

Subject: Guest for TILclimate: Tackling Climate Change in the Middle East

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I wanted to offer you a potential guest for TILclimate – [Omran Al Kuwari](https://www.qfi.org/about-qfi/our-team/staff/omran-al-kuwari/), [\[https://www.qfi.org/about-qfi/our-team/staff/omran-al-kuwari/\]](https://www.qfi.org/about-qfi/our-team/staff/omran-al-kuwari/) CEO of Qatar Foundation International – on the topic of how rising temperatures will affect the Gulf States region more than many other regions around the world.

Qatar Foundation is doing a lot of groundbreaking work in this area, particularly around solar energy and water security (they even have a partnership with NASA). QF also recently announced a [multi-billion-dollar project with Rolls-Royce](https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/qatar-rolls-royce-plough-billions-pounds-into-green-tech-startups-2021-11-01/) [\[https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/qatar-rolls-royce-plough-billions-pounds-into-green-tech-startups-2021-11-01/\]](https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/qatar-rolls-royce-plough-billions-pounds-into-green-tech-startups-2021-11-01/) to develop and invest in green technology.

Omran believes fighting climate change in the Middle East is solvable, and can provide your listeners with insights around:

- What Qatar Foundation is doing around climate change
- Why the country is a unique testing ground for innovative climate-related technology
- How this work fits in to the nation's ambitious transition from reliance on oil and gas toward becoming a knowledge-based economy
- Updates on the critical role of energy-related projects in preparation for the 2022 World Cup

Please let me know if you are interested in having Omran on the show. He would bring some great perspective on the importance of public/private partnerships to solve our climate crisis, especially in a place like the Gulf. I've included his bio below.

Best,
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Omran's bio:

Omran Hamad Al-Kuwari is CEO of Qatar Foundation International. As CEO, he supports and provides input into strategic directives at the organization.

Prior to joining Qatar Foundation International, Omran has held several key leadership positions in various organizations such as Qatargas, Qatar Petroleum, ExxonMobil, GreenGulf, and Enterprise Qatar, as well as the role of Economic Advisor to the Minister of Economy and Commerce of Qatar.

Omran holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from George Washington University in Washington DC and a master's degree in Business Administration from City University London, Cass Business School. He is also pursuing a PhD at UCL's Institute for Sustainable Resources.

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