

## THE EIGHTH WISE GLOBAL SUMMIT TAKES PLACE IN DOHA, QATAR, NOVEMBER 14-16, 2017

*2,000 participants from 100 countries to gather to re-imagine education at a time of disruption and economic uncertainty*

**Doha, Qatar – October 25, 2017.** Some of the world’s most creative leaders in the fields of education, technology, social entrepreneurship, global development, media and philanthropy will convene in Doha, Qatar on November 14-16 for the eighth World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE).

Up to 2,000 participants from 100 countries are expected to attend the biennial global Summit which, since its establishment in 2009, has become a premier international gathering on the future of education. The theme of WISE 2017, “*Co-Exist, Co-Create: Learning to Live and Work Together*”, sparks debate around the education challenges in times of global disruption and economic uncertainty.

Central to discussions will be the role of education in a post-truth world, with sessions focusing on media literacy; artificial intelligence and virtual reality; social entrepreneurship; design thinking and nudging for right education choices, among others.

Confirmed speakers include:

**Prof Sebastien Thrun**, chairman and co-founder of Udacity, innovator, edu-preneuer and founder of Google X Labs (USA)

**Mr Fareed Zakaria**, writer and columnist, CNN host (USA)

**Dr Armel Karboul**, commissioner of the International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity (Tunisia)

**Ms Wendy Kopp**, CEO and co-founder, Teach for All (USA)

**Sir Michael Barber**, founder and chairman of Delivery Associates (UK)

**Ms Noella Coursaris Musunka**, founder, Malaika (Democratic Republic of Congo)

**Prof Kishore Mahbubani**, dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of the National University (Singapore)

**Ms Sarah Borgman**, director and curator, Skoll World Forum (USA)

**Ms Vivian Onano**, youth leader and advocate, Women Deliver (Kenya)

**Mr Samir Saran**, vice president of the Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi (India)

A highlight of the program will be the introduction of the 2017 [WISE Prize for Education Laureate](#). The WISE Prize for Education is the first distinction of its kind to recognize an individual or a team of up to six people for an outstanding, world-class contribution to education. Qatar Foundation Chairperson Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser will present the WISE Prize to the Laureate during the opening plenary on 15 November. The Laureate receives the WISE Prize for Education gold medal, and \$500,000.

The Summit is an opportunity to meet the people behind pioneering international projects championed by WISE initiatives all year round. These include the [WISE Awards](#) for proven, high-impact education solutions; the [WISE Accelerator](#), supporting promising edtech projects; the [WISE Learners' Voice](#), a mentorship program for young education leaders, and the [WISE Research series](#) of reports authored by experts from leading international institutions.

Participants will also join **hands-on workshops** run by organisations including LEGO jointly with Ashoka; IDEO; the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); the Brookings Institution; Meetpro, China; and the National Education Opportunities Network, UK (NEON).

There will also be an interactive **lab for adults and children** run by C2 (Montreal), questioning participants on their vision for the future of education. The outcomes will serve as guidance to policymakers. Twelve to 14-year-old students from Qatar's schools will also take part in four **experiential learning labs** aimed at fostering fun, collaborative learning, run by The Little Engineer (Lebanon); Cultural Infusion (Australia); ibTECHar (Qatar) and the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy (Qatar).

Peer learning will be at the heart of the WISE experience, with the possibility to set up **"Braindates"**, a concept by innovative Canadian company **e180**. Braindates allow delegates (including journalists) to meet one individual (1 on 1) or group (1 with 5) to strike up knowledge-sharing conversations.

Discover the full WISE program online: <http://www.wise-qatar.org/program/2017-wise-summit-program>

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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**”.

Please note, certain sessions of WISE 2017 will be **streamed live online** on the WISE website:

15 November: [opening ceremony](#); [afternoon plenary](#)

16 November: [morning plenary session](#); [closing ceremony](#)

These sessions will also be streamed live on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wiseqatar/>

For further information about WISE, visit [www.wise-qatar.org](http://www.wise-qatar.org)

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