

## WISE AND QATAR UNIVERSITY HOST ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION WORKSHOP

### *Event Highlights Role Of WISE In Global Education And Knowledge Development*

**Doha, Qatar, 16 March 2016** – The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), an initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), recently partnered with Qatar University (QU) to present a workshop entitled ‘Global Entrepreneurship Education’.

Hosted by the Center for Entrepreneurship at QU, the event featured a panel discussion followed by an interactive ‘World Café’ style workshop, which presented participants with the opportunity to interact with others, share unique experiences, and explore ways to support entrepreneurial thinking and action. Through this event, WISE is equipping entrepreneurs with the tools required to diversify industries; therefore supporting QF’s mission of unlocking human potential in order to help build a knowledge-based economy.

The event reinforced the publication of a 2015 WISE Research Report, titled ‘Entrepreneurship Education: A Global Consideration from Practice to Policy Around the World’, produced by a team from Babson College in the United States. The report also included contributions from Qatar University, the Finnish Lifelong Learning Foundation, and Tsinghua University in China.

Welcoming the participants, Dr Asmaa Al-Fadala, Director of Research at WISE, said that the workshop evolved from a strategy at WISE to focus “more on policy research that is both globally significant and locally relevant.” Dr Al-Fadala also noted that the WISE research on entrepreneurship education emphasised “the importance of bringing the entrepreneurial mindset to young people, as well as creating life skills that can be useful in a wide variety of circumstances and contexts.” Dr Al-Fadala concluded by thanking Qatar University and the invaluable collaborating international entities who helped to design and organise the event.

Dr Hassan Alderham, President of Qatar University, and Mr Stavros N. Yiannouka, CEO, WISE, also attended the event and luncheon, along with over one hundred participants from the private sector and academia.

Dr Nader Kabbani, Chief Program Officer at Silatech, a Doha-based human resource development agency, moderated the panel discussion on the WISE research report discussing entrepreneurship education. Fellow panellists included Dr Elaine Eisenman, Dean of Executive Education at Babson College; Dr Candida Brush, Vice-Provost of Global Entrepreneurial Leadership at Babson College; Dr Mahmoud Abdellatif, Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship at Qatar University; Ms Mervi Jansson, Director of Education Partnerships, Omnia, Finland; and Dr Heidi Neck, Professor of Entrepreneurial Studies at Babson College.

**Image Caption:**

**Image 1:** Participants during the ‘Global Entrepreneurship Education’ workshop organised by WISE and Qatar University.

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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.

**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.

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