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QATAR STEM: NATIONAL INNOVATION WORKSHOP

Agenda

National Innovation Workshop

Qatar STEM Innovation Session featuring National Innovation Showcase

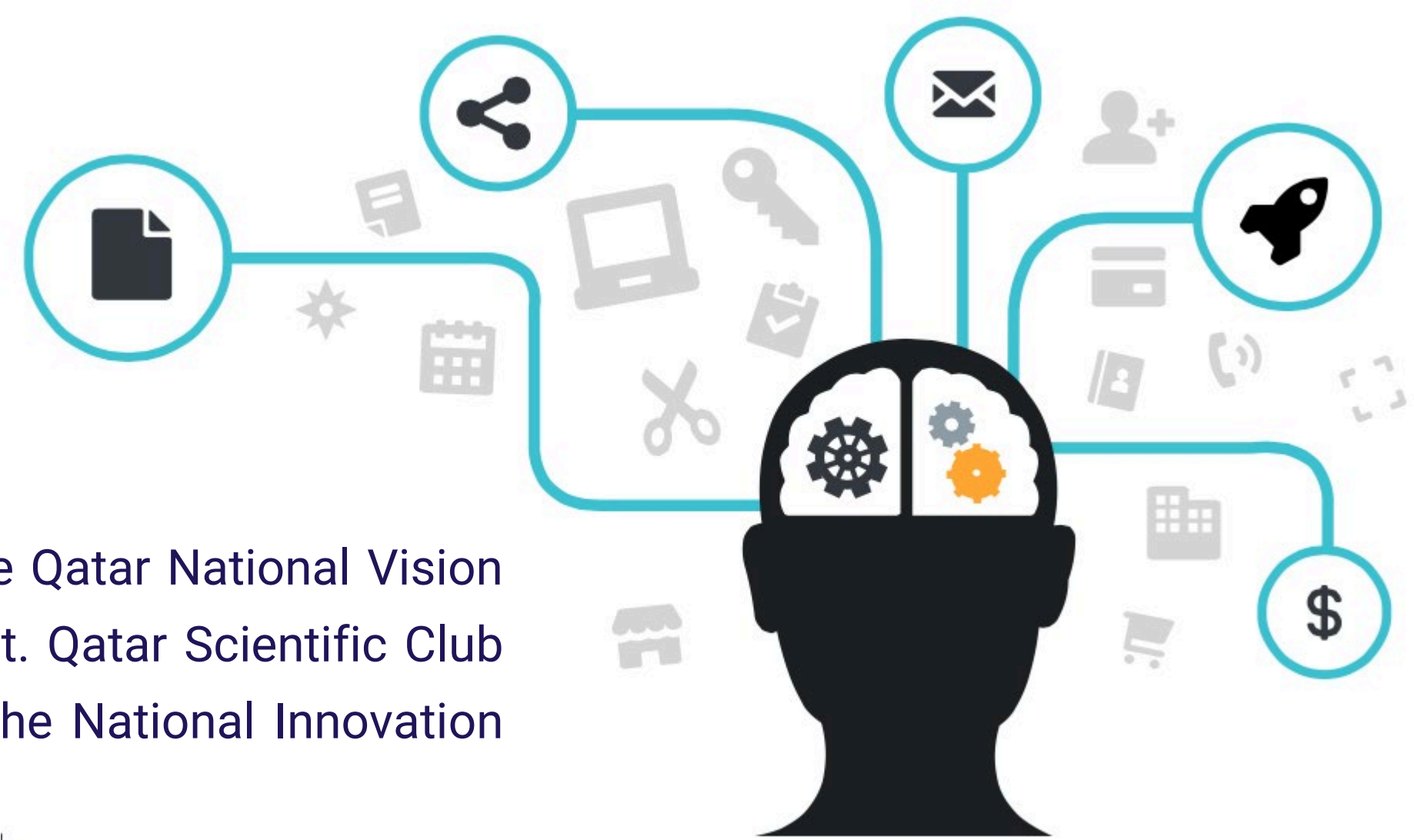
QRDI Landscape Presentation (Co-Hosted with Qatar Scientific Club)

As Qatar transitions towards the knowledge-based economy as part of the Qatar National Vision 2030, innovation and entrepreneurship becomes more and more important. Qatar Scientific Club and QEERI are proud to welcome you to this workshop on demystifying the National Innovation Landscape in Qatar.

We welcome our distinguished panelists, each of whom can offer a particular insight into the national innovation landscape, including guests from the Industry Development and Knowledge Transfer at Qatar Foundation, QFIDKT, the Qatar Science and Technology Park, QSTP, and the Investment Team at Qatar Development Bank, QDB.

We are excited to present a showcase of national innovators, in which 4 entrepreneurs will tell the real story behind their successes and failures, and what it is like to be an inventor in this country.

National strategies for boosting innovation need to be built alongside a framework for support of entrepreneurship. The pathway for bringing innovations to the market is not an easy one, and this workshop aims to help attendees understand better the national challenges and opportunities.



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Workshop Opening Address

13:30 13:40 Qatar Scientific Club:
Eng. Rashid Al-Rahimi, Executive Director
Mr. Abdulrahman Saleh Khamis, Deputy Executive Director

Panel Discussion: **The National Innovation Framework**

13:40 14:20 **Moderator: Ms. Mona Thowfeek**, Senior IP and Business Development Manager, QEERI
Panelists:
Mr. John McEntire, Director of Industry Development and Knowledge Transfer, Qatar Foundation
Mrs. Hayfa Al Abdulla, Innovation Director, Qatar Science and Technology Park
Mr. Ahmed Ebaidullah, Investment Team, Qatar Development Bank

National Innovators Showcase

- 14:20 15:30
- **Eng. Eman Al-Hamad**, Title: *Arabic Real Time Fraud Detection System*
 - **Dr. Eng Chaari Mohamed Zied**, Title: *Drone Sunshade*
 - **Dr. Adnan Fahad Al Ramzani Al Naimi**, Title: *Agri Green*
 - **Mr. Abdelrazek Tarek Aly**, Title: *Introducing Bonocle: The First Braille Entertainment Platform For The Blind*

15:30 15:45 **Workshop closing remarks** (QEERI, Qatar Scientific Club)

PANEL SPEAKERS



Hayfa Al-Abdulla

Innovation Director

Hayfa is the Innovation Director at Qatar Science & Technology Park. She is in charge of the support programs for tech entrepreneurship in connection with the regional and global tech innovation ecosystem.

Hayfa has gained extensive experience in management, ICT, and tech-based entrepreneurship while working at QSTP, Qatar Petroleum and Qatar University. She is a board member at Qatar Mobility Innovation Center (QMIC), an innovation center focused on smart mobility systems, and she is also a business writer and blogger.

Hayfa earned a Bachelor of Computer Sciences and Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Qatar University. She is a certified Project Management Professional, Business Analyst, and Incubation Manager



Ahmed Ebaidullah

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- Certified management consultant, with 12+ years experience in strategy consulting, financial advisory and market intelligence
- A board member across a number of regional and international SMEs
- An investment strategy advisor and among QDB key representative figures in the wider venture capital investment arena



John T. McEntire

Director of Industry Development and Knowledge Transfer (IDKT)

John T. McEntire is the Director of Industry Development and Knowledge Transfer (IDKT), where he leads a team of experts to protect and market technologies, find partners, and license QF owned IP around the globe.

More specifically, his current work includes the development of an effective innovation ecosystem for Qatar through multi-lateral relationships with domestic and international players in the industry, research, academic and government sectors, as well as shaping Qatar Foundation's activities through strategic protection, maturation, marketing and licensing of innovative intellectual property and utilization of technical expertise in Qatar's research community for use in products and services of start-up and existing companies.

McEntire holds a Bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and an MBA, with international focus, from the University of Illinois.



Moderator:

Mona Thowfeek

Director of Industry Development and Knowledge Transfer (IDKT)

5 years of experience in innovation strategy consulting, performing investment due diligences, market analysis and commercializing and valuing Intellectual Property (IP) for academia and industry. Progressive career in a science and technology research and development hub serving multinational companies, public research organizations and start-ups.