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Hamad Bin Khalifa University's (HBKU) Executive Education Center (EEC) will be hosting a two-day training program on women and entrepreneurship later this month. The course, taking place on 21st and 23rd of May, will delve deep into a variety of topics, such as the barriers and challenges faced by female entrepreneurs. The

training program will also highlight best practices and success stories of woman entrepreneurs in Qatar, the Arab world, and beyond.

The course will be conducted across six sessions, and will give participants the opportunity to engage in interactive discussions on real-world cases and concepts that highlight opportunities, limitations, and challenges in female entrepreneurship. The course is being facilitated by Dr. Mohamed Evren Tok, Assistant Professor of Public Policy in Islam at HBKU's College of Islamic Studies, Dr. Damilola Olawuyi, Associate Professor of Law at HBKU's College of Law & Public Policy, and Sana Al Buainain, the founder of Journey Coaching Consultancy. The three experts will present a range of topics, providing holistic training on the most essential components of entrepreneurship.

Speaking on behalf of HBKU and his co-facilitators, Dr. Tok noted: "As the number of women entrepreneurs has been increasing around the world, their contributions to economic growth and to addressing various social and economic problems have been gaining ascendance. The HBKU Women and Entrepreneurship course introduces the concept of women entrepreneurship as a form of empowerment, and will provide insights and solutions to the problems and barriers enterprising women often face."

Participants are encouraged to share their own specific projects to inform discussion sessions. Through interaction and sharing with peers, and with the help of expert coaching provided by instructors, participants can build on their ideas. The coaching will cover both conceptual and theoretical aspects, as well as the applied and cultural elements of entrepreneurship. The course will enable participants to explore structural dynamics in regional and global economies that facilitate entrepreneurship, the legal aspects of business, and showcasing women-run enterprises through case studies.

"Under the Qatar National Vision 2030, bolstering women's role in society by encouraging and empowering them to be active and engaged members of society is an integral aspect of social as well as economic growth for the nation," Dr. Tok added.

On completion of the course, participants will be equipped with the tools to compare and contrast entrepreneurship models and aspiring female entrepreneurs will be given the confidence to take their business ideas forward.

To find out more about the training course, and to register, go to [www.hbku.edu.qa/en/women-entrepreneurship](http://www.hbku.edu.qa/en/women-entrepreneurship).