

WORLD INNOVATION SUMMIT FOR HEALTH ANNOUNCES HEALTHY POPULATIONS FORUM AND REPORT FOR 2016 CONFERENCE

Report To Present Ground-Breaking Research On The Importance Of Healthy Populations And Offer Framework To Improve Health Of Communities Globally

Doha, Qatar, 16 March 2016: The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH), a global initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), will present a 'Healthy Populations' forum and report during its 2016 conference, which will be held from 29th to 30th November in Doha, Qatar.

WISH is a meeting point for thousands of high-level policymakers, academics, and professionals. It has also evolved into a key platform for the dissemination of healthcare innovation and best practices, and is aligned with QF's mission to reinforce Qatar's pioneering role as an emerging centre for healthcare innovation.

The new research will seek to define the concept of population health, explain why a strategy is needed to address it, and list actions for policymakers to improve it. By discussing case studies based on community and employer-led initiatives, healthcare systems and city-wide approaches, the paper will lay out a framework for a population health management strategy that will translate into actionable policy recommendations.

Sue Siegel, CEO of GE Ventures & Healthymagination, who will chair the forum, said: "Healthy Populations' is a term widely used yet commonly misunderstood. It is a privilege to be engaged with this distinguished group of leaders working to improve the health outcomes of communities worldwide. I am confident that the results of our efforts will contribute to the evidence base needed to better understand the kinds of cross-sector, collaborative actions necessary in communities globally for change to truly take hold."

Among the topics the report will cover are the significance of technology and innovation in enhancing the health of populations, in both low and high-income countries. It will shed light on how technology has transformed the way healthcare is delivered in certain countries, while identifying possible interventions that lead to short and long-term impact.

Researchers will discuss how a country's national policy can play an important role in population health.

Commenting on the upcoming report, Egbert Schillings, CEO of WISH, said: “This is an exciting body of work because the health of a population is influenced by factors that are outside the traditional healthcare system, such as social inequalities, pollution, education, urban planning, and lifestyle choices. As a consequence, most healthcare costs are really due to non-healthcare factors, so the report will showcase successful population health strategies which seek to address all factors influencing health.”

The WISH 2016 Summit will feature seven groundbreaking research forums that highlight and address some of the world’s most pressing healthcare challenges. In addition to Healthy Populations, the forums will generate interdisciplinary, evidence-based reports on topics including Precision Medicine, Economic Benefits of Investing in Health, Cardiovascular Disease, Accountable Care, Autism, and Behavioural Insights. Internationally-renowned experts will chair the sessions. For the first time, WISH will also report on its ongoing impact locally and globally on issues previously highlighted at the Summit, such as diabetes and patient safety.

The Summit will feature innovation showcases from around the world that are shaping the design, delivery, and financing of care, as well as a cohort of young innovators; emerging healthcare leaders under the age of 30, whose contributions to global health deserve wider recognition.

For further information about WISH, please visit www.wish-qatar.org and Twitter [@WISHQatar](https://twitter.com/WISHQatar).

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Image 1: Sue Siegel, CEO of GE Ventures & Healthymagination, will chair the Healthy Populations forum.

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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 on-going 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.

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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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