

## **WISE@PARIS TO BE HELD UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON**

*Next edition of QF initiative's regional forums will focus on shaping future education systems*

The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), an initiative of Qatar Foundation (QF), has received the high patronage of the President of the French Republic, Mr. Emmanuel Macron, for its next regional forum, which will be held in Paris from February 20-21, 2019.

WISE@Paris will explore future scenarios of education under the theme 'Education Futures: Fostering Learning Societies.' Over the two days of the forum, WISE will engage 800 French, European, and international education stakeholders, among them political decision-makers, entrepreneurs, business and NGO leaders, and students.

Stavros Yiannouka, CEO, WISE, said: "Building on the success of previous WISE@ events, we hope that this particular forum will inspire leaders and stakeholders to embrace policies and practices that promote quality education. WISE is honored to receive the high patronage of President Emmanuel Macron, and we thank him for his support."

WISE@Paris will begin on 20 February with a broad range of activities taking place across Paris at partner sites such as the Centre for Research and Interdisciplinarity (CRI) and UNESCO. These activities will include workshops, panel discussions, and roundtables. The main forum will take place on February 21 at the Palais de Tokyo. Participants will be able to explore, through a variety of formats, the journey of a learner, starting from early childhood development and ending with lifelong learning. The topics highlighted by WISE@Paris will be rethinking early education; empowering teachers and education leaders; decrypting the future of work; and cultivating global citizenship.

Previous WISE@ events have been held in Accra, Beijing, Madrid, Tunis, and, most recently, New York during the UN Global Goals Week. These regional events are grounded in partnership with stakeholders to drive transformation in education with major change-makers and influencers, with the aim of generating tangible global educational impact. WISE@Paris will be the final regional forum before the next edition of WISE's global Summit takes place in Doha from October 28-29, 2019.

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### **About the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE):**

The World Innovation Summit for Education was established by Qatar Foundation in 2009 under the leadership of its Chairperson, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser. WISE is an international, multi-sectoral platform for creative, evidence-based thinking, debate, and purposeful action in education. Through the biennial summit, collaborative research and a range of on-going programs, WISE is a global reference in new approaches to education. The next global summit will take place in Doha from October 28-30, 2019.

For further information about WISE, visit [www.wise-qatar.org](http://www.wise-qatar.org)