

DIFI TO HOST RESEARCH FORUM ON FAMILY WELLBEING

QF member aims to prioritize family issues in Qatar

Doha, Qatar, February 24, 2019: The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a member of Qatar Foundation, is set to host its First Research Forum on "Family Wellbeing: Towards evidence-based family policies" designed to ensure family issues are a key priority for policymakers in Qatar. This public event will be open to public and held at Qatar National Convention Centre from February 26-27.

The first day of the event will center around the topic of 'The Wellbeing of Families Living with Autism', while 'Work-Family Balance' will be the focus of the second day.

Attendees will discuss and debate the key findings and recommendations proposed by DIFI's recent research projects that relate to the two priority areas; address the contextual challenges facing the development and implementation of policies; highlight national, regional, and international policies, and relevant best practices; and propose realistic and effective policy options and program interventions.

Dr. Sharifa Al Emadi, Executive Director, DIFI, said: "One of DIFI's tools to effectively influence the policy cycle in Qatar is to not only produce empirical evidence related to effective policy-making, but also to bring policy owners, concerned authorities, and relevant stakeholders together to facilitate discussion within an integrated platform.

"The aim of the forum is to go beyond the mere dissemination of research outcomes and enter into the wider sphere of policy impact, specifically with regards to the two overarching themes of the conference – 'The Wellbeing of Families Living with Autism' and 'Work Family Balance'."

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.

Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) is a non-profit organization that supports Qatar on its journey to becoming a diversified and sustainable economy. QF strives to serve the people of Qatar and beyond by providing specialized programs across its innovation-focused ecosystem of education, research and development, and community development.

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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