

## WISE TO PROMOTE SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH TUNIS EVENT

*Tunisian Minister of Education set to Attend*

**Doha, Qatar, 22 May 2016:** The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) will host its first event in Tunisia titled 'Dialogue for Education and Peace' on 26th May 2016. Supported by local partners Banque Internationale Arabe de Tunisie (BIAT) and Ooredoo Tunisia, His Excellency Mr Néji Jalloul, Minister of Education, is also set to attend.

The one-day symposium, which will take place at IHEC Carthage Business School, is the first of its kind in Tunisia. It will bring together WISE Prize for Education Laureate, Dr Sakena Yacoobi, along with Ms Ouided Bouchamaoui, 2015 Nobel Peace Prize winner and representative of the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet.

Other high-level international experts from the United Kingdom, Singapore and Finland, including Ms Atifete Jahjaga, the former President of Kosovo, Ms Zeinab Badawi, international broadcaster, and Mr Stavros Yiannouka, WISE CEO, will also attend the forum to discuss the role of education in national reconstruction efforts.

In preparation for the symposium, His Excellency Mr Néji Jalloul also met with a representative from WISE and was presented with the WISE Research Series, which was produced for the 2015 WISE Summit in Doha.

WISE is an initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), and the Tunis event aims to engage key national and international stakeholders in dialogue to promote social change. The symposium will also explore Tunisian youth employment solutions, innovation in teaching, higher education priorities, and entrepreneurship education.

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### **Note to Editors:**

- For further information about the Tunis Forum, visit <http://www.wise-qatar.org/wise-tunis-dialogue-peace-education-reconstruction-and-development>
- For further information about WISE, visit [www.wise-qatar.org](http://www.wise-qatar.org)

### **About WISE Prize for Education Laureate:**

Dr Yacoobi was awarded the WISE Prize for Education at the 2015 WISE Summit, as part of WISE's support for individuals and grassroots movements working towards innovative and equitable education solutions to the world's most pressing problems. Dr. Yacoobi is the founder of the Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL), a groundbreaking organization which works to empower women and

communities. Dr. Yaccobi has spent the last two decades working persistently to rebuild her country's education landscape, devastated by decades of war, displacement, and oppression. Since its establishment, AIL has brought education and health services to at least 12 million beneficiaries living in rural and marginalized areas of Afghanistan.