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EMPOWER 2026

Youth Leading for Peace and Security

— CONFERENCE PROGRAMME —

12 – 14 November 2026

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DAY 1 | THURSDAY
12 November 2026

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TIME	SESSION
5:00 – 5:25pm	*Arrival of Guests*
5:25 – 5:30pm	Tour of EMPOWER 2026 Youth Exhibition
5:30 – 5:35pm	Welcome to EMPOWER 2026 by EAA Youth MCs
5:35 – 5:40pm	WELCOME SPEECH **Mr. Mana Mohammed Al Ansari**, Chief of Economic Empowerment (CEE), Education Above All Foundation
5:40 – 5:50pm	KEYNOTE SPEECH **Mr. Fawaz Al-Musaifri**, Director of Youth Affairs Department, Ministry of Sports and Youth
5:50 – 5:55pm	SHORT FILM-PERFORMANCE "Youth Voices for Peace"
5:55 – 6:20pm	IN DIALOGUE **A Youth-Led Conversation with H.E. Ms. Sara Al-Saadi**, Director of the Department of American Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
6:20 – 6:25pm	EMPOWER 2026 Conference Overview by EAA Youth MCs
6:25 – 6:27pm	Closing by EAA Youth MCs
6:27 – 6:30pm	EMPOWER 2026 Group Photo
6:30 – 7:30pm	*Light Refreshments*
7:30pm	**END OF DAY 1**

DAY 2 | FRIDAY 13 November 2026

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2:00 – 2:30pm	*Youth Participant Registration*
2:30 – 4:00pm	• Welcome by Youth MCs **PARTICIPATION PANEL DISCUSSION** IN ENGLISH ***"A Seat at the Table, or Just a Place Card? The Politics of Youth Inclusion"*** 1 **Mr. Saji Prelis**, Co-Chair, Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security 2 **Dr. Logan Cochrane**, Dean of the College of Public Policy, Hamad Bin Khalifa University 3 **Ms. Rahaf Abu Mayyaleh**, Jordanian UNDP Generation17 Young Leader 4 **Mr. Mohamed Falfoul**, Child Psychiatrist, Advisor to Tunisian Ministry of Youth & EAA Youth Advocate MODERATOR **Ms. Hana Elshehaby**, EAA Youth Advocate **POWER SPEECH** **Ms. Samah El Hassan**, MEAL Specialist, Search for Common Ground: Presentation of YPS AI Agent
4:00 – 4:30pm	*Coffee Break*
4:30 – 6:00pm	**WORKSHOP SESSIONS** 6 simultaneous EMPOWER Youth Workshops
6:00 – 6:30pm	*Prayer Break*
6:30 – 8:00pm	• Welcome by Youth MCs **PREVENTION PANEL DISCUSSION** IN ARABIC ***"Does Economic Empowerment Contribute More to Peace and Security than Diplomacy?"*** 1 **Ms. Amna Al Thani**, CEO, Strategy Hub 2 **Mr. Abdullah Kassim**, Enterprise Development Manager, EAA 3 **Ms. Layal Wehbe**, Economic Analyst, UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States 4 **Ms. Nour Zakout**, Palestinian EAA Scholar & Doha Institute Student MODERATOR **Ms. Aisha Al Emadi**, EAA Youth Advocate **POWER SPEECH** **Mr. Abdulrahman Al Maadeed**, Qatar UN Youth Delegate, Entrepreneur & Emergency & Disaster Relief Researcher at QFFD
8:00 – 9:00pm	*Dinner*
9:00pm	**END OF DAY 2**

DAY 3 | SATURDAY 14 November 2026

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8:30 – 9:00am	*Participant Registration*
9:00 – 10:30am	• Welcome by Youth MCs **PROTECTION PANEL DISCUSSION** IN ARABIC ***"Safe to Lead: Protecting Young Peacebuilders"*** 1 **Mr. Amr Ramadan**, EAA Youth Advocate and Educational YouTuber 2 **Mr. Alaa Farhan**, Youth Programme Analyst, UNFPA Yemen 3 **Mr. Mohammed Al Mannai**, UN Youth Delegate 4 **Ms. Tala Odeh**, Jordanian Youth Human Rights Advocate MODERATOR **Ms. Aya Zeidan**, HBKU Master of Public Policy Student **POWER SPEECH** **Mr. Khalil Zakout**, Palestinian EAA Scholar & UDST Student
10:30 – 11:30am	*Coffee Break*
11:00am – 12:30pm	**WORKSHOP SESSIONS** 6 simultaneous EMPOWER Youth Workshops
12:30 – 1:30pm	*Lunch Break*
1:30 – 3:00pm	**WORKSHOP SESSIONS** 6 simultaneous EMPOWER Youth Workshops
3:00 – 3:30pm	*Coffee Break*
3:30 – 5:00pm	• Welcome by Youth MCs **PARTNERSHIPS PANEL DISCUSSION** IN ENGLISH ***"Playing Fields & Partnerships: Sport, Resilience & the Road to 2030"*** 1 **Mr. Nasser Al Khori**, CEO & Founder, Hadaf Global 2 **Ms. Odette Yidi**, Former Ambassador of Colombia to Qatar 3 **Ms. Nada Mohammed Wafa**, Qatari Olympian Swimmer 4 **Mr. Mohammed Al Qassabi**, EAA Youth Advocate MODERATOR **Ms. Sabeeka Al Kuwari**, EAA Youth Advocate **YOUTH DECLARATION** **Presentation of EMPOWER 2026 Youth Declaration** **CLOSING POWER SPEECH** **Mr. Abdul Aziz Fofana**, Deputy Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, UNICEF • Closing by EAA Youth MCs • Group Photo
5:00pm	**END OF DAY 3**