

WORLD INNOVATION SUMMIT FOR EDUCATION BRINGS ITS EXPERTISE TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN TEXAS

Event Highlights The Role Of WISE In Global Education And Knowledge Development

Doha, Qatar, 2 April 2016 – The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), an initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), recently participated in the SXSWedu Conference & Festival held in Texas, USA.

As well as organising several sessions, members of the WISE team and representatives of WISE Accelerator projects took part in a number of panels and workshops exploring employment and the skills gap, the role of social entrepreneurs, and the impact of social enterprise in teaching and learning.

The SXSWedu Conference & Festival fosters innovation in learning by hosting a diverse and energetic community of stakeholders across a variety of backgrounds in education. The four-day event served as an opportunity for the WISE community to present its work to a wider audience, bringing a unique global perspective to the US-focused mega-conference on education.

The WISE Accelerator is a competitive programme in which selected innovative education projects receive a year of dedicated mentoring with members of the WISE community, providing them with effective strategies and concrete support to ensure their development. The programme links the projects with an international network which creates opportunities for knowledge sharing and investor support. Three WISE Accelerator project leaders presented their work at the conference.

Moreover, Dr Sakena Yacoobi, the WISE Prize for Education Laureate, was honoured as a keynote speaker. In her address, 'Education, Development and Peace in Afghanistan', Dr Yacoobi presented her work in bringing education to Afghans under the extremes of war, displacement, and oppression during Taliban rule.

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About the World Innovation Summit for Education:

WISE was established by Qatar Foundation in 2009 under the leadership of its Chairperson, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser. WISE is an international, multi-sectoral platform for creative thinking, debate, and purposeful action. Through its authoritative research series and a range of on-going programs, WISE is a global reference in new approaches to education. As a testament to QF's commitment to a knowledge economy, WISE is building the future of education through empowerment and collaboration.

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Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organisation that is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential, for the benefit of not only Qatar, but the world. QF was co-founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Qatar Foundation's Chairperson. QF's work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

For a complete list of QF's initiatives and projects, visit <http://www.qf.org.qa>