



International Network of Networks
for Well-being In the Built Environment (IN2WIBE)

**The 6th Workshop on Convergence and Culture
in Well-being in the Built Environment**

Call for participation (*by Invitation Only*)

- ✓ Time: **April 29 and 30, 2024**
- ✓ Location: Doha, Qatar
- ✓ Organized by **NSF AccelNet project IN2WIBE** (<https://in2wibe.net>)
- ✓ Facilitated by IN2WIBE steering committee and TAMU-Qatar.

IN2WIBE connects and educates future building scholars on well-being in buildings while informing better building design, construction, operation, and use. We have leveraged resources from 33 existing networks and partners in 5 continents (N. America, Africa, Europe, Australia, and Asia), comprising 17 countries. At the core of IN2WIBE is the shared understanding that well-being is dependent on the links between the built environment and the personal, cultural, and social factors that drive health, productivity, and comfort. The objectives of IN2WIBE are to facilitate collaboration by integrating disciplines and networks in the building and health domains and to produce innovative human-centric building design and operation strategies that will benefit the larger community of scholars and practitioners.

Workshop Overview: We have successfully organized a series of workshops to brainstorm and identify research needs and future directions to facilitate the design and operation of future healthy buildings. These past discussions have highlighted the cultural and regional variations in designing a healthy built environment to promote well-being among human occupants. We have also noted that scholarly boundaries around the study of well-being need to be transcended to share expertise across disciplines.

We cordially invite you to join us for our 6th and final workshop that focuses on *Climate and Cultural Variations in Well-being in the Built Environment*. Participants from medicine, public health, engineering, and design will explore how regional needs and cultural traditions impact our understandings of well-being in the built environment. The workshop will also host an educational design charette to develop a framework for how well-being can be taught in a multidisciplinary context. The outcome of the workshop is to summarize the variations and nuances of well-being definitions and to develop a roadmap for how to capture this diversity of regional, cultural, climatic, and social norms that impact well-being in the built environment.

Workshop activities will include keynote speakers, panel conversations, breakout group activities, and design charette, and networking events with our partners in the Middle East.

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