

WISE HOSTS PANEL ON EDUCATION SYSTEM REFORM

Madrid Speakers Support Building Strong Schools Through Creative Change

Doha, Qatar, 20 June 2016 - The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) recently hosted a panel discussion in Madrid to support global education reform leaders in finding the most effective ways to drive innovation in education systems.

The engagement promoted the recommendations of the WISE research report, 'Creative Public Leadership: How School System Leaders Can Create the Conditions for System-wide Innovation'. The report presents a roadmap for facilitating system-level change in education.

Mr. Joe Hallgarten, a lead author of the report, described key findings about the creative public leadership needed to inspire, drive and achieve change at the systems level. Mr. Approximately 60 doctors from clinics across Qatar and 41 visiting from Pakistan heard the latest advice on how to diagnose and manage diabetes at the International Diabetes Excellence Academy (IDEA) conference, hosted by Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q).

Hallgarten, who is Director of Creative Learning and Development at London-based ideas organization Royal Society for the Arts (RSA), explained how he and his co-authors arrived at the nine first steps required for re-orienting public system innovation. He said he is "quite optimistic" about education in Spain as it represents a great opportunity.

Mr. José Antonio Marina, who is among Spain's leading voices on education reform, shared his views on fostering education leadership toward creating positive conditions for innovation in Spain. He discussed ways that some of them could be implemented, saying: "The key findings of this WISE research are very relevant for the current education situation in Spain."

The engagement took place at El Salón de Embajadores at the prestigious Casa de América in central Madrid, and was chaired and moderated by Mr. Stavros Yiannouka, CEO of WISE. An initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), the gathering took place in parallel with the WISE Learners' Voice residential session, also in Madrid.

Image Captions:

Image 1: (Left to right) Mr José Antonio Marina, Mr Stavros Yiannouka, and Mr Joe Hallgarten at the recent panel discussion in Madrid hosted by WISE

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About the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE):

Qatar Foundation, under the leadership of its Chairperson, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, launched the World Innovation Summit for Education in 2009. WISE is an international, multi-sectorial platform for creative thinking, debate and purposeful action. Through the Summit and a range of ongoing programmes, WISE has established itself as a global reference in new approaches to education, promoting innovation and partnership.

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