

WISH ANNOUNCES DR JULIO FRENK AS A KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT WISH 2016 SUMMIT

Dr Julio Frenk, Mexico's Former Minister of Health, will Join Larry Summers and Sally Davies as Keynote Speaker at Summit

Doha, Qatar, 12 November 2016: The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) has announced Dr Julio Frenk as one of the keynote speakers for the highly anticipated WISH 2016 Summit, which takes place in Doha from 29th – 30th November.

Dr Frenk is a global leader in healthcare and a renowned scholar, holding honorary degrees from six universities. He was appointed President of the University of Miami (UM) in 2015, where he is also professor of both Public Health Sciences and Health Sector Management and Policy. Prior to joining the University of Miami, he was the Dean of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the T & G Angelopoulos Professor of Public Health and International Development, a joint appointment with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

As Minister of Health in Mexico from 2000 to 2006, Dr Frenk introduced a programme of comprehensive universal coverage, known as Seguro Popular, which expanded access to healthcare for more than 55 million previously uninsured Mexicans. He was founding Director-General of the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico. In 1998, he joined the World Health Organization (WHO) as Executive Director in charge of Evidence and Information for Policy, explicitly charged with developing a scientific foundation for health policy to achieve better outcomes. He has also served in leadership positions at the Mexican Health Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the CARSO Health Institute in Mexico City. He is the founding chair of the board of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington and also serves on the boards of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the United Nations Foundation.

Dr Frenk's keynote address will focus on educational innovation in Universal Health Coverage. He will examine the transformative reforms needed to face a vastly changed landscape for professional education in health across the world. He will also review how instructional and institutional innovations can help health professionals meet the needs of populations by fulfilling the requirements of health systems to achieve universal health coverage.

"Since its inception, the World Innovation Summit for Health has convened transformational leaders to help promote a healthier world. I am honoured to contribute to this effort by analysing the crucial role of educational innovation in achieving universal health coverage as a sustainable development goal," said Dr Frenk.

Egbert Schillings, CEO of WISH, said: "Dr Julio Frenk has shaped the global debate on health as both a policymaker and an academic leader, uniquely spanning both worlds with a distinctive voice borne of deep expertise and hard won experience. I have always especially appreciated his commitment to

inclusion and bridge-building. This was highlighted in his inaugural address as UM President, when he suggested renaming ‘study abroad’ as ‘study within,’ the opportunity to live inside another culture in ways that both enrich and transform. That is a spirit we share at WISH and we look forward to having his voice elevate and enlighten the summit this month.”

Dr Frenk holds a medical degree from the National University of Mexico, as well as a Master of Public Health and a joint PhD in Medical Care Organization and Sociology from the University of Michigan. In addition to his extensive scholarly work, he has written three best-selling children’s books explaining the functions of the human body. In September of 2008, Dr Frenk received the Clinton Global Citizen Award for changing “the way practitioners and policy makers across the world think about health.” His ambitious agenda to reform Mexico’s health system, along with his commitment to improve higher education, perfectly aligns with the focus of WISH, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), on influencing global healthcare policy.

Image Captions

Image 1: Dr Julio Frenk, Mexico’s former Minister of Health, announced as a keynote speaker at the WISH 2016 Summit.

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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 international 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 (QF) is a private, non-profit organization 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, the Father Amir, QF is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

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 commercializing 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.

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