

DIFI TO PARTICIPATE IN 57TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

DIFI to host panel discussions at United Nations Headquarters in New York

Doha, Qatar, February 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 57th Session of the Commission for Social Development, taking place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from February 11-21, 2019.

DIFI, in partnership with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and the International Federation for Family Development (IFFD), will host a discussion titled 'Doha Briefing' on February 12. The panel will present the 'Civil Society Statement on Parenting', which was launched at DIFI's 'Parenting, Child Wellbeing, and Development' conference in Doha in October 2018.

On the same day, DIFI, with the IFFD, will co-host a panel titled the 'Value of Unpaid Care and Domestic Work'. The discussion will be held in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of The State of Qatar to the United Nations; the Division for Inclusive Social Development, UN DESA; and the International Federation for Home Economics.

DIFI will conclude its participation with a panel titled 'Towards Family Sensitive Protection' on February 14. The discussion will be held in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of The State of Qatar to the United Nations, UN DESA, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Berkeley Social Welfare, and the International Council on Social Welfare.

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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