

## The 2015 World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE)

will convene November 3-5, in Doha, Qatar

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This year's World Innovation Summit for Education will be held in Doha, Qatar, November 3-5 under the theme "Investing for Impact: Quality Education for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth." WISE 2015 will bring together more than 1,500 innovators, including educational thinkers and practitioners, representatives of governments, NGOs, business leaders and social entrepreneurs in one of the world's largest education events.

Established in 2009 by Qatar Foundation, WISE brings together decision-makers and practitioners from diverse sectors to address the challenges of education through innovation and collaboration.

This year's program is largely devoted to exploring the linkages among education, entrepreneurship, and economy. Participants will address ways to strengthen education systems, develop 'job-ready' talent pools to counter persisting inequality, and to open opportunities supporting wider economic progress. Discussions will examine the linkages between education, employment, and entrepreneurship, the education reform and innovation in the MENA region and Qatar, the challenge of attracting and retaining quality teachers, and the importance of investing in early childhood education.

WISE 2015 will be the first global conference following the UN General Assembly and the ratification of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). WISE provides a prominent platform for examining emerging innovations, scalable solutions, and emerging models of education financing.

Confirmed speakers and attendees include Michelle Obama, the First Lady of the United States of America; Leymah Gbowee, 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate, Founder and President of Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa; Hon. Julia Gillard, Former Australian Prime Minister, Board Chair of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE); H.E. Princess Mabel Van Oranje, Board Chair, Girls Not Brides; Ricardo Semler, CEO, Semco Partners; Claudia Costin, Senior Director, Education Global Practice, The World Bank Group; Khalid Alkhudair, Founder and CEO, Glowork; Rebecca Winthrop, Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Universal Education, The Brookings Institution; David Whitebread, Senior Lecturer in Psychology and Education, University of Cambridge.

A highlight of the Summit will be the announcement of the 2015 WISE Prize for Education Laureate during the Opening Session. Currently in its fifth year, the WISE Prize for Education will be presented at the Summit to an individual or a team in recognition of an outstanding contribution in education, with a prize of \$500,000.

A number of international speakers will be featured in this year's Summit. For a complete, interactive program and details about speakers at the 2015 WISE Summit, please visit: [WISE 2015 Program](#)

We encourage you to join the Summit discussions now on [Twitter](#) and Instagram: #WISE15. You can follow WISE on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **About the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE):**

Qatar Foundation, under the leadership of its Chairperson, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, launched the World Innovation Summit for Education in 2009. WISE is an international, multi-sectoral platform for creative thinking, debate and purposeful action. Through the Summit and a range of ongoing programs, WISE has established itself as a global reference in new approaches to education, promoting innovation and partnership. The WISE Summit will take place 3 to 5 November 2015, in Doha.