

WISE CONVENES LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS IN A WORKSHOP TO DESIGN THE 2019 GLOBAL WISE SUMMIT

QF initiative to host summit in Doha next October

The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), an initiative of Qatar Foundation (QF), has announced the dates for the 2019 global WISE Summit, which will take place in Doha from October 28-30, 2019.

As part of preparations for the three-day flagship Summit, and to help shape its design, WISE organized a Community Workshop to engage local organizations and key stakeholders in a collaborative and open discussion. The WISE team welcomed 40 participants from a range of organizations, including high-level representatives from the private sector, QF entities, the public sector, and academic institutions.

Participants shared their expertise and ideas on themes, features and outreach efforts to help shape the continuing conversation around education, with Mr. Abdulaziz Farah, Strategic Planning Advisor, Qatar Social Work, who was among those participating, saying: “Teachers must be agents of change – they are the frontline.”

Other ideas discussed at the workshop focused on education-related issues around mental health and wellbeing, intergenerational connections, media literacy, and the power of role models.

During the workshop, Mr. Stavros Yiannouka, CEO, WISE also kicked off a new series of WISE Happenings, a monthly event series that consists of different education-related activities and is aimed at bringing the local community together. During this series, WISE will be organizing and hosting various activities ranging from a roundtable discussion on education policies to a children’s art workshop, in addition to partnering with organizations such as ibTECHar, Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum, and Qatar University to deliver sessions.

WISE Happenings will keep the local community engaged in education conversations throughout the coming year, leading up to the WISE Summit.

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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

Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) is a non-profit organization that supports Qatar on its journey to becoming a diversified and sustainable economy. QF strives to serve the people of Qatar and beyond by providing specialized programs across its innovation-focused ecosystem of education, science and research, and community development.

QF was founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, who shared the vision to provide Qatar with quality education. Today, QF's world-class education system offers lifelong learning opportunities to community members as young as six months through to doctoral level, enabling graduates to thrive in a global environment and contribute to the nation's development.

QF is also creating a multidisciplinary innovation hub in Qatar, where homegrown researchers are working to address local and global challenges. By promoting a culture of lifelong learning and fostering social engagement through programs that embody Qatari culture, QF is committed to empowering the local community and contributing to a better world for all.

For a complete list of QF's initiatives and projects, visit www.qf.org.qa