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# 20th World Petroleum Congress Youth Programme

# YOUTH IN THE ENERGY FUTURE

The World Petroleum Council is committed to involving young people in the oil and gas industry and recognises the importance of attracting and retaining young talent. It has formed the WPC Youth Committee with over twenty young representatives from the World Petroleum Council's National Committees to gain their input to the Council's strategy of addressing youth around the world.

A range of activities is being organised by the WPC Youth Committee for students and young professionals to encourage them to attend the 20th World Petroleum Congress and its exhibition and to provide a fruitful platform for engagement with the high-level experts attending from the industry.

The young people agreed on an overall theme for the youth activities for the Congress which will take place under the motto:

## **Youth in the Energy Future**

Through a range of activities and projects young people will get an opportunity to network with each other and discuss some of the key issues for the future before and during the Congress, namely:

- Tomorrow's Energy Picture
- Sustainable Energy Industry
- Tomorrow's Leadership

## **Youth Stand**

The Youth Stand will be a gathering place for young people to share their thoughts and ideas and also to network. Daily presentations, job profiles and discussions will be held around the scenarios that were discussed on the online discussion platform (wpcYOUTHconnect). There will also be daily technology showcase tours that will commence from the Youth Stand.

**ACTION: Come, network, learn and participate!**



Hands up: who wants a greater say in the industry?

### Special Session on Youth

A special session in the Congress programme is dedicated to youth. Designed and developed by members of the WPC Youth Committee, the session will bring together industry leaders and young people to address the issues discussed on the online platform under the theme of "Youth in the Energy Future."

**Have your say at WPC Youth Connect!**

[www.wpcyouthconnect.com](http://www.wpcyouthconnect.com)

### Youth Party

Party time in the desert! The Youth Party will be held on the night of the 7th of December in the middle of the desert with an Arabic setting and many activities that reflect the Qatari culture. This is to show appreciation to the youth for their involvement in the 20th World Petroleum Congress.

**Pick up your invitation from the Youth Stand at the exhibition!**

### Women in Industry Breakfast

This activity will allow female industry representatives to meet and network with other women in the energy industry. The WIB will be hosted at the Ritz-Carlton for 150 guests. There will also be an interactive round table discussion and debate with senior female industry leaders.

### WPC Excellence Awards for Youth

The World Petroleum Council recognises the importance of youth contribution to the energy industry by rewarding the best young authors of the Congress.

This year the 20th World Petroleum Congress Organising Committee has pledged an award of exceptional value for the best abstracts submitted by young people under 35. Over US\$10,000 in prize money will be awarded to the best youth presenters, with the winner receiving US\$5000, while second and third place will be granted US\$3000 each.

**Find out how young people's excellence can change the industry.**

### About the 20th WPC Congress: The Youth Aspect

Qatar WPC National Committee was the first national committee to establish an official "WPC Youth National Committee" in 2006. The goal of the youth committee was to involve Qatari youth in WPC activities and to run Qatar's bid to host the 20th World Petroleum Congress.

The first Qatari WPC National Youth Committee was chaired by Mishal Jabor Al-Thani. The committee was heavily involved with Qatar's campaign; in fact, most of the planning for the campaign was carried out by the youth. Thankfully, Qatar's WPC National Committee had faith in the youth and their ideas for running the campaign.

Qatar winning the bid was considered a youth success, since youth involvement played a key role in the outcome. As soon as Qatar was announced as host for 20th WPC Congress, the Youth Committee was given a bigger role within the 20th WPC Organising Committee. Mishal was appointed as the Team Leader for Youth Activities in the organising committee while the Vice-Chair of the Qatari WPC National Youth Committee Ali Salatt was appointed as Deputy Team Leader for Youth Activities.

The 20th World Petroleum Congress in Qatar involved youth early in the bidding process, and it is still heavily relying on youth at the organising stage. Furthermore, youth will play an even bigger role during the event itself. Being part of the event has given all the young people involved renewed enthusiasm as they feel that they have been given a real opportunity to be part of the industry and this has given them the feeling of belonging to the industry.

Both Mishal and Ali, along with other youth in Qatar have been heavily involved in the event, which for them is considered a unique experience. Beyond the event, both Mishal and Ali are heavily involved in the energy industry in Qatar and both feel strongly committed to the industry. ■