



world innovation summit for education
مؤتمر القمة العالمي للابتكار في التعليم

The first World Innovation Summit for Education - WISE

November 16th - 18th 2009 - Doha, Qatar

Global Education:
**Working Together for
Sustainable Achievements**



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« Today we place great faith in the power of education to prepare world citizens for a peaceful and cooperative future – and to prepare citizens of our individual nations for the cultural transformation that results from globalization. As we come together, it is education that will help us establish a dialogue, build relationships and, ultimately, work cooperatively to find solutions to the problems facing the world today.»

Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned



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Our world is rapidly changing, creating various challenges and opportunities in the field of education. These need creative responses to ensure that we can create education systems that are universal, equitable, innovative and qualitatively better.

The first World Innovation Summit for Education – WISE – placed under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned, will be held in Doha, Qatar from November 16th to 18th, 2009.

During the three days, leading education stakeholders, opinion leaders and decision makers from all over the world and from various backgrounds (academics, international institutions, NGO associations, grassroots movements, private sector, top tier media influencers, multimedia, arts, culture and other creative communities), will gather to exchange thoughts and identify opportunities to shape a global educational vision for the 21st century.

From digital revolution to globalization to economic crisis, there is a vital need for change, new thinking and collaboration. A global vision for sustainable education will help deliver progress, peace and collaboration.

The three key themes

for this first *World Innovation Summit for Education* are:

→ Pluralism

No one should be left behind. Curriculum internationalization and collaborative delivery will help prepare students succeed in our global economy and society.



→ Sustainability

Education is essential to global sustainability. There is a pressing need to develop a globally sustainable culture and to guarantee the sustainability of educational systems in all communities through funding, governance, quality and integrated approach.



→ Innovation

How can technology, curriculum, and other techniques, concepts and ideas be leveraged and creatively integrated into today's education systems?



WISE Program Highlights

- **Three major plenary sessions** will address the challenges of :

→ **Pluralism** → **Sustainability** → **Innovation**

- **Over 20 specific collaborative break-out sessions :**

| PLURALISM | SUSTAINABILITY | INNOVATION |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bridging Global Inequalities- Globalisation of Education : Preparing Students for a Global Economy and Society- Civil Rights & Minorities in Education- Managing International Mobility- Women's Education- Every Child Matters | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Higher Education for a Sustainable World- Funding Education in the 21st century: Who Pays for the Education of Global Citizens?- A Fully Integrated Education Policy- Education and Community Development- Education and Governance for Trust and Sustainability- Sustaining Education in Critical Circumstances, Conflict Zones and Poverty- Accreditation and Quality | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Special Needs' Education- Innovation and New Pedagogical Trends- Technology and E-Learning- Smart Infrastructure- Future Scenarios- Increasing Access Through Technology |

- **An opening session** to introduce the WISE Forum
- **An award ceremony and Gala Dinner** on November, 17th 2009
- **A closing session** to pave the way for the follow up of the initiatives proposed during WISE 2009

Note: Preliminary program as of May 18th, 2009. Content will change prior to the event. Please log on to WISE website at www.wise-qatar.org where the overall agenda of the event will be updated on a regular basis.

6 WISE AWARDS 2009

The **WISE AWARDS 2009**, Innovative Education Practice Awards will recognize excellence in the three areas of Pluralism, Sustainability and Innovation. **The WISE AWARDS 2009** are open to individuals and teams from all education sectors, endorsed by an organization or institution.

Projects can be submitted from **May 1st to July 15th 2009** through the WISE website: www.wise-qatar.org.

An international jury will select six innovative achievements and each winner will receive a **WISE Award of \$20,000 during a Gala Dinner** on the second day of the Forum, November 17th, 2009.

For further information on the WISE AWARDS 2009: log on to www.wise-qatar.org



WISE Partners



**The Association
of Commonwealth
Universities**

Professor John Tarrant, Secretary General *Association of Commonwealth Universities*

«The Association of Commonwealth Universities is delighted to be a partner in this exciting initiative. The demand for higher education is growing rapidly alongside a rising appreciation of its importance to both individuals and to national economies and societies. Our member universities are rising to the challenge in a great variety of innovative ways and the summit provides an excellent opportunity to share experiences and to benchmark performance against other education leaders.»



**AGENCE
UNIVERSITAIRE
DE LA FRANCOPHONIE**

Bernard Cerquiglini, Chancellor *Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie*

«As WISE has the ambition to deal with the challenges of education for the 21st century through inter-cultural dialogue and academic excellence, the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) has offered its expertise and its knowledge on the field to the Qatar foundation. AUF is delighted to join this Summit that will allow its members to share experiences and to exchange rich innovations and reflections with other partners.»



**IAUP
INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION
OF UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENTS**

J. Michael Adams, President-Elect *International Association of University Presidents*

«IAUP is an enthusiastic partner with the Qatar Foundation in launching this most important initiative. We agree with H.G. Wells, who wrote in 1920 that, «Human History becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.» Whatever we do to promote the universal improvement of education from cradle to old age is effort well spent. IAUP applauds the Qatar Foundation for its global leadership.»



**INSTITUTE OF
INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION**

Allan Goodman, President and CEO *Institute of International Education*

«Thanks to the Qatar foundation's vision and support, educators will now have their own davos-like forum. The goal of WISE is to share scalable best practices so that more young people than ever will have access to the knowledge needed to improve the world we share.»



**RAND
CORPORATION**

Dr. James Thomson, RAND President and Chief Executive Officer *RAND Corporation*

«RAND is pleased to partner with the Qatar Foundation to launch the WISE initiative. The WISE forum will provide a valuable international meeting place for leading policymakers, practitioners, and scholars. These participants will be able to interact with each other to recognize and promote innovations that hold the promise of meeting education challenges around the world.»

Qatar Foundation

Qatar believes that a nation's greatest resource is the potential of its people and this visionary approach forms the blueprint for the general education system.

Policy is based on intellectual, cultural, social and national philosophies, which are inspired by Arab and Islamic principles. Qatar Foundation was founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of Qatar, and is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned, the consort of the Emir. Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development aims to develop the abilities of the Arab world's population through a network of centres devoted to essential education, research and community welfare. This will help to build a sustainable society where the sharing and creation of knowledge can enhance the quality of life for all.

Qatar Foundation headquarters are located within its flagship project, Education City. It provides the highest quality of education and has attracted a community of educational and research institutions that serve citizens from early childhood education to post-graduate level.



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