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Friday, April 26

12:00-3:00 PM Check-in at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
2660 Woodley Road NW
Washington, DC 20008

3:20 PM Depart by Metro from Marriott Wardman Park Hotel to Qatar-America Institute
101 Constitution Avenue NW, #901 East
Washington, DC 20001

4:00-6:00 PM Welcome Reception at QAI

Welcome: Paul Hamill
Executive Director, Qatar-America Institute

Introduction: Bill Clifford
President and CEO, World Affairs Councils of America

Remarks: Dr. Hamad Al-Muftah
Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the State of Qatar

6:00 PM Reception concludes; Metro back to hotel





Saturday, April 27

8:00 AM **Buses depart from Marriott Wardman Park Hotel to United States Institute of Peace**
2301 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20037

9:00 AM **Carlos and Malú Alvarez AWQ National Competition**

Welcome: USIP Public Education Team

Introduction: Bill Clifford, President and CEO

Emcee: Patrick Ryan, Tennessee WAC

Judge: Richard Crepage, WACA Advisory Council

Judge: Matthew Hughes, International Relations Council

Judge: Joan Apple Lemoine, WACA Board Member

Rules and Regulations Explained

AWQ Rounds 1-3

Round 1: **Country in Focus: Qatar**

Round 2: **How to Deal with North Korea**

Round 3: **Global Refugee and Migration Crisis**

Rounds 1-3 Answers Read

10-Minute Break (around 9:45 AM)

AWQ Rounds 4-7

Round 4: **#WeAreNATO – The Alliance at 70**

Round 5: **Great Decisions**

Round 6: **Japan-U.S. Relations**

Round 7: **Space Policy**

Rounds 4-7 Answers Read

10-Minute Break (around 10:45 AM)

AWQ Rounds 8-10

Round 8: **World Trade Organization (WTO)**

Round 9: **Bridging Divides to Build Peace**

Round 10: **Current Events**

Rounds 8-10 Answers Read

11:45 AM Luncheon Program

Guest Speaker: Nancy Lindborg

President, United States Institute of Peace

Tiebreaker Rounds (if necessary)

12:40 PM Announcement of AWQ 2019 Winners and Award Presentation: H.E. Meshal bin Hamad Al Thani
Ambassador, Embassy of the State of Qatar

First Place – Trophy Presentation and Prizes

All-Expenses-Paid Study Tour to Qatar, June 21-27, 2019

Second Place – Trophy Presentation and Prizes

Third Place – Trophy Presentation

Closing Remarks: Bill Clifford, President and CEO

1:00 PM Competition Concludes



Thank you to the Embassy of the State of Qatar for generously funding for the Qatar Study Tour in June for the AWQ First Prize and Essay/Video Contest Winners!

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Speaker Bios



Nancy Lindborg is the president of the United States Institute of Peace, an independent institution founded by Congress to provide practical solutions for preventing, mitigating, and resolving violent conflict around the world. Prior to joining USIP, she served as the assistant administrator for the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA) at USAID. From 2010 through early 2015, Ms. Lindborg led USAID teams focused on building resilience and democracy, managing and mitigating conflict and providing urgent humanitarian assistance. Prior to joining USAID, Ms. Lindborg was president of Mercy Corps, where she spent 14 years helping to grow the organization into a globally respected organization known for innovative programs in the most challenging environments. She began her international career working overseas in Kazakhstan and Nepal; she has spent most of her career working in fragile and conflict affected regions around the world.



Bill Clifford, President and CEO of the World Affairs Councils of America, leads WACA's national office in Washington, DC, and represents its nonpartisan nonprofit network of more than 90 World Affairs Councils across the United States. Clifford is a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute (FPI) at The Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School for Advanced International Studies, and serves on the editorial board of *The SAIS Review*. Before joining WACA, he spearheaded the revitalization and growth of WorldBoston, a World Affairs Council known for innovative programming, access to leaders, and a tradition of advancing public learning about critical international issues. Previously, Clifford was an editor, bureau chief, and correspondent in Asia, where he launched and directed news bureaus in Japan and Hong Kong for the pioneering multimedia venture CBS MarketWatch. Before that, he was senior correspondent and producer in Tokyo for CNBC Asia and Asia Business Television, and a reporter for several newspapers covering international economics, finance, and politics.

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His Excellency Ambassador Meshal Bin Hamad Al Thani, Ambassador of the State of Qatar in the United States, assumed his post in Washington, DC in December 2016. Prior to serving as the lead Qatari diplomat in the U.S., Ambassador Al Thani was the Qatari Ambassador to France from November 2013 to October 2016. For three years, he dedicated his expertise and efforts to strengthening the Qatari-French bilateral relations and the EU-Qatari relations at large.

Previously, Ambassador Al Thani served as the Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations from July 2011 to October 2013. Before joining the UN Mission in NY, H.E. Al Thani served as Ambassador of Qatar to Brussels from October 2007 to July 2011. H.E. Meshal Al Thani is not new to the U.S. He served as member of the Qatari diplomatic mission in Washington DC from October 2000 to October 2004. Ambassador Al Thani debuted his diplomatic career at the Department of European and American Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from May 1997 to August 1998.



Dr. Hamad Al-Muftah, Deputy Chief of Mission of the State of Qatar in the United States, assumed his post in Washington, DC in September 2018. Prior to serving as the Deputy Chief of Mission in the U.S., Dr. Al-Muftah was the Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the State of Qatar in the United Kingdom and was posted in London from August 2013 to July 2018. As the second ranking official at the post, Dr. Al-

Muftah dedicated his expertise to strengthening the bilateral relationship between the UK and Qatar, promoting the interests of the State of Qatar in the UK, and working diligently to manage and oversee the day to day functions of the Embassy. Prior to serving as the Deputy Chief of Mission in Washington DC, he was the Deputy Consul General at the State of Qatar's Consulate in Houston, Texas from January 2006 to December 2009. Dr. Al-Muftah is a published author, with a number of academic and conference papers in the field of digital and public diplomacy. He has also published a book chapter titled "Qatar's Response to the GCC Crisis: Public Diplomacy as a Means of Crisis Management."

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Getting around Washington, DC

Important Addresses

Washington Marriott Wardman Park – 2660 Woodley Road NW
Qatar-America Institute – 101 Constitution Avenue NW, #901 East
United States Institute of Peace – 2301 Constitution Avenue NW

Transportation Information

The Washington Marriott is a four-minute walk from “Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan” Metro Station (Red line). Qatar-America Institute is an eight-minute walk from “Judiciary Square” Metro Station (Red line). The United States Institute of Peace is a half mile away from “Foggy Bottom-GWU” Metro Station (Blue, Orange, and Silver lines).

Metro fares vary based on distance and time of day (Peak: min. \$2.25, max. \$6.00; Off-Peak: min \$2.00, max \$3.85). We recommend getting a SmarTrip Card pass for the weekend. For detailed information, please visit Metro Rail’s website at: www.wmata.com.

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