

STATEMENT OF INTENT
TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL COOPERATION TO PROMOTE CULTURAL
UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR

The Government of the United States of America, and

The Government of the State of Qatar,

Hereinafter referred to separately as a “Participant” and collectively as the “Participants,”

Wish to strengthen their bilateral relationship and intend to cooperate to enhance cultural understanding and people-to-people connections between the two countries, and

Share an interest in fostering mutual understanding, promoting intercultural dialogue, crossing barriers and building bridges between their two countries, and promoting the shared ideals of tolerance and an appreciation for diversity.

Given their mutual interests, the Participants intend to explore the potential for collaboration in the following areas:

1. The Participants intend to encourage academic institutions, governmental and non-governmental institutions, museums, and other cultural organizations to implement cultural programming to promote mutual understanding between the two countries.
2. The Participants intend to organize events in their countries to promote cultural understanding of their respective cultures.
3. The Participants intend to encourage participation in professional and cultural exchange programs between the United States and Qatar, thus enhancing mutual understanding of each country’s culture, laws, institutions and approaches to issues of common concern.
4. The Participants intend to support programs that serve youth and seek opportunities to engage youth, encourage dialogue, creativity, professional development, and cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

5. The Participants intend to support programs for speakers, experts, artists, and other leading professionals in their respective host countries.
6. The Participants intend to explore participation in each of their country's cultural activities, fairs, and exhibitions, and intend to showcase their respective cultures for the local population.
7. The Participants intend to promote information sharing between cultural institutions and their respective Embassies on visiting talent, personalities, delegations, and athletes in order to expand the reach and impact of such visits.
8. In order to support the work of individuals working to enhance cultural understanding, the Participants intend to explore the future creation of an Alumni Association of U.S Exchange Programs in Qatar as a stand-alone organization. This organization is expected to consist of individuals who have returned from U.S. government-sponsored professional and cultural exchange programs, alumni of U.S. universities, and anyone interested in promoting cross-cultural understanding between Qatar and the United States.
9. The Participants intend to explore conditions for establishing cultural resource centers or culturally-designated areas, either in a fixed space or in a mobile fashion, to share their cultural and linguistic heritage with the people of their respective country.
10. Each Participant intends to be responsible for its own costs and expenses originating from implementation of any provision in this Statement of Intent, based on its budget and laws.
11. Any difference that may arise between the two Participants on the interpretation or implementation of this Statement of Intent is intended to be resolved amicably through consultation and negotiation.
12. This Statement of Intent may be modified by the written decision of the two Participants.
13. This Statement of Intent expresses the intentions of both Participants. It is not meant to give rise to any rights or obligations for either Participant under international law.
14. This Statement of Intent becomes operative on the date of signing thereof by both Participants. It is intended to be operative for five (5) years and be renewed automatically for a similar period of time unless one Participant advises the other Participant in writing that it intends to discontinue cooperation under the Statement of Intent. The Participants intend that such written notice should be provided at least six (6) months in advance of the date on which cooperation under the Statement of Intent is to be discontinued.

15. Discontinuation of cooperation under or expiration of this Statement of Intent is not intended to affect the ongoing programs and activities unless the Participant decide otherwise.

Signed at Doha on January 13, 2019 AD, in duplicate in the English and Arabic languages.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**



**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
STATE OF QATAR:**

