

Event on sustainability of urban life at QU

The Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (Sesri) at Qatar University (QU) organised a research event titled “Sustainability of Urban Life in Qatar and the Gulf Region: Workshop on Measures and Methodologies”, sponsored and funded by the Qatar National Research Fund.



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The event was attended by HE the Minister of Municipality Dr Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki al-Subaie, QU president Dr Hassan al-Derham, Sesri director Dr Kaltham bin Ali al-Ghanim, the United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia (UCLG-MEWA) secretary-general Dr Mehmet Duman and an accompanying delegation.

HE Dr al-Subaie said: “We strive hard to improve the quality of life, sustainability, and level of ‘urban humanisation’ in Qatar through the implementation of a comprehensive urban plan, which aims to create an ideal model for sustainable urban life and achieve the highest level of quality of living and welfare for citizens and residents.”

Dr al-Derham said the significance of the event stems from the fact that Qatar and the Gulf countries are currently investing heavily in the development of their cities and urban centres to improve the quality of life and well-being of their people.

Dr al-Ghanim said that the Gulf region is considered one of the most urbanised areas in the world.

Urban policy stakeholders in the Gulf region need accurate data and indicators that illustrate these dimensions as the essence of the transformative policy goals towards sustainable cities and the qualitative urban development agenda.

Dr al-Ghanim emphasised that the aim of the workshop is to identify the dimensions of a multidimensional scale that contributes to monitoring, measuring, and evaluating the quality of urban life and the foundations of sustainability within it.

Dr Hessa al-Thani, dean of the QU’s College of Education, presented the initiative of education and good living in the first session of the workshop, emphasising its importance and introducing its components: spiritual, emotional, intellectual, physical, and social pillars.