GWC Forum 2021

GETTING YOU IN THE GAME

16 November 2021

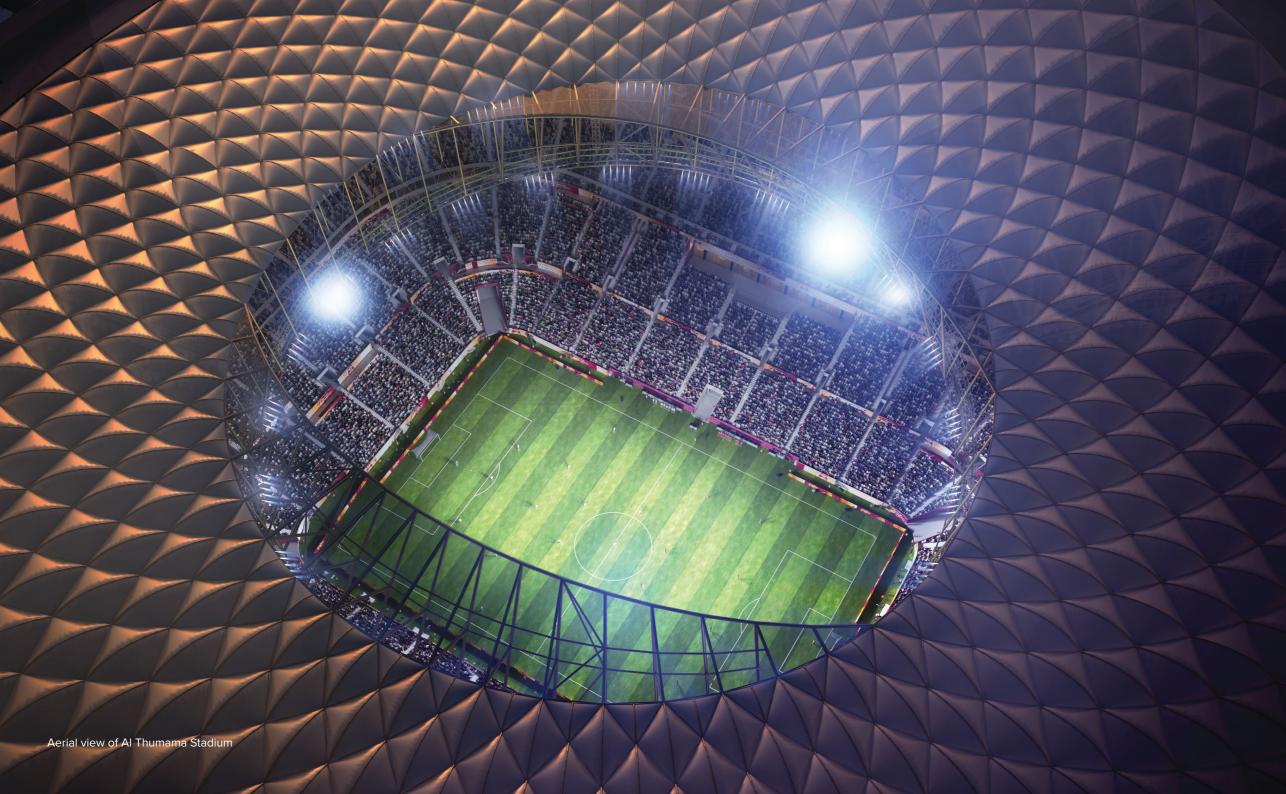


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GETTING YOU IN THE GAME

GWC hosted the first industry hybrid event, 'Getting you in the Game', to launch the discussion on mega-events logistics on the 16th of November, 2021. Industry experts examined trends and the transformation in logistics through a keynote speech, two panel discussions, and two workshops.



FORWARD



With the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022[™] around the corner, and countries in the region investing heavily into massive entertainment projects, mega-event logistics is only growing in importance in the Middle East and Africa. Logistics play a significant role during sporting events to ensure the smooth and efficient delivery, which involves executing a broad spectrum of logistics services in the lead-up, during and after the final whistle.

The GWC Forum 2021 "**Getting You in The Game**" brought industry experts and mega events enthusiasts to examine trends and transformation in logistics and what goes their insights on the scale of logistics operation that takes place behind-the-scenes during mega sporting events, and showcasing highlights on the preparations for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022[™] which will create new benchmarks not only for region, but for the entire world.

Thanks to FIFA and the honourable speakers for their invaluable contribution that made this forum a resounding success.

Ranjeev Menon Group CEO - GWC

VISION AND OBJECTIVES

OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES

Faced with the world's largest sporting event held at a time of incredible disruption to global logistics and supply chains, GWC invited industry leaders to discuss the opportunities and challenges in delivering the logistics mandate for mega sporting events.



SPORTS LOGISTICS FORUM

This industry first hybrid Forum was designed to invite dialogue with top executives and thought leaders from the logistics industry, and also to invite sports practitioners and FIFA World Cup affiliates to share insights and exchange knowledge.



1 YEAR TO GO

With less than one year to go until the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, the GWC Forum 2021 comes at the right time to capture stakeholders attention and to address underlying observations.





WELCOME MESSAGE

As the First Regional Supporter and Official Logistics Provider for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, GWC aimed to provide FIFA and its commercial affiliates with on the ground expertise in logistics and supply-chain management, ensuring every aspect of the competition is delivered smoothly, efficiently and most importantly on time.

In the year to come we will continue in our endeavour to improve and leave no stone unturned to ensure the successful realization of another milestone in Qatar's national vision and the Region's history.

Jawaher Al-Khuzaei

Director – Marketing & Communication GWC





KEYNOTE SPEECH

"There has never been a more apt time to talk about logistics as it is in the forefront. In one year's time it will be the start of FIFA World Cup^{TM} in Qatar, the eyes of the world will be here watching us which is the biggest single sporting event in the world, with viewing audience of 3.6 billion persons and 1.2 million spectators, as the tournament will be held for the first-time history in the Muslim and Arab world."

Jose Dhooma Head of Events Logistics - FIFA

LOGISTICS IS EVERYWHERE



PANEL DISCUSSION 1

THE LOGISTICS BEHIND MEGA SPORTING EVENTS

Mega sporting events including the FIFA World Cup^{TM} and the Olympics require an incredible amount of logistical support that must begin years before the event takes place. Speakers explored the role of logistics providers in making these events a reality and a success.



Emily Angwin
Event Moderator



Jose Dhooma



Mark Novack
Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy



Kirsten de Bruijn Qatar Airways



Christopher Nelson The Coca-Cola Company



Matthew Phelps GWC

PANEL DISCUSSION 1

The Logistics Behind Mega Sporting Events

"We have been working with the local authorities on how we can simplify procedures, partnering closely with FIFA, and a number of other stakeholders to identify what they need, and identify what the current law allows, and where those gaps are."

Mark Novack

HC Event Logistics
Assistant Director
Supreme Committee for
Delivery & Legacy



"A main challenge is congestion. We have spoken about the 1.2 million people coming to Qatar. We talked about all of the physical pieces of technology coming in. But GWC is prepared, we've been working on events since 2010 so we've had this gradual build up to the upcoming crescendo. The immense challenge here is not just getting spectators in place for a short period of time, but a very busy period of time where people will experience Qatar and enjoy their time and so working with the authorities to do that is very important to us. It's an interesting logistics challenge."

Matthew Phelps

General Manager GWC



"After shut down we adapted our processes rapidly in order to continue to fly, and I think that's what we've shown throughout the last two years is that we never stopped. We always say that Qatar Airways didn't know any borders because we continued to fly and even now we are traveling to 140 destinations. So the connectivity of our network remained the strength throughout all the challenges that we had."

Kirsten de Bruijn

Senior Vice President Cargo Sales and Network Planning Qatar Airways



PANEL DISCUSSION 2

REGIONAL TRANSFORMATION

Over the last decade, the world has witnessed rapid transformation driven by technological advancements, 4th industrial revolution, and a pandemic that economies are still recovering from. Panelists shared their views on how this has affected the region from technology, financial and educational perspectives.



Emily Angwin
Event Moderator



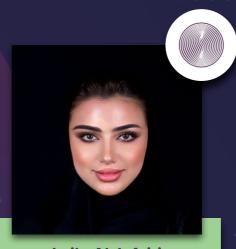
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Hamdan Merchant GWC



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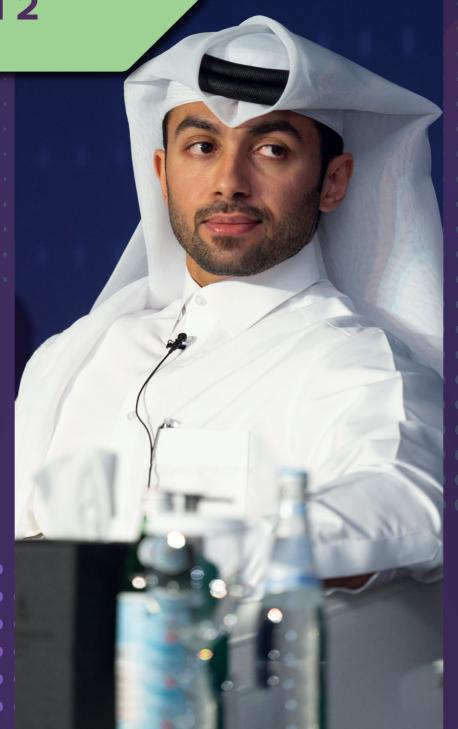
PANEL DISCUSSION 2

Regional Transformation

"To host such big events, it shows the world the potential and the infrastructure that we have. For such big events to succeed we have the right institutions in place to support. From our side, we try to be part of this success."

Bader Al-Madhadi

Investment Promotion Lead Qatar Free Zone Authority



"We are always moving toward these advances, but because of this mega event coming in, we moved and are moving a lot faster than what was expected. Now is a great time to invest in technology, invest in real-estate, and invest in processes. This is a perfect time to get all the boxes checked, and help the country move forward."

Hamdan Merchant

Senior Director Innovation, IT & BPI GWC



"What we want to do with technology is to build tools... building on Al, machine learning and to try and help with those challenges. And one of the core places where we actually try to help and solve those challenges is automation. In order to become automated, you need a data strategy. And this is where Google and Google Cloud are helping that build up in the region."

Laurie Becquart

Head of Retail & Private Holdings Google Cloud



WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1: FIFA WORLD CUP QATAR 2022™ LOGISTICS MANDATE

WORKSHOP 2: FIFA WORLD CUP QATAR 2022™ LEGACY



Syed MaazGWC



Meshal Al-Shamari Qatar Green Building Council

WORKSHOP 1

FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ Logistics Mandate

"As we know that Qatar is very unique to host the World Cup next year because it is a onecity event which has its own challenges and complexities while it has its benefits, as well as venues, are less than 60km apart. It is going to be the first carbon-neutral World Cup, GWC is prepared and well geared to ensure that this is delivered smoothly."

Syed Maaz
Chief Business Development
Officer
GWC



WORKSHOP 2

FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ Legacy

"The legacy of sustainability that the World Cup will leave behind and shared insights into the country's extensive planning to make sure the 2022 World Cup is carbon neutral and how Qatar will further promote sustainable practices afterwards."

Meshal Al-Shamari
Director
Qatar Green Building Council



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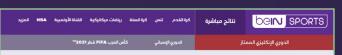
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One day to go!

The experts line up for @gwclogistics 'Getting You In The Game' forum has

Industry experts will share expertise on the logistics behind mega-events as well as the regional trends and transformation.





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منتدى افتراضي للقطاع اللوجستي في الدوحة

عزوّد الخدمات اللوجستية الرسمي للدولة المضيفة لبطولة كأس العالم FIFA قطر 2022™. عقد منتدى افتراضي للقطاع اللوجستي ضمّ المثات من كبار لخبراء في قطاع الخدمات اللوجستية الذين شاركوا بشكل افتراضي من جميع أنحاء العالم.



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Chief Business Development Officer at GWC Syed Maaz addressing the forum, vesterday,

GWC fully prepared to provide solutions for smooth FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022

THE PENINSULA

GWC, the official logistics provider of FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, is fully prepared and strategically positioned to provide end-to-end and integrated logistics solutions for the successful hosting of the mega sporting event, said a senior official during a forum held vesterday.

GWC organised the forum entitled 'Getting You in the Game' which saw a panel of top industry experts who shared insights of logistics and what takes place

behind the scenes during mega sporting events and shed light in the preparations for FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 which will create a benchmark not only for Oatar but also globally.

Addressing the event, Syed Maaz, Chief Business Development Officer at GWC discussed the necessary planning, coordination and execution needed for the logistics of mega sporting events. "As we know that Qatar is very unique to host the World Cup next year because it is a one city event which has its own challenges and complexities while it has its benefits as well as venues

are less than 60km apart. It is going to be the first carbon neutral World Cup, GWC is prepared and well geared to ensure that this is delivered smoothly,"

He explained that the company will benefit by its previous experience as it was associated with hosting of Doha Asian Games. "We are all geared up to provide you end-to-end, door to door solutions and for over 15 vears GWC has the privilege of being in associated with the mega events that have taken place in the country, right from going back in 2006 to Doha Asian Games."

"We have been continuously engaged with the sporting events that have taken place in the country, be it the swimming championship, cycling, equestrian events, the Club World Cup, the Amir Cup. We have a legacy and have geared up ourselves to be the official logistics provider and to ensure this mandate is delivered smoothly and effortlessly," he added.

Speaking about GWC's local footprint and access he said that the company manages close to about 4 million square meters of warehousing space in the country. →P14







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delivered the keynote speech on Logistics is Everywhere' He said "There has never been a more ant time to talk about logistics as it is in the forefront. In one year's time, it will be the start of 2022 FIFA World Cup in Oatar, the eyes of the world will be here watching us, which is the biggest single sporting event in the world, with a viewing audience of 3.6bn persons and 1.2mn spectators, as the tournament will be held for the first-time history in the Muslim and Arab

> Dhooma discussed the positive local transformation that takes place as a result of hosting mega-events, like the improved infrastructure that he saw in his hometown as a result of the Olympics, Additionally, noting that mega-events demonstrate to the world, the capability and competency of a country, which in turn brings investment

GWC, the Official Host Nation Logistics Provider

of the 2022 FIFA World Cup, recently hosted a

virtual forum with industry experts who shared

their insights on the scale of logistics operation

that takes place behind-the-scenes during mega

sporting events and showcasing highlights on

the preparations for the World Cup, which will

create new benchmarks not only for the region

Jose Dhooma, head of Events Logistics at FIFA

He also took part alongside Kirsten de Bruiin senior vice president Cargo Sales and Network



Jose Dhooma, head of Events Logistics at FIFA, delivering the keynote speech.

Planning at Qatar Airways; Mark Novack, HC Event Logistics assistant director at the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy; and Matthew Phelps, general manager at GWC, to discuss as a panel the challenges and successes that they

faced as industry leaders, producing mega events. Novack said, "We have been working with the local authorities on how we can simplify procedures, partnering closely with FIFA, and a number of other stakeholders to identify what

GWC's inaugural industry forum lauded as 'mega success'

allows, and where those gaps are,"

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Merchant, senior director - Innovation, IT & BP at GWC who focused their conversation around transformation and what is making the region ever attractive for investments

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Becquart said, "One of the core places where we actually try to help and solve those challenges is automation. In order to become automated, you need a data strategy. And this is where Google and Google Cloud are helping that build up in the region.

The forum had two workshops. The first delved into GWC's large-scale execution of Logistics for the World Cup, led by Sved Maaz Chief Business Development officer at GWC in tandem with a second workshop. addressing the importance of sustainability in Qatar's infrastructure, led by Meshal al-Shamari, director at Qatar Green Building Council. To view the forum, visit https://www voutube.com/watch?v=OgCOsRPAxmO&ab channel=GWCLogistics















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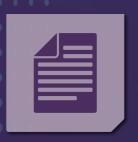
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