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Ecosystems to Support SME Innovation and Smart Growth

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The discussion will touch upon some of the key programs offered by QSTP to support aspiring entrepreneurs in Qatar, and put that into the context of a wider ecosystem, where QSTP is only one piece of the puzzle. With these insights in mind and together with other like-minded local stakeholders, QSTP took part in the MIT Regional Entrepreneurship Acceleration Program, with the purpose of jointly looking at the wider ecosystem to understand the opportunities and also what could be improved. Results from this program, such as a new collective impact initiative will be shared, emphasizing how QSTP can fulfill its role as facilitator only by working collaboratively to achieve change in attitudes, projects and to influence policy.