The FIFA World Cup 2022™ in Qatar is the first to be hosted in the Middle East and the most geographically compact since the inaugural edition of the tournament in 1930. The 22nd edition is unique in many respects, with the type of opportunities and challenges related to sustainability being no exception.

Our vision for the FIFA World Cup 2022™ is to use the power of football to open the door to a world of amazing experiences. This entails showcasing Qatar’s unique identity through a FIFA World Cup™ that connects people in a shared celebration of football, intercultural understanding and new opportunities for growth and development. New benchmarks will be set with regard to long-term community use for infrastructure, seamless operations and unparalleled services, which will have a positive impact on the way future FIFA World Cups™ and other large-scale sporting events are organised. Ultimately, the FIFA World Cup 2022™ will build a sustainable and lasting legacy that contributes to FIFA’s vision and Qatar’s national development goals.1

Sustainability has been at the heart of the FIFA World Cup 2022™ from the start. The planning and delivery promised on the idea that generations to come should find our shared planet a greener, more equitable place, free from discrimination and full of opportunities for all. First and foremost, the tournament is about people – people that shall feel welcomed, safe and empowered, and that become part of a transformative, unique and collective FIFA World Cup™ experience.

Delivering our commitments


Our Sustainability Commitments

To deliver on our shared vision, maximise the positive legacy of the FIFA World Cup 2022™ and set a new benchmark for the sustainability of mega-sporting events, FIFA, Q22 and the SC have defined five joint sustainability commitments. While these commitments address the most important sustainability impacts generated by the FIFA World Cup 2022™, they also aim to leverage the unique platform provided by the FIFA World Cup 2022™ to develop a capable and motivated workforce and empower young people across the region.


4 The preparation phase of the FIFA World Cup 2022™ began with the award of hosting rights for the tournament to Qatar on 2 December 2010 and will continue until the start of the exclusive use period. The staging phase will occur for the duration of the exclusive use period, during which all or some constituent groups will have exclusive access rights and use of a FIFA World Cup™ site and be entitled to restrict access to other parties. The post-tournament phase will take place following the end of the exclusive use period until all temporary structures have been demobilised and the final tournament sustainability report has been published in 2023.