

## DIFI PARTICIPATES IN SIDELINE EVENTS AT THE 57TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

*QF member presents IFFD Family Award to International Federation for Home Economics*

**Doha, Qatar, February 16, 2018:** The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a member of Qatar Foundation, has participated in two events on the sidelines of the 57th Session of the Commission for Social Development in New York.

The first event, organized by the International Federation for Family Development (IFFD), saw DIFI co-organize a panel discussion titled the 'Value of Unpaid Care and Domestic Work'. It was held in partnership 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 (IFHE).

The session, introduced by Her Excellency Sheikha Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations, and Mr. Mario Armella, World President, IFFD, featured a series of presentations.

Dr. Sharifa Al-Emadi Executive Director, DIFI, said: "IFFD and DIFI have worked together on multiple projects, including expert group meetings, Doha Briefings, side-events, and, recently, the civil society meeting held in preparation for the Doha International Conference on 'Parenting, Child Well-Being and Development'."

As part of DIFI's participation in the panel, Dr. Al-Emadi presented the **IFFD Family Award** to the IFHE. The annual award is given to a person or entity for promoting family perspective policies and family values on a global scale. **DIFI previously received this award in 2018.**

"I would like to thank IFFD for inviting me to present the Family Award to the International Federation for Home Economics. We have collaborated with the IFHE previously – the IFHE represented one of the civil society organizations that co-drafted and partnered with DIFI for the 'Civil Society Statement on Parenting' – I look forward to future collaborative efforts between all our organizations," said Dr. Al-Emadi.

Following the IFFD panel, DIFI participated in a session organized by Qatar's Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs titled 'Strategy of the Social Protection Sector in the State of Qatar: Promotion and Protection of the Family.'

During the panel, Dr. Al Emadi took part in a presentation titled 'Public-Private Partnerships in Family Policy: The Model of the State of Qatar,' which addressed DIFI's work in supporting family policies at national, regional, and international level, and included relevant examples of the organization's programs.

Dr. Al-Emadi concluded the presentation by pointing out that the Qatari experience is a model for effective partnership between the public and civil sectors to develop public policies in various fields, emphasizing that DIFI will continue to enhance cooperation and partnership between itself and the government sector.

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**

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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



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