

SIGNING OF MOU BETWEEN DOHA INTERNATIONAL FAMILY INSTITUTE (DIFI) AND GCC LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTERS' COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BUREAU

To Place The Family At The Forefront Of Policy Makers' Priorities

Doha, 27 October 2015: Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with GCC Labour and Social Affairs Ministers' Council Executive Bureau in a press conference held in Doha on Thursday 22 October 2015.

This initiative is part of the broader effort to achieve the Qatar Foundation strategic objectives to unlock human potential, enhance community development and pioneer positive and constructive change in Qatar and the region. It is also in line with DIFI's mission to ensure family issues constitute a top priority for policy makers and are promoted nationally, regionally and internationally.

Through this MOU, both parties aim to strengthen relations and consolidate cooperation to allow optimal use of potential and efforts. Moreover, they seek to adopt a common approach to raising urgent issues and better addressing the changing requirements of sustainable development in light of globalization and its effects.

Commenting on the signing, Ms. Noor Al Malki Al Jehani, DIFI Executive Director, underlined that this cooperation is part of QF vision in leading efforts to promote human, social and economic development in the State of Qatar, and is in line with DIFI's objectives to advance international knowledge of Arab family issues and ensure that family-related issues are a top priority for policy makers.

She added "Since the Executive Bureau also aims at protecting the family through legislations and laws regulating the life of families and family members, protecting their rights and building their social, cultural, economic and educational capacities, this MOU will allow us to raise common issues and objectives relating to the Arab family."

His Excellency Aqeel Ahmed Al-Jassim, GCC Labour and Social Affairs Ministers' Council Executive Bureau Director General commented on the most important areas of cooperation, namely "the exchange of programs and action plans in areas of common interest, as well as the common agreements regarding family-related topics. Moreover, researches and studies will be conducted to develop, execute and assess policies and programs pertaining to families, women, children and the elderly in GCC countries. In doing so, we hope to identify and examine the risks faced by the Gulf families and the vulnerable categories, and to issue recommendations in that regard."



Image Caption

Image 1: Pictured left, Ms Noor Al Malki Al Jehani, Executive Director of Doha International Family Institute, signing a Memorandum of Understanding alongside Mr. Aqeel Al Jassim, GCC Labour and Social Affairs Ministers' Council Executive Bureau Director General.

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Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

DIFI is a pioneer international organization in the State of Qatar that supports research programs, policies and social outreach to promote the development of Arab families. Focusing primarily on research, DIFI supports a wide range of national, regional and international evidence based studies pertaining to marriage, family building, women, fertility, demographics, children, family safety, child safety, fatherhood and motherhood. DIFI comprises three divisions: family research division, family policy division and social outreach division. DIFI is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development and has a special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNECOSOC).

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