

Agenda

Research Forum on Family Wellbeing: *Towards evidence-based family policies*

Doha, Qatar

26 & 27, February, 2019

Day One: The Wellbeing of Families Living with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Qatar

Program – Day 1

08:00 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 09:00	Setting the scene
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Families and National Policies on Autism</p> <p>The session will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do national policies related to autism contribute to addressing relevant family unmet needs? - What are the challenges facing the development and implementation of policies that support the wellbeing of families living with autism? - What are the recommendations for policy improvement and development in this area? - What are the regional experiences in supporting the wellbeing of families living with autism?
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Service Providers and families living with autism</p> <p>The session will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can service providers meet the needs of the families? - What are the challenges faced by service providers in addressing the needs of families living with autism? - What are the policy recommendations for improving service providers? - What are the relevant best practices in service provision and what can we learn from them?
12:30 – 01:30	Lunch break
01:30 – 03:00	<p>Avenues of support for families living with autism</p> <p>The session will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the existing avenues of support for the families? - What are the challenges of the existing avenues of support for the families? - How can we strengthen the family support system?
03:00 – 03:30	The Way Forward: Towards enhanced well-being for families living with Autism in Qatar

Day Two:

Work-Family Balance: Challenges, Experiences and Implications for Families in Qatar

Draft Program – Day 2

08:00 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 09:00	Setting the scene
09:00 – 10:30	Research and Policy Debate on Leave Policies The session will discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How do national leave policies support work-family balance?- What are the challenges for improving these leave policies?- How can we further improve these policies?- What are the best practices and what can we learn from them?
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Contribution of child care arrangements to Work Family Balance The session will discuss <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are the current child care arrangements?- What are their challenges?- What are the best practices and what can be learned from them?- How can child care arrangements be further improved?
12:30 – 01:30	Lunch break
01:30 – 03:00	Research and Policy Debate on Flexible Working Arrangements The session will discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are the current flexible working arrangements?- what are the challenges to improving the implementation of flexible working arrangements?- How can these arrangements be further improved?- What are the best practices and what can be learned from them?
03:00 – 03:30	Open Discussion: The Way Forward: towards a better work family balance