

## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **The 2014-15 WISE Learners' Voice Program Concludes its First Residential Session** ***Module on education delivers workshops on leadership and communications skills***

The 2014-15 WISE Learners' Voice Program concludes its first residential session in Doha this week. The intensive, ten-day module brought together 34 young learners from around the world, including six Qataris. The session was intended to provide the Learners with a foundational understanding of key concepts and evolving trends in education, and delivered expert training in leadership and communication skills. The focus on education, leadership and communication is designed to support the participants' as they research and develop a variety of innovative education projects throughout the year-long program.

During the Doha session the Learners examined pressing issues in education and explored innovative approaches that addressed these issues. The Learners began planning collaborative group projects which identify innovative educational solutions to challenges across the sectors of health, environment, technology and the arts. As well as various online activities, the Learners will participate in a second residential session taking place in Madrid, 1-12 June, 2015. Selected projects will be presented at the 2015 WISE Summit taking place in Doha on November 3-5, 2015.

The Learners' Voice Program was established in 2010 as an initiative of the World Innovation Summit for Education with the intention of engaging the perspectives and creative energies of young people in debates around important education issues and challenges facing diverse communities. The 2014-15 Learners, aged 18-25, collectively represent 25 countries, and will benefit from the expertise of the WISE team and global education specialists including faculty from Yale University and Babson College. The Learner's Voice program is supported by Banco Santander through its Universities Global Division.

#### **About the World Innovation Summit for Education:**

WISE 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 thinking, debate, and purposeful action. WISE is a global reference in new approaches to education. Through the annual Summit and a range of ongoing programs, WISE is promoting innovation and building the future of education through collaboration. The annual WISE Summit will take place 3-5 November 2015, in Doha.

#### **About Santander Universities Global Division**

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