

## Qatar Foundation's 'BilAraby' Announces Inaugural Summit



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The summit will take place on 19-20 April 2025, featuring speakers from around the Arab-speaking communities

**Doha, Qatar, 8 March 2025:** BilAraby, a Qatar Foundation's initiative that seeks to amplify the voices of Arabic speakers and highlight their creativity, will hold its inaugural summit on 19 April

The two-day summit will take place at Qatar Foundation's Multaqa (Education City Student Center) in Doha. Speakers from Qatar, Mauritania, Palestine, Sudan, India, Jordan, KSA, Egypt, Syria, Yemen, and Iraq will come together to explore ideas in the fields of innovation and entrepreneurship, philosophy, psychology, health and well-being, business and economics, and many others.

Over 500 influential figures from the Middle East, North Africa, and beyond will attend BilAraby's inaugural summit. The summit's programming will include more than 20 live lectures, exhibitions, and interactive activities, as well as 15 specialized workshops led by industry experts in the fields of Sustainability, Artificial Intelligence, Medicine, Programming, Animation, Recycling, Arabic Language, Space, Media Production, Social Initiatives and more.

There will also be exploratory sessions, panel discussions, and roundtables focused on the development of Arabic content and the promotion of innovation in the Arabic language.

Hisham Nourin, Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives and Programs at Qatar Foundation, emphasized that the selection of speakers followed a rigorous process, with over 700 applicants from 25 Arab countries. The selection criteria focused on identifying inspiring ideas with the

potential for meaningful, real-world impact.

"We aim to showcase innovative ideas and visions with the potential for broad application," said Nourin. "Our primary goal is to reinforce Arab identity and support innovators contributing to Arab thought and creativity. The ideas and nominations we have received reflect the immense talent, creativity, and potential for positive change within our societies. These individuals deserve recognition, and their ideas should resonate globally in the Arabic language."

The inaugural BilAraby summit will also reveal the winning design of the initiative's logo competition, which attracted over 1,500 submissions from across the Arab world since its launch in September 2024.

Launched under the theme "Ideas Have a Voice and an Echo," BilAraby, inspired by the rich history of Arab identity, encourages creativity and intellectual dialogue, offering diverse content that reflects the richness of Arab societies.

Beyond the summit, the initiative also provides an interactive digital platform to facilitate the exchange of ideas and knowledge, fostering a cultural experience that promotes communication and creativity across various disciplines.

 $For more information about BilAraby, visit: \underline{www.bilaraby.qa}.$