



QATAR NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND TO HOST 2016 BELMONT FORUM

QNRF Elected As Full Member Of Belmont Forum

Doha, Qatar, 24 October 2015 – Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), a member of Qatar Foundation Research and Development (QF R&D), was elected as a full member of the Belmont Forum last week in Oslo, Norway, and has also been selected to host the next Annual Meeting of the organisation, which will be held in Qatar next year.

QNRF continues to support Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development on its mission to help promote and develop Qatar as a hub of research excellence, and as a member of the Belmont Forum, will link Qatar’s research community to top international research projects. The Belmont Forum, a group of high-level representatives from global funding agencies, is the main international joint-funding initiative on research into the impact and mitigation of global environmental climate change. The Forum brings together entities from the USA, the EU, Japan, China, Brazil, South Africa, and India, to design and fund research programmes for implementation at a global level.

“QNRF is the first agency from the Middle East and North Africa region to join the consortium and is extremely proud to be part of the Belmont Forum,” said Dr Abdul Sattar Al-Taie, Executive Director, QNRF. “Qatar now join 19 other nations to address the global challenge of climate change, a topic particularly relevant to the country and the Gulf region, as environmental sustainability remains high on the agenda of Qatar National Research Strategy.”

He added, “Joining the Belmont Forum will open up further, mutually beneficial opportunities for collaboration between Qatar-based and global research institutions to achieve sustainable, long-term solutions through knowledge sharing and technology transfer.”

QNRF has already participated in this year’s call for proposals on the development of better regional modelling of the climate and its impact and, in particular, to helping prevent extreme weather events, such as dust storms.

For more information about QNRF’s collaboration with the Belmont Forum, as well as other QNRF programmes, visit: www.qnrf.org.

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About Qatar Foundation Research and Development (QF R&D)

Leading Qatar's vision to become an international centre for research and development excellence and innovation, QF R&D is home to Qatar Science & Technology Park, a world-class hub for technology innovation and commercialisation, as well as Qatar National Research Fund, a globally renowned scientific research funding organisation.

About Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF)

Driven by the aim of fostering a culture of research in Qatar, QNRF was established in 2006 to advance knowledge and education by acting as a support system for researchers. It is a member within the Research & Development establishment at Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.

QNRF administers funding for original, competitively selected research and furthers collaborations within academia, the public, governmental and non-governmental sectors through effective, mutually beneficial partnerships. While QNRF actively seeks internationally recognised researchers, it is dedicated to funding research that meets the needs of Qatar. For more information, visit: www.qnrf.org

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.

Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, QF is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

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.

For a complete list of QF's initiatives and projects, visit <http://www.qf.org.qa>

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