

Supplementary Materials

Participation agreement

Dear Participant,

Thank you for considering our survey, it will require no more than 10 min of your time. We're studying countries shifting from resource-based to sustainable economies. Your insights are crucial for informed policy and strategy development.

Background, instructions, and confidentiality agreement:

- Resource-based economies face unique challenges in transitioning to sustainability.
- Entrepreneurship is a key driver of change in these contexts. Understanding entrepreneurship dynamics is vital for effective development.
- Your anonymity and privacy are assured, and your responses will be anonymized and kept confidential.
- Your identity will not be disclosed in any reports or publications.
- Please answer honestly to improve the study's quality and reliability.
- By proceeding, you agree to contribute your insights voluntarily, without any form of payment.

Please contact us if you have questions or concerns. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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1. Do you agree to participate in this study?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Demographics

* 2. What is your age?

- ☐ 18–24
☐ 25–34
☐ 35–44
☐ 45–54
☐ 55 and above

* 3. What is your gender?

☐ Male ☐ Female
☐

☐ Married ☐ Single

* 5. What is your educational level?

☐ High school

☐ Bachelor's degree ☐ master's

degree ☐ Doctorate or above

* 6. What is your academic background?

☐ Engineering ☐ Finance

☐ Business ☐ Science ☐

Art

☐ Others

* 7. What is your current employment status?

☐ Employed

☐ Self-employed (I work in my own business) ☐ Both (Self-employed & employed)

☐ Unemployed ☐ Student

* 8. How many years of experience do you have in the field of entrepreneurship or business?

☐ None

☐ 1–3 years

☐ 4–6 years

☐ 7–9 years

☐ 10 years or more

* 9. What is your nationality?

☐ Qatari

☐ Non-Qatari

Main Questions

☐ Yes ☐ No

* 11. Please rate the overall experience of starting a business in Qatar:

☐ Very easy ☐ Easy

☐ Neither easy nor difficult ☐ Difficult

☐ Very difficult

☐ Not Applicable (Never started a business)

* 12. Please rate your reasons/drivers for you to start your own business: Rate each from 1 to 5 (1 is the weakest driver, and 5 is the strongest driver)

Very Weak

Driver

Weak Driver

Medium Driver

Strong Driver

Very Strong Driver

Financial

☐
☐
☐
☐
☐

Opportunity to
make an impact on

☐

society.

☐
☐
☐
☐

Freedom from
salary based work

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Personal Passion

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

* 13. Please rate the main enablers that motivated (or can motivate) you to become an entrepreneur in Qatar. Rate each from 1 to 5 (1 is the lowest, and 5 is the highest motivator)

Very Low
Motivator Low Motivator

Medium
Motivator High Motivator
Very High Motivator

Family & Friends

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Strong Educational background

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Access to Funding

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

(Personal money,

Easiness to start & run business (E.g. easy process)

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Availability of
mentoring/Training &

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

from 1–5, (1 is the lowest challenge, 5 is the highest challenge.)

Very Low
Challenge Low Challenge

Medium
Challenge High Challenge
Very High Challenge

Access to Financing

(Funds, Grants,

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

loans, money to

Access to Mentorship (Guidance at all levels from experts)

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Regulatory laws and procedures

Access to

Networking

(Opportunities to

meet

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

(Business laws to start and the run

business, acquire manpower, tax, export/import, disputes resolution, bankruptcy)

Market (Size, entry competition,

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Basic costs (Rentals, Visas, registration, utility)

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Access to expertise

(Availability of

required experts in

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Access to entrepreneurship education/training

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

QBIC, etc.) Have you obtained any kind of support from them to start your business? Please rate your experience from 0–5, 0 means not applicable/didn't use, 1 is extremely dissatisfied, 5 is extremely satisfied.

Never
used/Not Aware

Extremely
dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neutral Satisfied
Extremely satisfied

Training

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Mentorship

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Funding

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Networking opportunities

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Business planning

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Market analysis

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Intellectual

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Legal support

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

1–5, (1 is strongly disagree, 5 is strongly agree)

Strongly
Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

Legal system is
supportive of
entrepreneurs in

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

All market information (Such as: market size, key players, average costs for space/manpower/utilities, etc.) required for an entrepreneur is easily accessible in Qatar.

Small businesses

and entrepreneurs

are supported in

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Society has a positive view toward
failed entrepreneurs.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

It is transparent, clear and easy to

People are aware of

supporting

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

obtain support from
supporting agencies/institutes.

☐

to broaden entrepreneurship in Qatar? Please rate from 1–5, 1 is extremely not favorable, 5 is extremely favorable.

	Extremely Not Favorable	Not Favorable	Neutral	Favorable	Extremely Favorable
Grants (Such as government agencies extending	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loans (E.g. debts/credits from	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Partnership (Shared risk/ownership with	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Self financing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family/friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crowdfunding (e.g., Kickstarter)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Angel investment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* 18. What is the level of your concern regarding the implementation of an all-automated, online, self-service platform for all your business needs (e.g., Business registration, payments, tendering, hiring)? Please rate from 1–5 (1 is extremely concerned, 5 is not concerned at all)

	Extremely Concerned	Very Concerned	Concerned	Little Concerned	Not Concerned at all
Digital security and	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Digital illiteracy for some ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potential lack of personalized ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Reliability of online systems ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Limited ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

19. entrepreneurs? Please rate from 1–5, (1 is extremely not useful, 5 being extremely beneficial)

Extremely Not

Useful

Not Useful

Neutral

Beneficial

Extremely Beneficial

Easy, streamlined, and reliable ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Access to global mentorship & expertise ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Larger market size ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Fast Imports with tax benefits ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Easy access to funding & financing ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Enhanced business networking opportunities ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐