

## **WISE JOINS CONFERENCE OF IBERO-AMERICAN EDUCATION MINISTERS IN ANDORRA LA VELLA**

*WISE Hosts Roundtable Discussions on Education Priorities and Invites Ministers to 2017 Summit*

**Doha, Qatar, 15 October 2016** - WISE recently participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> Ibero-American Conference of Education Ministers in Andorra la Vella.

The group is an association of 23 Spanish and Portuguese speaking nations in Europe, the Americas, and in Equatorial Guinea in Africa supporting international cooperation in education, science, and culture.

Stavros Yiannouka, CEO, WISE, hosted a roundtable discussion on education priorities, and announced that WISE would partner with the Organization of Ibero-American States (OEI) in presenting a special session at the 2017 WISE Summit.

Mr Yiannouka said WISE would explore possible joint research with the OEI: “I believe we can work together with other partners as well look into research issues that are of particular concern to Ibero-American States. We can partner to convene and bring together global policy makers, educators, business leaders, and social entrepreneurs to discuss, debate, and share best practices. In this way, I believe we can learn from one another and we can support the one priority we both exist to promote: education.”

WISE, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), is exploring joint research opportunities with international education leaders and helping to build the future of education in Qatar and worldwide through collaboration.

### **Image Captions:**

**Image 1:** Stavros Yiannouka, CEO, WISE, speaking during the recent Ibero-American Conference of Education Ministers in Andorra.

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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 established the World Innovation Summit for Education in 2009. WISE is an

international, multi-sectorial platform for creative thinking, debate and purposeful action. WISE has established itself as a global reference in new approaches to education. Through both the biannual Summit and a range of on-going programs WISE is promoting innovation and building the future of education through collaboration.