

WISE JOINS KEY EDUCATION STAKEHOLDERS IN NEW YORK TO SUPPORT UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Qatar Foundation's WISE Team Presentation Supports 'Global Education Ecosystem' Framework

Doha, Qatar, October 2, 2017 – Members of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) team joined key education-focused meetings held on the occasion of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 72) in New York last week.

WISE members met with various education stakeholder partners and took part in gatherings for the Global Goals Week 2017, hosted on the sidelines of the UNGA 72. The members attended public and private events on education in emergencies, financing education, and the role of innovation in education.

The WISE team also presented its work at a roundtable discussion on how creating a global ecosystem for education could help achieve the sustainable development goal on quality and inclusive education for all (SDG4), part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Key education stakeholders attending included: Teach for All, Brookings Institution, Asia Society, Boston Consulting Group (BCG), Results for Development, J-PAL, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Save the Children, UNICEF, and World Bank, among others.

The roundtable concluded with plans for the group to reconvene at the WISE 2017, taking place in Doha November 14 – 16, to continue the discussion and for the launch of a key initiative.

The roundtable was followed by a public event on 'What Global Education Can Learn from Public Health: Strengthening a Global Ecosystem to Achieve Quality Education for All'. The discussion brought to light what education advocates and practitioners can learn from the successes and challenges of their health sector colleagues. Speakers called for greater investment in public schools to support the global ecosystem for building local capacity and knowledge sharing across borders.

Speakers included Dolores Dickson, Executive Director of Camfed Ghana; J. Puckett, Senior Partner and Managing Director of the BCG; Tony Jackson, Director of the Center for Global Education at Asia Society; Alice Albright, CEO of the Global Partnership for Education; Wendy Kopp, CEO and Co-founder of Teach For All; and Ju-Ho Lee, Education Commissioner and former Minister of Education of the Republic of Korea.

The WISE team presented its work on global education mapping, and considered the challenges and opportunities in efforts to advance the framework among global priorities. Elyas Felfoul, Director, Policy Development and Partnerships at WISE, commented: "We look forward to welcoming this very productive and dynamic group of education change-makers to WISE in Doha in November for the launch of our mapping platform, and to continue our productive talks on this exciting movement for strengthening of the global education ecosystem."

WISE is an initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. For more information, please visit www.wise-qatar.org



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Image 1: Elyas Felfoul, Director of Policy Development and Partnerships, World Innovation Summit for Education (photo courtesy of Asia Society).

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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. WISE 2017 will take place in Doha November 14-16 under the theme: **“Co-Exist, Co-Create: Learning to Live and Work Together”**.

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