Forum Program

08:30 - 09:30

Registration

10:00 — 10:30

Opening Session

Welcome addresses by Ms Ana Botín, Executive Chairman, Banco Santander, and Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice-Chairperson and CEO of Qatar Foundation

Presented by Mr. Stavros Yiannouka, CEO, WISE

10:30 - 11:00

Imagining the Future of Education

Technology is rapidly changing the world around us and has already been largely introduced in schools and classrooms. So how is technology changing the way we learn? What are the other key drivers of change in education? How can education help people live more fulfilling lives and create a better world?

Keynote: Mr. Marc Prensky, Author, Founder and Executive Director, The Global Future Education Foundation

11:00 — 11:30

Networking Break

11:30 - 12:45

Redesigning Education Systems for the Future

Transforming and renewing education systems can seem an impossible task, especially with the urgency of our fast-changing world. Some have managed to bring significant changes and to scale up. What can we learn from the new providers who are currently changing the education landscape? What design principles, tools and innovations can overcome the current barriers to foster change? And what is the role of leadership in such a transformation?

Speakers:

Ms Sandy Speicher, Partner and Managing Director, Education, IDEO

Ms Vicky Colbert, Founder and Chairperson, Fundación Escuela Nueva

Ms Nieves Segovia Bonet, President, SEK International Schools

Dr. Stefanos Gialamas, President, American Community Schools of Athens

Dr. Asmaa Alfadala, Director of Research and Content Development, WISE

Moderator: Mr. Sébastien Turbot, Director of Global Programs, WISE

12:45 — 14:15

Networking Break / Lunch

14:15 - 15:25

Ensuring Relevance for Higher Education in a Changing World

With the growing emphasis on effective education-to-work transition, higher education now stands at the center of economic recovery. Higher education also plays a crucial role in equipping learners for civic participation and helping them live fulfilled lives. With so much at stake for higher education, what are the priorities and how can higher education better bridge the gap between education and employment?

Speakers:

Dr. Eduardo Padrón, President, Miami-Dade College

Dr. Amal Mohammed Al Malki, Founding Dean, College of Humanities and the Social Sciences, Hamad bin Khalifa University

Dr. Stephen Heppell, Director of Felipe Segovia's Learning Innovation Chair, Camilo Jose Cela University

Dr. Amber Wigmore Alvarez, Executive Director of Career Services, IE Business School, Law School and University

Prof. Fernando Reimers, Professor of International Education, Harvard University

Moderator: Ms Ameena Hussain, Director, Programs and Community Development, WISE

15:25 — 16:00

Networking Break

16:00 — 17:00

Twenty-first Century Skills: Why Entrepreneurship Matters

As we transition into an era where machines will perform mundane tasks, we need to build a workforce of "creative entrepreneurs", who will be innovative, empathetic and equipped to tackle complex challenges. How can we best support learners' self-confidence, creativity and critical thinking? How can they best learn to invent imaginative solutions for their lives, work and communities?

Speakers:

Mr. Rabea Ataya, Founder and CEO, Bayt.com

Mr. Khaled Helioui, CEO, Bigpoint

Ms Martina Dlabajová, Member, European Parliament

Mr. Carlos Barrabés, Founder, Barrabés.biz

Moderator: Dr. Ahmed Baghdady, Manager, Research and Content Development, WISE

17:00 - 17:15

Closing Session

Closing Remarks by Mr. Javier Roglá, Global Managing Director, Santander Universities & Universia and Mr. Stavros Yiannouka, CEO, WISE