

WORLD INNOVATION SUMMIT FOR EDUCATION ANNOUNCES WISE@NY PROGRAM FOR UN GLOBAL GOALS WEEK

Qatar Foundation initiative focuses on future of education at groundbreaking New York forum

Over 350 innovators, education experts, and thought leaders will take personalized journeys designed to help shape the future of education next month at the WISE@NY forum, organized by the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) – an initiative of Qatar Foundation - as part of the Global Goals Week, a series of events taking place during the United Nations General Assembly under the auspices of the UN Foundation.

The forum, which takes place on September 22 at the Altman Building in New York under the theme ‘Learning Revolutions: Creating Educational Environments for Empowerment and Inclusion’, is the first WISE Forum to be held in the US. Its highlights will include the presentation of the 2018 WISE Awards, recognizing six projects from five countries that have produced high-impact solutions to education challenges, and a showcase of the innovative projects developed by the 2018-2019 WISE Accelerator cohort.

Designed to be more than simply an education conference, WISE@NY aims to truly open up the global conversation about education through sessions offering an array of opportunities to voice opinions, share solutions, and build new connections. Participants will choose from a range of session formats, which will act as the basis for them to design their own education transformation.

The participatory sessions at WISE@NY will include discussions with experts that revolve around education leadership and moving research to action with an understanding of education data; panels exploring the enhancement of lifelong learning in cities, STEM learning for all, instilling new skills for the Fourth Industrial Revolution, and education funding; and WISE Talks, allowing participants to discover more about the WISE Awards Laureates and find inspiration in the stories of those who have created opportunities out of education challenges.

Meanwhile, ‘Sparkshows’ will feature the innovators behind WISE Accelerator projects pitching their ideas to a panel of journalists; workshops, virtual reality activities, and a Forum Theatre will provide an exciting opportunity for a hands-on learning experience; and an Interactive Lab, run by C2 Montreal, will encourage participants to collaborate in envisioning ‘The Future of Schools’ and share their solutions.

Among the high-level speakers at WISE@NY will be **Gerardo Lopez**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy, University of Utah, who said: “There cannot

be an educational revolution without radical courage and the audacity to insist that education be available to all children, regardless of their circumstances.

“WISE@NY will provide a platform for an international, multi-sectoral audience to discuss this and other topics that are integral to the future of global education - sharing ideas and experiences, building networks of knowledge, and identifying innovative solutions that can transform challenges into opportunities.”

WISE@NY speakers will also include Dr. Patrick Awuah, Founder and President, Ashesi University, Ghana; Dr. Makaziwe Mandela-Amuah, Chairman, House of Mandela; Dr. Allan E. Goodman, President and Chief Executive Director, Institute of International Education (IIE) Jim Shelton, Head Education Initiative, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative; and Silvia Montoya, Director, UNESCO Institute for Statistics, as well as Mr. Stavros Yiannouka, CEO, WISE.

Previous WISE Summits have taken place in Qatar, while its regional forums have been held in China, Spain, Tunisia, and Ghana. The list of dignitaries who have spoken at the WISE Summit include former US First Lady Michelle Obama; His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of Ghana; the Rt Hon Gordon Brown, former Prime Minister of the UK; and leading journalist and commentator Fareed Zakaria.

To apply to attend WISE@NY, or for further details, please visit www.wise-qatar.org/wisenewyork-apply. The full list of speakers can also be found at the forum's website, and you can join the WISE@NY conversation on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook using the hash tag #WISENY.

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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.

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 no-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 Emir, 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.

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