

DIFI TO PARTICIPATE IN 63RD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN

QF member to host panel discussions at United Nations Headquarters in New York

Doha, Qatar, March 6, 2019: The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a member of Qatar Foundation, will participate in a series of panel sessions held as part of the 63rd Session of the Commission of the Status of Women, taking place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from March 11-22, 2019.

DIFI, in partnership with the Qatar Permanent Mission at the UN, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), and the Arab Institute for Women at the Lebanese American University, will host a side-event titled 'Gender-Responsive Social Protection for Adolescent Girls to Enable Aspirations and Reach the SDGs in the Arab Region' on March 18. This aims to build on DIFI's work on 'Family Sensitive Social Protection (FSSP)', the theme of its Expert Group Meeting held in June 2018 in collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA).

Dr. Sharifa Noaman Al-Emad, Executive Director of DIFI said: "The side-event aims to resume the discussion on current models of welfare and protection systems in the Arab region initiated by our study on 'Family Sensitive Social Protection (FSSP)', with a specific focus on adolescent girls. It will also seek to discuss the challenges faced by adolescent girls in accessing social protection in the Arab region within the framework of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

"The side-event will discuss social protection systems within the context of adolescent girls' practical and strategic needs, and will conclude with recommendations that will serve to guide and inform subsequent programming, advocacy endeavors, evidence-based studies, and policy discussions."

As part of DIFI's participation, Dr. Al-Emadi will join the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labor and Social Affairs in Qatar's delegation in New York, attending high-level meetings and panel discussions.

DIFI is a global policy and advocacy institute working to advance knowledge on Arab families through research and promote evidence-based policies at a national, regional, and international level. The institute has special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

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About Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), was established in 2006. The Institute works to strengthen the family through the development and dissemination of high-quality research on Arab families, encouraging knowledge exchange on issues relevant to the family and making the family a priority to policy-makers through advocacy and outreach at the national, regional and international levels. Among the Institute's most important initiatives is the Annual Conference on the Family; and the OSRA Research Grant in collaboration with the Qatar National Research Fund, an annual research grant which encourages research related to the Arab family and family policy. The Institute has special consultative status with United Nations Economic and Social Council.

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QF was founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, who shared the vision to provide Qatar with quality education. Today, QF's world-class education system offers lifelong learning opportunities to community members as young as six months through to doctoral level, enabling graduates to thrive in a global environment and contribute to the nation's development.

QF is also creating a multidisciplinary innovation hub in Qatar, where homegrown researchers are working to address local and global challenges. By promoting a culture of lifelong learning and fostering social engagement through programs that embody Qatari culture, QF is committed to empowering the local community and contributing to a better world for all.

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