



مؤتمر القمة العالمي للابتكار في الرعاية الصحية
World Innovation Summit for Health

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WORLD DIABETES DAY HIGHLIGHTS NEEDS FOR ACTION AND INNOVATION AS STATISTICS SHOW ONE IN FIVE SUFFER

WISH (World Innovation Summit for Health) leads the way in bridging the gap between knowledge and treatment of Diabetes alongside expert Professor Stephen Colagiuri

Doha, Qatar (14 November 2014): The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH), a global initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), is highlighting the risk that diabetes poses to the region's health and lifestyle, today, on World Diabetes Day.

As a disease that is particularly relevant to the Gulf region the incidence of diabetes is as high as 12-18% in the Middle East with Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Oman appearing in the Top Ten most affected countries (according to IDF).

WISH want to shine a light on this urgent and increasing health priority ahead of presenting their **exclusive** insights at the second WISH summit in February 2015.

Professor Colagiuri will work with a leading team of experts from around the world to create evidence-based research that can help guide policymakers and others responsible for the prevention and treatment of diabetes. Results, findings and recommendations from the Forum will be presented for discussion at the WISH Summit.

Professor Colagiuri said: "Our current approach to diabetes is totally unsustainable in the face of its extraordinary growth – especially in healthcare systems which are least well equipped to deal with it.

Professor The Lord Darzi of Denham, Executive Chair of WISH and Director of the Institute of Global Health Innovation at Imperial College of London, said: "World Diabetes Day offers the chance to highlight to the countries of the Middle East that it is a looming global health crisis. **The policy report that we will publish on diabetes in February will provide recommendations for policymakers to more effectively prevent diabetes in their countries, and to also ensure effective treatment for those with the illness. It is our hope that healthcare leaders from the region will adopt some of these recommendations for the benefit of their populations.**"

WISH is spearheaded by Qatar Foundation to inspire and diffuse healthcare innovation and best practice through a global network of high-level policymakers, academics and industry leaders. It remains closely aligned to the vision and mission of QF to unlock human potential and serve to underscore Qatar's pioneering role as an emerging center for healthcare innovation.

Held under the patronage of its Chairperson, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, WISH organized its inaugural Summit in Doha last year, convening more than 1,000 global healthcare leaders.

For more information about the Forum or the 2015 Summit, please visit www.wish.org.qa.

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About the World Innovation Summit for Health:

The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) is a global healthcare community dedicated to capturing and disseminating the best evidence-based ideas and practices. WISH is an initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) and is under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, its Chairperson.

The inaugural WISH Summit took place in Doha in 2013 and convened more than 1,000 global healthcare leaders. Through annual Summits and a range of ongoing initiatives, WISH is creating a global community of leading innovators in healthcare policy, research and industry.

Together, they are harnessing the power of innovation to overcome the world's most urgent healthcare challenges and inspire other stakeholders to action.

Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development is a private, non-profit organisation that is supporting Qatar on its journey from a carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential for the benefit of not only Qatar, but the world. Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Amir of Qatar, QF is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

QF carries out its mission through three strategic pillars: education, science and research, and community development. QF's education pillar brings world-class universities to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy.

Meanwhile, its science and research pillar builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. Finally, its community development pillar helps foster a progressive society while also enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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