

## DOHA INTERNATIONAL FAMILY INSTITUTE PANEL TO DISCUSS BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN WORK AND FAMILY IN THE GCC

**Doha, Qatar, 16 March 2015:** Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, is organising a discussion entitled 'Towards a Better Balance between Family and Work in the GCC' on 30 March 2015.

It is the first event within DIFI's programme on family-related policies in the region, and an expert panel will address the importance of balancing family and work responsibilities in GCC countries.

Looking into the ramifications of work-life imbalance on the family and other institutions at state and community level, the discussion will examine regional and international best practice and how it may be applied across GCC countries.

This event is contributing to Qatar Foundation's strategic objective to support human development and foster an engaged and progressive society in Qatar and in the region. It also supports the Institute's mission of making family-related issues a top priority for policy-makers at national, regional and international levels.

The panel leading the discussion will include experts and researchers, in addition to representatives from NGOs and UNFPA Arab States Regional Office. The event will conclude with an executive summary of the working papers and debate, and set out priorities for the discussion of related policies, the wider research agenda and awareness raising campaigns.

The panel discussion will take place on Monday 30 March at QNRF, 5th floor of Tornado Tower, West Bay, Doha.

The panel discussion will be in Arabic.

If you would like to register, please send an email to: [difievents@qf.org.qa](mailto:difievents@qf.org.qa)

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### About the Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

DIFI is a leading international institution in Qatar that supports research, policy and outreach programs that promote the development of Arab families. With research as its core focus, DIFI supports a wide range of international, regional and local evidence-based studies relating to marriage and family structure, women, fertility and demography, child and family safety, and parenting. The Institution is comprised of three divisions; *Family Research Division*, *Family Policy Division* and *Social Outreach Division*. Its body of work includes contributions to the UN Secretary General's campaign to end violence against women; international and regional colloquia in



partnership with most UN funds and programmers, including UNDESA, UNFPA, UNAIDS and UNICEF; and the funding and development of a wide range of publications on family in the new millennium. A member of Qatar Foundation, it has a Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

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