

## THE WORLD INNOVATION SUMMIT FOR EDUCATION (WISE) TO HOST WISE@ACCRA CONFERENCE ON MAY 9th IN ACCRA, GHANA

*500 participants gathering to foster regional collaboration, explore practical solutions to empower African youth and address development challenges.*

**Doha, Qatar, April 25th, 2018** - After successful regional gatherings in Tunis, Beijing and Madrid, the World Innovation Summit for Education is hosting a first regional forum in Accra, Ghana, on May 9th, 2018, with the patronage of the President of the Republic of Ghana, H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo.

Under the theme "**Unlocking the World's Potential: Leading and Innovating for Quality Education in Africa**", WISE@Accra will explore innovations in Africa that aim to overcome current limitations and pave new ways to empower youth to lead and innovate.

WISE@Accra will provide a platform for education stakeholders and change-makers in Africa to share the latest innovations in learning. The event will engage prominent leaders, policymakers and youth on concrete steps towards an improved and connected education system.

Central to discussions will be topics such as quality education, empowering the next generation through innovation, investing and collaborating for sustainable impact, and galvanizing communities to transform the continent. Regional collaboration will be highlighted to tackle the development challenges being faced.

### Confirmed speakers include:

- **H.E Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo**, President of the Republic of Ghana
- **Hon. Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh**, Minister of Education, Ministry of Education of the Republic of Ghana
- **Dr. Eugene Owusu**, Special Advisor to the President of the Republic of Ghana on the Sustainable Development Goals
- **Stavros N. Yiannouka**, CEO, World Innovation Summit for Education
- **Dr. Patrick Awuah**, Founder and President, Ashesi University
- **Dolores Dickson**, Executive Director, Camfed Canada
- **Daniel Dotse**, CEO & Co-founder, Teach for Ghana
- **Shadrack Frimpong**, Founder, Cocoa 360
- **Regina Honu**, CEO, Soronko Solutions

- **H.E Dr. Amel Karboul**, Education Commissioner, International Commission on Financing Global Education
- **Zyad Limam**, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, Afrique Magazine
- **Carl Manlan**, Chief Operating Officer, Eco-bank Foundation
- **Noëlla Coursaris Musunka**, Founder of Malaika and Ambassador for the Global Fund
- **Vivian Onano**, Youth activist and Member, UN Women Global Civil Society Advisory Group
- **Jo Besford**, Director, Green Shoots
- **Shannon May**, Co-founder and CSO, Bridge International Academies
- **William Edem Senyo**, Co-founder and CEO, Impact Hub Accra
- **Mariéme Jamme**, Founder, IAMTHECODE
- **Muniratu Issifu**, Country Director, Varkey Foundation Ghana
- **H.E Aïcha Bah Diallo**, Former Chair, Forum of African Women Educationalists (FAWE)
- **Richard Yaw Baafi**, Writer and Senior Editor, Siro360
- **Julia Moffett**, Founder and CEO, Future Learning Fund
- **Dr. Teppo Jouttenus**, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Kepler
- **Steve Cumming**, Senior Program Manager, Youth Livelihoods, Mastercard Foundation
- **Amina Belghiti**, Cultural Entrepreneur and Head of Creative Partnerships, Instagram

Master of Ceremonies: **Nhyira Addo**, Head of Talk, Joy 99.7 FM

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

WISE is an international, multi-sectoral platform for creative, evidence-based thinking, debate, and purposeful action in education. Through the biennial summit, WISE@ conferences, collaborative research and a range of on-going programs, WISE is a global reference in new approaches to education.

WISE@Accra will take place in Accra, May 9th, under the theme: **"Unlocking the World's Potential: Leading and Innovating for Quality Education in Africa"**.

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