

## Population Dynamics Seminar Successfully Concludes in Doha

The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), member of Qatar Foundation, has concluded the “Population Dynamics” Seminar.

Hosting a number of international and regional scholars, scientists, and policy makers to discuss the various changes affecting the Arab Family brought about by population and demographic dynamics, DIFI’s seminar took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2013.

The seminar addressed five main topics related to Arab families: (i) Marriage and Family Formation; (ii) Trends and Patterns in Fertility and Family Size; (iii) Population Migration and the Family; (iv) Adolescents and the Family and, (v) Intergenerational and Gender Issues Affecting Family Cohesion.

The first day of the seminar focused on the policy dialogue and the research papers. The policy dialogue considered the impact of population dynamics on the Arab family and the policy implications. The dialogue featured a keynote address and a moderated panel discussion on the five selected themes. The research seminar focused on presenting original high-quality research papers on the Arab family related to the previous five main topics.

The second day of the event has witnessed a number of interesting discussions on issues related to the Arab Family.

The first discussion, titled: “Population Trends and Arab Families: Implications for Research” was moderated by Dr. Fadwa El Guindi, and has seen presentations by Dr. Carla Makhoulf: *Adolescents in Arab Countries: Major Health Issues and Their Social Context*, and another presentation by Dr. Mohamad Mohieddin titled: *Migration and the Family in Arab Countries*.

Dr. Maher Khalifa moderated the discussion titled: “Adolescents and the Family 1” which saw participation from Dr. Abdallah Badahdah and Dr. Caroline Barakat. The “Adolescents and the Family 2” discussion, moderated by Dr. Abdul-Aziz Farah, saw the presentation *Measuring the job quality concept of youth in Egypt* by Dr. Ali Rashed. Prince Amadichukwu, gave his views on the behaviour and relationships of Adolescents in the Arab world.

A number of other discussions took place and tackled issues like: Population and Migration, Fertility and Family Size, and Marriage and Family Formation.