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## Introduction



The Middle East and North Africa has a dynamic and exciting higher education research and innovation sector, with huge challenges but also great opportunities. With some countries in the region becoming inspiring global hubs for international students and making substantial investments in building research infrastructure, and with mounting evidence of

serious pockets of research excellence emerging in key fields, there is room for optimism that we are witnessing a knowledge-fuelled expansion in the region.

So this inaugural *Times Higher Education* MENA Universities Summit comes at the perfect time.

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But of course the event is about much more than rankings and data. It is about people.

So we are delighted to be able to bring together, in partnership with Qatar University, some of the world's most exciting thinkers – across teaching, research, business and policymaking – for high-level debate, networking and sharing of best practice as part of our prestigious summit series.

**Mr Phil Baty**

Editor, *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings



Welcome to the inaugural *Times Higher Education* MENA Universities Summit. Qatar University is proud to host the first *THE* summit in the region. The conference will highlight the tremendous opportunities ahead, while addressing important challenges that face the region in its determination to build strong education systems that drive

development. We are excited to be hosting this important event with *THE*.

The complexity of today's regional higher education challenges requires us to harness the experience of committed experts to develop effective methods to take higher education in the Arab world to the next level. During the summit's two days, education leaders from 20 universities, including university presidents, scholars, experts, advocates and educators from around the world, will discuss the unique education priorities for this transformative era. Particular emphasis will be placed on cultivating alignments between regional and international best practices towards a more effective approach to improving regional university rankings.

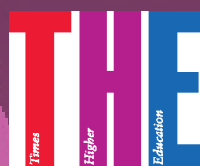
We anticipate that the summit will provide you with ideas and partnerships that will boost your professional networks and activities. Most importantly, we hope you leave with a sense of purpose, energised to be part of an ever-growing community of regional education leaders and experts, working to take higher education in the Arab world to ever-rising heights of excellence. We are very grateful for the support of QU's sponsors for this event – QAPCO, Commercial Bank of Qatar and Qatar National Bank. We also thank *THE*'s sponsors – this summit would not have been possible without their generosity.

Enjoy your time in Doha. We wish you a safe journey home and look forward to seeing you again at the next *THE* MENA Universities Summit.

**Professor Sheikha Abdulla Al-Misnad**

President, Qatar University





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The university provides outstanding education in areas of national priority. Seven colleges – arts and sciences, business and economics, education, engineering, law, pharmacy, and Sharia and Islamic studies – offer more than 70 undergraduate specialisations – the widest range of academic programmes in the country. The institution has also established a number of graduate programmes – 26 to date – in response to labour market needs for specialist professionals.

In October 2014, QU established the country's first College of Medicine, designed to become a driving force for innovation across the national healthcare sector, and a secure source of high-quality trusted physicians for Qatar.

QU's goal to align its colleges, programmes and courses with established international standards and best practice underpins its commitment to academic and research excellence. As a result, the university has been successful in its accreditation initiatives, earning the endorsement of numerous leading international accrediting bodies.

Research is a priority. This is evidenced by the incorporation of research across the academic experience and is buoyed by the success QU continues to enjoy in the National Priorities Research Programme and Undergraduate Research Experience Programme cycles. With a dedicated research complex, an ambitious five-year research roadmap, and 14 research centres of excellence, QU is advancing a vibrant research culture that engenders high-quality output.

Through signed agreements, academic and research collaborations and partnerships with industry, government, academia, business and civil society, QU advances its goal to become a leader of economic and social development in Qatar.

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## Speakers



**H. E. Sheikh Dr Abdulla bin Ali Al Thani**

*President, Hamad bin Khalifa University, and chairman, World Innovation Summit for Education*



**Professor Sheikha Abdulla Al-Misnad**

*President, Qatar University*



**Dr Jamil Salmi**

*Global tertiary education expert and former World Bank tertiary education coordinator*



**Dr Jean-Lou Chameau**

*President, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)*



**Dr Mohammed Yousef Al-Mulla**

*Vice-chairman and CEO, Qatar Petrochemical Company (QAPCO)*



**Dr Tarik Yousef**

*CEO, Silatech, founding dean of the Dubai School of Government and founding member of the Silatech Knowledge Consortium*



**Mr Abdulla Saleh Al-Raisi**

*CEO, Commercial Bank of Qatar*



**Mr Fahad Hamad Al-Mohannadi**

*Managing director and general manager, Qatar Electricity & Water Company*



**Mr Phil Baty**

*Editor, Times Higher Education World University Rankings*



**Mr M'hamed el Aisati**

*Director of SciVal content and analytics for academic and government markets group, Elsevier*



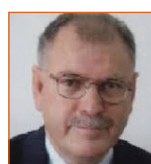
**Ms Maryam Riaz**

*President, MENA-AIR, United Arab Emirates*



**Mr César Wazen**

*Director, scholarships and partnerships office, Qatar University*



**Professor Sultan Abu-Orabi**

*Secretary general, Association of Arab Universities, Jordan*



**Professor Alice Gast**

*President, Imperial College London, UK*



**Dr Steven Hill**

*Head of research policy, Higher Education Funding Council for England, UK*



**Dr Abdel Magid Hamouda**

*Associate dean for research and graduate studies, College of Engineering, Qatar University*



**Mr Bahram Bekhradnia**

*President, Higher Education Policy Institute*



**Dr Wyatt R. (Rory) Hume**

*Consultant, Academy for Academic Leadership, and former executive director for education, training and development, Qatar Foundation*



**Professor Ibrahim Al-Naimi**

*Founder and president, Community College of Qatar, and chairman, Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue*



**Dr Ted Purinton**

*Associate provost for academic administration and international programmes and associate professor of international and comparative education, The American University in Cairo*



**Dr Alfred Bloom**

*Vice-chancellor, NYU Abu Dhabi*



**Professor Saif Said Al-Sowaidi**

*Vice-president for institutional planning and development, Qatar University, and professor of economics at QU's College of Business and Economics*



**Dr Everett Dennis**

*Dean and CEO, Northwestern University in Qatar*



**Dr Nisrine Abiad**

*Director and associate professor of law, Dubai branch of Saint Joseph University*



**Dr Driss Ouaouicha**

*President, Al Akhawayn University*



## Programme

	Under the patronage of H. H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Thani, Deputy Emir		
<b>Monday 23 February</b>	<b>The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Doha</b>		
18.00 – 19.00	Networking reception	11.30 – 12.15	<b>University and industry collaboration panel</b>
19.00 – 19.30	Mr Phil Baty, editor, <i>Times Higher Education</i> World University Rankings, and Professor Sheikha Abdulla Al-Misnad, president, Qatar University Official opening by H. E. Sheikh Dr Abdulla bin Ali Al Thani, vice-chair, Qatar University board of regents, and president, Hamad bin Khalifa University		Dr Mohammed Yousef Al-Mulla, vice-chairman and CEO, Qatar Petrochemical Company Dr Tarik Yousef, CEO, Silatech Mr Abdulla Saleh Al-Raisi, CEO, Commercial Bank of Qatar Mr Fahad Hamad Al-Mohannadi, managing director and general manager, Qatar Electricity & Water Company
19.30 – 22.00	Opening gala dinner and entertainment	12.15 – 13.15	<b>Networking lunch</b>
<b>Tuesday 24 February</b>	<b>Research Complex, Qatar University</b>	13.15 – 14.30	<b>Exclusive</b> <i>Times Higher Education</i> Rankings masterclass with Mr Phil Baty in partnership with Mr M'hamed el Aisati, director of SciVal content and analytics for academic and government markets group, Elsevier. The insider guide – providing detailed access to the <i>Times Higher Education</i> World University Rankings from one of the top rankings professionals in the world – including global benchmarking, trend analysis and case studies and “where next?” for metrics in meeting MENA needs. Official respondents: Ms Maryam Riaz, president, MENA-AIR, United Arab Emirates Mr César Wazen, director, scholarships and partnerships office, Qatar University Professor Sultan Abu-Orabi, secretary general, Association of Arab Universities, Jordan
09.15 – 09.45	Arrival, coffee and registration	14.30 – 15.10	<b>Professor Alice Gast, president, Imperial College London, UK</b> Redefining the boundary conditions: the transformative power of international collaboration in higher education
09.45 – 10.00	<b>Welcome and introduction from the co-founders</b> Mr Phil Baty, editor, <i>Times Higher Education</i> World University Rankings, and Professor Sheikha Abdulla Al-Misnad, president, Qatar University	15.10 – 15.30	<b>Coffee break and networking</b>
10.00 – 10.45	<b>Dr Jamil Salmi, global tertiary education expert and former World Bank tertiary education coordinator</b> How to build a world-class university: lessons from the world's fastest-rising universities and implications for emerging economies		
10.45 – 11.30	<b>Dr Jean-Lou Chameau, president, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)</b> Leadership, opportunities and challenges		

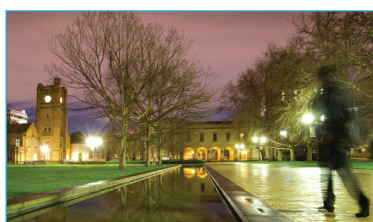
15.30 – 16.45	<p>Three concurrent 1hr 15min breakout sessions (Please select your preference at point of registration)</p> <p><b>Session one:</b> <b>Auditorium - Research Complex</b> <b>Social economic impact of universities: emerging new metrics</b> <b>Sponsored by Elsevier</b> <b>ELSEVIER</b> <b>Lead speaker:</b> Dr Steven Hill, head of research policy, Higher Education Funding Council for England, UK <b>Panel:</b> Mr M'hamed el Aisati, Elsevier Dr Abdel Magid Hamouda, associate dean for research and graduate studies, College of Engineering, Qatar University</p> <p><b>Session two:</b> <b>Library, Qatar University</b> <b>Strengths and weaknesses of higher education in MENA</b> <b>Lead speaker:</b> Mr Bahram Bekhradnia, president, Higher Education Policy Institute <b>Panel:</b> Dr Wyatt R. Hume, consultant, Academy for Academic Leadership, and former executive director for education, training and development, Qatar Foundation Professor Ibrahim Al-Naimi, president, Community College of Qatar Dr Ted Purinton, associate provost for academic administration and international programmes, The American University in Cairo</p>		<p><b>Session three:</b> <b>Library, Qatar University</b> <b>Satellite campuses and transnational education</b> <b>Lead speaker:</b> Dr Alfred Bloom, vice-chancellor, NYU Abu Dhabi Cultivating agents of human commonality: an imperative of global undergraduate education <b>Panel:</b> Professor Saif Said Al-Sowaidi, vice-president for institutional planning and development, Qatar University Dr Everette Dennis, dean and CEO, Northwestern University in Qatar Dr Nisrine Abiad, director, Dubai branch of Saint Joseph University</p> <p><b>16.45 – 17.30</b> <b>Research Complex, Qatar University</b> Dr Driss Ouaouicha, president, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco</p> <p><b>17.30 – 18.00</b> <b>Closing remarks</b> Mr Phil Baty, editor, <i>Times Higher Education</i> World University Rankings, and Professor Sheikha Abdulla Al-Misnad, Qatar University Professor Al-Misnad hands over to the president of the university selected to host next year's summit. Invitation to closing networking reception hosted by Qatar University at its Research Complex</p> <p><b>18.00</b> <b>End of summit</b></p> <p><b>18.00 – 21.00</b> <b>Research Complex, Qatar University</b> Closing networking dinner</p> <p><b>Wednesday 25 February</b> <b>Cultural Qatari visit</b> Opportunity for delegates to participate in a cultural Qatari experience. Delegate participation to be gauged at registration</p>
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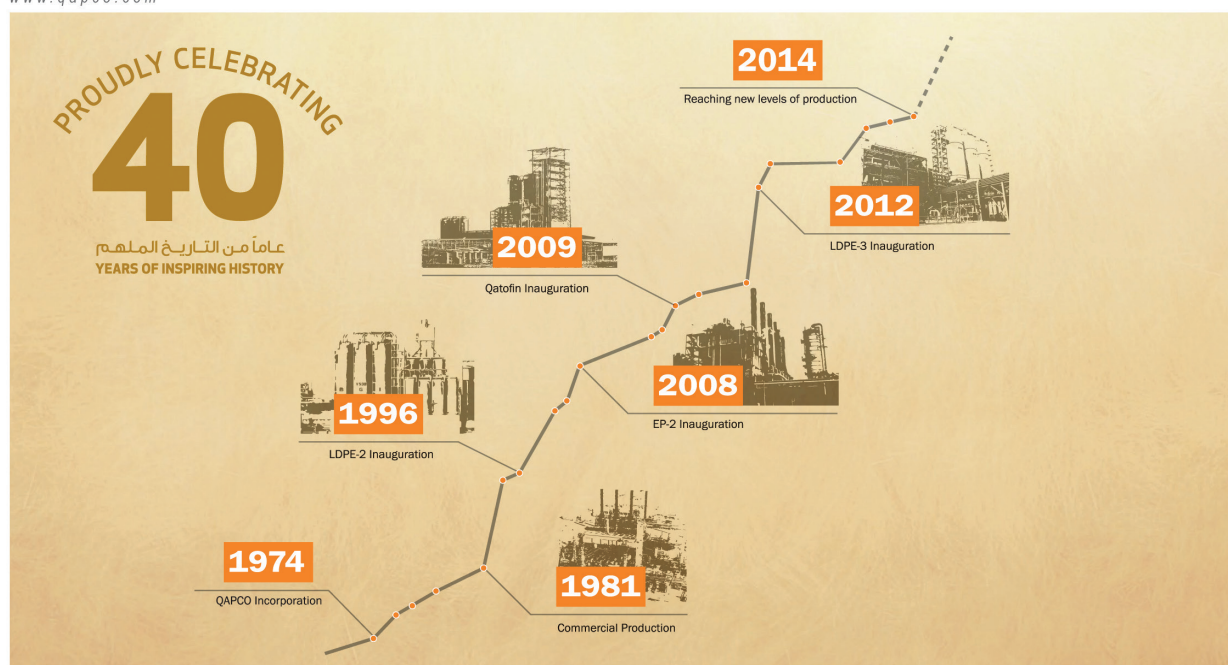
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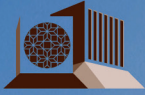


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