

## **Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser**

Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser has played an active role in spearheading social and education reforms in Qatar and around the world for many years through her national and international development initiatives in education and youth development.

Internationally, Sheikha Moza works with the United Nations to support global education and other key areas of development for marginalized children and youth. Since 2016, Sheikha Moza has been an Advocate for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and was previously a member of the UN Millennium Development Goals Advocacy Group with a special emphasis on Goal 2 – universal primary education. Sheikha Moza serves as a UNESCO Special Envoy for Basic and Higher Education, through which she launched multiple projects including the International Fund for Higher Education in Iraq.

In response to growing global needs, Sheikha Moza launched two initiatives that aim to foster development and stability for a better future. In 2012, Sheikha Moza launched Education Above All (EAA) to deliver quality education to the hardest to reach children and generate a global movement, with a particular focus on areas affected by poverty, conflict and disaster. In 2018, EAA's Educate A Child program secured commitments to educate 10 million marginalized children.

In 2008, Sheikha Moza founded Silatech to address the challenge of youth unemployment in the Middle East and North Africa region and beyond. Silatech aims to help youth in the most challenging environments and circumstances take control of their lives and their future, and lead change in the region. Through economic and social empowerment, Silatech creates meaningful employment opportunities and programs in enterprise development, career training, and microfinancing, among many others.

Domestically, Sheikha Moza currently serves as Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), a private non-profit organisation founded in 1995. Its flagship project is Education City, which serves as a hub of academic excellence and houses branch campuses of renowned international universities and institutions. QF is also engaged in numerous scientific research and economic and social development projects.

Among Sheikha Moza's honours are the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy and the George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service. In 2009, she was inducted into the Academie des Beaux Arts de l'Institut de France. In 2007, Sheikha Moza was presented the prestigious Chatham House Award for her contributions to improving international relations.

Sheikha Moza holds a Master of Arts (MA) in Public Policy in Islam from Hamad bin Khalifa University's Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, and graduated from Qatar University with a degree in sociology. She has also been awarded honorary doctorates from Virginia Commonwealth University, Texas A&M University, Carnegie Mellon University, Imperial College London and Georgetown University.