

Her Highness attends annual gathering of Qatar Foundation's Arab Global Scholars



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Doha, November 03 (QNA) – HH Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation (QF), attended the opening of the Arab Global Scholars (AGS) Annual Gathering.

The event was attended by a number of Their Excellencies Sheikhs, Ministers, dignitaries and executive leaders in government and private institutions and companies.

Commenting on the gathering, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser said: “Today we held the annual Arab Global Scholars gathering – a natural continuation of the Arab Expatriate Scientists Conference which we launched in 2006. I was delighted to meet this diverse community of scientists, innovators, researchers, research institutes, and industry partners, with whom we aim to strengthen our partnerships. Today, AGS members may be based anywhere in the world, as through technology we explore new and different methods of collaboration, making it easier for everyone to contribute to ensuring this region is stronger and better able to overcome the challenges of the 21st century.” The three-day event sees esteemed internationally and locally based Arab experts working to impact the sciences and humanities within the Middle East and beyond engaging in high-level dialogue and dedicated workshops designed by HBKU. Centered on areas of local, regional, and global importance, such as Precision Health and Biotech, Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Sustainability and Environmental Health, proceedings also provide opportunities for exchange between scholars and policymakers.

Held at Hamad Bin Khalifa University’s (HBKU) Minarete in building, the occasion heralded the latest evolution of QF’s initiative to nurture a contemporary renaissance of Arab science and research by reconnecting scholars and intellectuals with roots in the Arab world back to their region to contribute to its positive development and long-term future.

Following opening remarks, the first day commenced with a panel on the role Arab intellectuals must play in shaping contributions to the Arab renaissance. The panel offered perspectives on the importance of Arab-inspired efforts for addressing the myriad educational, technological, social, and economic challenges facing the region.

The second day will end with a distinguished scholar address concerning recent developments in the fields of AI and Generative AI, delivered by Dr. Usama Fayyad, Inaugural Executive Director, Institute for Experiential AI; Professor of Computer Science, Northeastern University; Chairman, Open Insights.

The gathering will conclude with a panel discussion on the critical role Arab intellectuals can play in post-conflict recovery and reconstruction. The session will explore how Arab scholars can leverage their knowledge and networks to offer multidisciplinary support during times of conflict.

The panelists will also consider contributions Arab intellectuals and professionals could potentially make to engaging with and rebuilding conflict-affected communities. Over the course of the next two days attendees will also participate in a series of workshops, roundtable discussions, and visits to partner organizations.

Its beginnings going back almost two decades, AGS originally stems from the formation of QF's Arab Expatriate Scientists (AES) Network. Today, AGS has solidified itself as an innovation-

focused community linking Arab scholars, research institutes, universities, and industry partners to advance science, research and capacity-building projects from within Qatar. Current AGS member and partner organizations include more than 14 key institutions in Qatar and beyond.