, medical services, media coverage, and related digital applications and platforms.
- Work is also underway to finalize arrangements for participants' travel and accommodation, including facilities for travel and accommodation bookings, and facilitating registration and visa issuance procedures. The partnership with Qatar Airways as the official carrier for the conference has also been confirmed, providing special benefits and facilities for participating delegations.

Security, Safety, and Continuity of Movement

- Work is underway in direct and effective coordination with the relevant national security and sovereign authorities to implement the highest standards of safety and logistical security. This includes planning and managing the movement routes of delegations and participants, and

ensuring the smooth flow of logistical transportation related to the conference, guaranteeing uninterrupted traffic flow and the continuity of daily operations within the country. Field coordination mechanisms and proactive emergency management and public safety plans are also being activated to provide a safe and stable environment during the conference.

Institutional Coordination and Readiness with the International Telecommunication Union

- The State of Qatar hosted several field visits and coordination meetings with the ITU, including two official visits to assess technical and organizational readiness for hosting the event in November 2024 and November 2025. These visits included inspection tours of key hosting facilities, most notably the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center, accommodation facilities, the airport, and security and service infrastructure. A series of meetings were also held with the Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) and the Permanent Committee for Organizing Conferences to review various logistical, technical, protocol, security, and operational aspects.
- Several additional coordination meetings were also held with the ITU, including one on the sidelines of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5). A coordination visit also took place in February 2026 to discuss arrangements for holding the GSMA Doha Mobile World Congress and the Plenipotentiary Conference concurrently.

Conclusion

- Based on the foregoing, and despite the regional circumstances and changes witnessed in the region recently and the challenges they posed to some aspects of the preparations, the process of preparing to host the PP-2026 is progressing steadily according to well-defined plans and through integrated institutional coordination with national authorities and the ITU. The basic requirements for hosting have been fulfilled, and essential parts of the legal, regulatory, financial, logistical, and security workflows have been completed. Diligent follow-up continues to finalize the remaining requirements and ensure their readiness by the specified deadlines.