

**Arab Family Forum on Marriage: Research and Policy Perspectives  
 Doha, 2-3 December 2019**

**Program**

**Day 1: The State of Marriage in the Arab World**

08:00 – 08:30	<b>Registration</b>
08:30 – 09:00	<p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b>          Dr. Sharifa Noaman Al-Emadi          Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute</p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker:</b>          H.E. Dr. Haifa Abu Ghazaleh          Assistant Secretary-General, and Head of the Social Affairs Sector, League of Arab States.</p>
09:00– 10:30	<p><b>Session 1: The State of Marriage in the GCC</b></p> <p>Moderator:          Mr. Abdulaziz Al Ishaq, Media Personnel</p> <p>Presenter of report findings:          Dr. Fatma Al-Kubaisi, Head of Department of Social Sciences, Qatar University          Dr. Amer Al-Saleh, Professor of Sociology, Kuwait University</p> <p>Discussants:          Dr. AbdelNaser Al-Yafei, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Qatar University          Dr. Humoud Al-Qashan, Professor of Sociology, Kuwait University          Dr. Sharifa Khalfan al-Yahyai, Former Minister of Social Development in Oman</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 2: The State of Marriage in Al-Mashreq</b></p> <p>Moderator:          Ms. Asmaa Al-Hamadi, Media Personnel</p> <p>Presenter of report findings:          Dr. Islah Jad, Professor of Gender and Development, Berzeit University</p> <p>Discussants          Dr. Heba Raouf Ezzat, Associate Professor, Ibn Khaldun Universty, Istanbul.          Dr. Elie Mekhael Professor, Faculty of Education, Lebanese University          Ms. Salma Daood Jaboo, Supervisor, Widows Training and Development Center, Iraq.</p>
12:30 – 01:30	Prayer and Lunch Break
01:30 – 03:00	<p><b>Session 3: The State of Marriage in Al-Maghreb</b></p> <p>Moderator:          Dr. Brahim Saidy, Professor of Diplomacy, Security and Defense Studies, Qatar University</p> <p>Presenter of report findings:          Dr. Mokhtar AL-Harras, Professor of Sociology, Mohamed VI University</p> <p>Discussants:          Dr. Noro Nozha Deputy Director, Institute for Social Work INAS, Morocco          Dr. Badrane Benlachene, Professor, College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University          Dr. Salah AlDen Bin Fredj, Professor of Sociology, University of Tunis</p>

**Education Programs**

09:00– 10:30	<p><b>Session 1: The State of Marriage in the Nile Basin</b></p> <p>Moderator:          Dr. Ahmed, Megreya, Professor &amp; Associate Dean for Research &amp; Graduate Studies, College of Education, Qatar University</p> <p>Presenter of report findings:          Dr. Rana Hindi, Associate Professor, American University in Cairo (Egypt Report)          Dr Alwia Ibrahim Farag, Associate Professor, Director of Students' Affairs, Ahfad University, Sudan (Sudan Report)</p> <p>Discussants:          Dr. Rogaia Abusharaf, Professor of Anthropology, Georgetown University Qatar          Dr. Amira Sonbol, Professor of History, Georgetown University Qatar          Dr. Al Rayah Osman, Professor of Sociology, Qatar University</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Session 2: The State of Marriage in Yemen, Somalia, Djibouti and Comoros</b></p> <p>Moderator:          Dr. Mahjoob Zweiri, Director of Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University</p> <p>Presenters of report findings :          Dr. Yusuf Sheikh Omar, Research Scholar, SOAS University, UK (Somalia, Djibouti and Comoros)          Dr. Fuad AlSalahi, Professor of Sociology, Qatar University (Yemen Report)</p> <p>Discussants (3)          Dr. Mostafa Kharoufi, Population Expert, Permanent Population Committee          Dr. Abdulhakim Saidaddin, Associate Professor, Qatar University          Dr. Afyare Elmi, Associate Professor, International Relations, Qatar University</p>
12:30 – 01:30	Prayer and Lunch Break
01:30 – 03:00	<p><b>Session 3: Marital Education Programs</b></p> <p>Moderator:          Dr. Anis Ben Brik, Director, Family Policy Department, DIFI</p> <p>Presenter of report findings:          Ms. Dana Al Kahlout, Senior Program Specialist, Family Policy Department, DIFI</p> <p>Panelists:          Mr. Rashed Al Dosari, Executive Director, WIFAQ, Qatar          Mr. Max Palmer, Director and National Trainer Prepare/Enrich, New Zealand          Ms. Shaikha Faisal Medndi, Head of Mawada Program, Kuwait          Mr. Abdul Shukur Abdullah, Director General, National Population and Family Development Board of Malaysia</p>