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BACKGROUND

Five years ago, the Global Donors Forum was convened in Dubai to take on a challenging task: to define the roadmap for Muslim giving into the next decade. As a growing network of philanthropists, grantmaking foundations and socially responsible corporations, the Forum lead a consultative dialogue among the thought leaders from which, it was hoped, a new social compact could emerge.

Half a decade on, with the world having changed dramatically as events in the Middle East would attest, the Global Donors Forum 2016, has a new set of issues to focus upon. Foremost among these is the need to rigorously analyze the past decade in order to ascertain how best to formulate strategies to counter emerging challenges. The GDF 2016 will, therefore, attempt to set new priorities as it looks to redefine the role of philanthropy, with a focus on the Muslim world in a radically changed global landscape.

Massive upheavals across the world have contributed to the rise of extremism, with conflicts on the rise, the youth being affected adversely, unemployment on an upward arc, health indicators becoming an increasing source of concern and education suffering a downward spiral and political conflicts being dressed in religious ideologies. Faced with these unique yet inter-linked challenges, the GDF 2016 will seek to establish a solid path forward. Muslim giving, and philanthropy in general, will have to devise new and innovative ways to create a better world for all.

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13:00-14:30 SDG PHILANTHROPY PLATFORM

The Future of Philanthropy in Humanitarian Action

In collaboration with: UNDP, Foundation Center, The Humanitarian Forum, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors and the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists (WCMP)

Philanthropy brings substantial resources to the table. But lack of coordinating mechanisms hampers the effectiveness and efficiency of philanthropic resources that are committed to humanitarian causes. Important sources of funding, including Islamic giving instruments and faith-based donations could be better programmed in concert with others. In this way, philanthropy-led solutions can reach scale and achieve deeper impact by leveraging the actions of others. Philanthropy's commitment to innovations will be an important input in all of the conversations during the Summit, not least in modernizing humanitarian assistance through systematic use of new technology and approaches. The event will build on the existing global partnerships represented in the SDG Philanthropy Platform. The conversation will harness the strengths of a growing diversity of humanitarian organizations, including faith-based, indigenous and community-level philanthropy.

Welcoming Remarks:

Marcos Neto, Director, UNDP

Keynote:

Peter Laugharn, President, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

From Delivering Aid to Ending need, Investing in humanity, Managing Crises Differently

Per Heggenes, CEO, Ikea Foundation

Tariq Cheema, CEO, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists

Bob Ottenhof, President, Center for Disaster Philanthropy

Mark Lindberg, Director, Margaret A. Cargill Foundation

Heather Grady, Vice President, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors

Leaving no one Behind and Catalyzing Action to Achieve Gender Equality: New Approaches to Collective Action

Francis Charhon, President, Foundation de France

HRH Lamia BintMajid Al Saud, Secretary-General, Alwaleed Philanthropies

Tiberiu Fechete, Executive Director, SMURD Foundation

Hany El-Banna, President, The Humanitarian Forum

Kathleen Cravero, President, Oak Foundation

Synthesis and Call to Action

Bridging humanitarian and development programming:

Connecting Humanitarian work and Sustainable Development Goals

17:15 – 18:15 SPECIAL SESSION

ISLAMIC SOCIAL FINANCE

Organized by the World Humanitarian Summit

Islamic Social Finance, although increasingly linked in to development architecture, is an under-explored opportunity in the humanitarian sector. The Islamic Finance industry's assets are presently estimated to be worth USD 2 trillion and are forecast to rise to USD 5 trillion by 2020. This is unsurprising, given that the total economy of Muslim countries is valued at USD 16.2 trillion, just behind the United States and the European Union. The potential contribution of Islamic social finance to support people living in crises is enormous, yet there is no coordination mechanism or an independent and autonomous body to help channel these funds effectively at the global level for humanitarian action. This special Session will explore the role of new and emerging donors from faith-based funding, especially from Islamic Social finance, in humanitarian action.



H.R.H. Sultan Nazrin Shah, *The Ruler of Perak, Malaysia*
H.E. Iyad Madani, *Secretary General, Organization of Islamic Cooperation*
H.E. Xavier Bettel, *Prime Minister, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg*
Ahmad Ali Al-Madani, *President, Islamic Development Bank Group*
Mahmoud Mohieldin, *Senior Vice President, World Bank Group*
Dr. Hendar, *Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Indonesia*
Jan Egeland, *Secretary General, Norwegian Refugee Council*
Ertharin Cousin, *Executive Director, UN World Food Programme*
Cihan Sultanoğlu, *Assist. Administrator, United Nations Development Programme*
Muzaffar Hisham, *CEO, Maybank Islamic, Malaysia*
Yalda Hakim, *BBC World News*

COMMITMENT TO THE WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT

The Establishment of "HUMAN CRESCENT WAQF"

The world's first aid deployment waqf to crowdfund Zakah from individuals to support humanitarian projects, to be announced by the Islamic Development Bank group and the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists.



19:30-20:30 DELEGATE RECEPTION

Children on the Move

Sponsored by **Pearson**, in partnership with Save the Children, UK, and hosted by:

Teodora Berkova, *Director of Social Innovation at Pearson*

Saba Al-Mubaslat, *CEO of the Humanitarian Leadership Academy*

Dr. Imtiaz A. Khan, *Chair of the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists*

Ambassador Michael Klosson, *Vice President of Policy and Humanitarian Response, Save the Children, USA*



09:00 – 10:30 **OPENING PLENARY [THE THEME] - BALLROOM**

Resetting Priorities – Redefining Roles

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Inaugural Remarks:

Dr. Sheikha Aisha bint Faleh Al-Thani, *The Chair, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists*

Message from the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon

Read by Tariq Cheema, President, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists

Guest Dignitaries:

Representative of Republic of Turkey

Shaarik H. Zafar, *Special Representative to Muslim Communities, United States Department of State*

Tan Sri Dr. Jemilah Mahmood, *Under Secretary General, Partnerships, International Federation of Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies, Switzerland*

Elmansour Fetem, *Advisor to the IDB President, Director of the Trust Funds Department, Islamic Development Bank Group, Saudi Arabia*

Mohammad AbdulAziz Al Naimi, *CEO, Silatech, Qatar*

Ambassador Elshad Iskandarov, *President, ICYF-DC, Azerbaijan*

Ambassador Hesham Youssef, *The Assistant Secretary General, OIC*

Hon. Victor-Viorel Ponta, *Former Prime Minister of Romania*

10:30–11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00–12:00 **PLENARY [FINANCE & PHILANTHROPY] - BALLROOM**

In collaboration with Sound Vision Foundation

Islamic Business and Finance: Enhancing Philanthropic Opportunities in the Muslim World

This panel of experts in Islamic banking and finance will discuss the potential of Islamic banks and financial institutions to strengthen Muslim philanthropic activities as well as opportunities. The panelists will discuss in particular the opportunities that are available and the challenges that Muslims face when they engage in philanthropic ventures around the world.

Abdul Malik Mujahid, *President Sound Vision, Chair Emeritus Parliament of the World's Religions, USA [Moderator]*

Panel Discussion

Mansoor Durrani, *Senior Vice President, National Commercial Bank, Saudi Arabia*

Mishal Hamed Kanoo, *Chairman, The Kanoo Group, United Arab Emirates*

Samir Qasim Fakhro, *UNESCO Consultant, IT & Education Strategies, Bahrain*

Humayon Dar, *PhD, Chairman, EdBiz Corporation, UK*

12:00 - 12:30 **DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE - BALLROOM**

In collaboration with Academy of Philanthropy

Resetting priorities in Muslim philanthropy: trust and distrust, causes and casualties, voices and values?

The argument for Muslim philanthropy's need to reset priorities is intrinsically provocative. What failures of philanthropy or inability to understand pressing needs lie beneath the urge to reprioritise or reset a particular philanthropic reference frame? Why should or might donors shift their areas of expertise to those where knowledge and knowhow take time to acquire? How can re-prioritising (geographical, operational, cause focused or outcome focused) be well done and by whom? In a digital age, are philanthropists looking only to press the reset button – the (apparently) easy way? Or does reprioritising re-energise by changes of direction, of mind and perhaps of heart? Is priority re-setting a different terminology for rationing funds; or a vital signal to collaborators as co-donors? How is faith-funded and rooted giving affected by any resetting of priorities? The 'effective altruism' case, looking to a 'scientific' approach to identifying the 'best' projects to fund, could be seen as requiring perpetual reprioritising, as more evidence (as they see it) comes available. Continually realigning giving might suggest growing ruthlessness in philanthropy in pursuing its core social goals, or more immediately, a lever from which to gain new resources.

Yet, whose priorities elsewhere – in governments, regions, corporations and cultures – also need a reset? Is it then the critical role of philanthropy to advocate for the resetting of priorities from these other sectors? Should social activism

and advocacy now head the list of philanthropic action's priorities reset? This paper draws on findings from philanthropy scholarship and practice to explore these questions. Three dualities are considered: the trust/distrust dimension affecting philanthropy, the causes and casualties affected in such resets, and the voices and values raised and expressed by the reset agenda.

Jenny Harrow, Professor of Voluntary Sector Management, Cass Business School, City University London and Co-Director, Centre for Charitable Giving and Philanthropy at Cass, United Kingdom

Respondent:

Sayyeda Salam, Philanthropy Director, Save the Children, UK

REPORT UPDATE

Cross-Border Funding

Yunus Sola, PhD, Director, Academy of Philanthropy, UK

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH

BOOK SIGNING DURING LUNCH BREAK - FOYER

"The Routledge Companion to Philanthropy"

Edited by Jenny Harrow, Tobias Jung and Susan Phillips, UK

Sponsored by Al-Faleh Group, Qatar

13:30 – 14:45 PLENARY [COUNTERING EXTREMISM] - BALLROOM

In collaboration with Sound Vision Foundation

Strategic Communication to Defeat Extremism & Islamophobia

Extremism and radicalism are on the rise among Muslims, especially the Muslim Youth. The confusion and the terror created by ISIS, Boko Haram and the likes are exploited by Islamophobes to attack Muslims and Islam on the one hand and, on the other hand, to dehumanize and criminalize Muslims and their institutions in the West and elsewhere. This panel will discuss effective ways of dealing with it. Panelists will examine specific case studies of events that have recently happened in the U. S., Europe and other places in the Muslim World.

Abdul Malik Mujahid, President Sound Vision, Chair Emeritus Parliament of the World's Religions, USA [Moderator]
Panel Discussion:

Basit Koshul, PhD, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan

Kristiane Backer, Author, former MTV Presenter, Germany

Maggie Mitchell Salem, Executive Director, Qatar Foundation International, USA

Pelin Gundes Bakir, PhD, Professor at ITU, Former Member of Turkish and EU Parliaments, Turkey

Samira Said, International News Correspondent, USA

14:45 – 16:00 BREAKOUT-1 [SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS] - BALLROOM

In collaboration with UNDP, SDG Philanthropy Platform and Tanoto Foundation

Approaches to Align Philanthropy with Sustainable Development Goals [SDGs]

The session will give participants a chance to exchange ideas and co-create plans how to engage in partnerships with others on developing youth ecosystems around issues of youth employment, financial inclusion, de-radicalization. It will explore how various Islamic financial instruments, waqf, zakat, sukuk bonds can be deployed effectively and efficiently to address these issues, in collaboration with others including the UN and governments. We will bring ideas generated in the preceding World Humanitarian Forum into this session and especially how Muslim philanthropists can work together to develop solutions to the global humanitarian problems.

Marcos Neto, Director, UNDP [Moderator]

Panel Discussion:

Abdulaziz Almuzaini, Director of UNESCO Liaison Office in Geneva

DrsDaan Elffers, Founder, Islamic Reporting Initiative for CSR, UAE

Edmund J. Cain, Vice President, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, United States



Talal Al Hothal, Senior Research Specialist, Education Above All Foundation, Qatar
Gwi-Yeop Son, Director, Corporate Programmes, UN OCHA
Nour Shammout, Senior Policy Associate at J-PAL Global
Olav Kjørven, Director of the Public Partnerships Division, UNICEF

14:45 – 16:00 **BREAKOUT-2 [PERSPECTIVES IN PHILANTHROPY] - SALON 4**
Tobias Jung, PhD, The University of St Andrews, Scotland, UK [Moderator]
 Presentations

The Politics of Benevolence

Amy Singer, Dept. of Middle Eastern & African History, Tel Aviv University, Israel

Investing in Next Generations: Supporting Muslim Leaders Capacity Building

Farhan Latif, President, El-Hibri Foundation, USA

Historic Cities: Preserving the Past to Build the Future

Iqbal Noor Ali, Senior Advisor, Aga Khan Development Network, USA

Community Foundations in Muslim Societies

Sevda Kilicalp, Indiana University, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, USA

Art, Culture, and Muslim Philanthropy

Bilgehan Köhler, Founder, SanArt Ltd., Switzerland

16:00 – 16:15 **COFFEE**

16:15 - 17:30 **PLENARY [SOCIAL INVESTMENT] - BALLROOM**

Sustainable and Strategic Investment in Refugees

The dialogue will be around theory, evidence, and practice of social investment with a special focus on the growing refugee population. The examples of interventions and innovation will be shared with the audience, which have effectively lead the shift from aid dependence to value creation.

Yunus Sola, Director, Academy of Philanthropy, United Kingdom [Moderator]

Panel Discussion:

Mark Salway, Director of Social Finance, Cass Business School, City University London

Farooq Burney, Executive Director, Al Fakhoora, Qatar

Tayeb Al Rais, General Secretary, Awqaf and Minor Affairs Foundation, Government of Dubai, UAE

Helena Barroco, Diplomatic Adviser to Jorge Sampaio (former President of Portugal and former UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations – currently Chair of the Global Platform for Syrian Students)

Hon. Victor-Viorel Ponta, Former Prime Minister of Romania

Announcements:

a) **“Resetting Giving Priorities”** – Call for Chapters

b) **“Decision making in Muslim Giving”** A joint research project of Academy of Philanthropy and University of Plymouth

19:00 – 22:00 **KEYNOTE BANQUET - TOPKAPI PALACE**

The Holistic Approach to Humanitarian Crisis

Welcome:

Dr. Sheikha Aisha bint Faleh Al-Thani, The Chair, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists
GDF 2016 “Donor of the Year” Award

Keynote Address:

Dr. Kadir Topbaş, The Honorable Mayor of Istanbul

Honorable Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Turkey (tentative)

08:30–09:45 PLENARY [EMERGING TRENDS] - BALLROOM

Announcement:

The Establishment of “FINOCRACY”

Mohammad Raafi Hossein, CEO, Finocracy, UAE

Redefining Humanitarian System in the 21st Century

Shariq Siddiqui, Executive Director, ARNOVA, USA [Moderator]

Guest Dignitaries:

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, Founder and Chairperson, BRAC, Bangladesh

Daniel Wordsworth, President & CEO, American Refugee Committee Intl., USA

Kerem Kinik, President, Turkish Red Crescent Society, Turkey

Lisa Doughten, Chief of Secretariat, Central Emergency Response Fund, UN OCHA

Brigitte Khair-Mountain, Director, Humanitarian Leadership Academy, UAE

09:45-10:45 PLENARY [STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION] - BALLROOM

In collaboration with Sound Vision Foundation

Enhancing Public Relations and Media Capacities to Create Good News About Muslims

Public relations plays a significant role in message dissemination, amplification and placement in major media, both traditional and digital. Muslims have rarely used PR to their advantage while others use PR techniques to defame Muslims and Islam. The panelists in this session will be the public relations experts both from the academia and the professional world. They will explore various ways PR can be used to better the image of Muslim charities and philanthropies. Case studies will be presented from best PR practices that have been used to manage crises. Strategies and models to enhance PR capacities of Muslim philanthropies will also be presented.

Mohammad A. Siddiqi, Executive Director Sound Vision, Chair Emeritus Public Relations, Western Illinois University USA [Moderator]

Panel Discussion:

Ayse Bohurler, Producer, Co-Founder-The Justice & Development Party (AK), Turkey

Fran Pappert-Shannon, Media Relations Specialist, TV host & Producer, Canada

Meryem Ilayda Atlas, Editor in Chief of Daily Sabah, Turkey

Omar Regan, Film Producer and Comedian, USA

10:45 – 11:00 COFFEE

11:00–12:00 BREAKOUT-1 [WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY] - BALLROOM

In Collaboration with Actionaid International

The role of Philanthropy in Enabling Women’s Leadership in Humanitarian Response

Karolina Mzyk Callias, Policy Specialist, Foundations, Istanbul International Centre for Private Sector in Development, UNDP, Istanbul, Turkey [Moderator]

Panel Discussion

Richard Miller, Humanitarian Director, ActionAid International, UK

Amani Mustafa, Program Quality, Impact & Learning Manager, ActionAid, Palestine

Farah Kabir, Country Director, Actionaid, Bangladesh

Degan Ali, Executive Director, ADESO, USA

11:00–12:00 BREAKOUT-2 [WAQF REVITALIZATION] - SALON 4

Reversing the Trend of Neglect of WAQF Institutions to meet Development Demands of the Future

The awqaf sector and its management often remain not well understood. This session will focus on issues that are relevant for the integration of awqaf into the mainstream of the Islamic financial industry. It will also address matters that are of concern to regulatory authorities, awqaf foundations and to all awqaf stakeholders.

Michael Gassner, Founder, IslamicFinance.de Switzerland [Moderator]

Panel Discussion:



Kavilash Chawla, *Partner, Baton Global, UAE*

Tan Sri Mohammed Ali Hashem, *Chairman, Awqaf Foundation, New Zealand*

Husain Benyounis, *CEO, Smart Waqf, New Zealand*

Jassim Al-Najmawi, *Research Fellow, Cass Business School, City University London*

12:00 - 12:30 **DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE - BALLROOM**

In collaboration with Academy of Philanthropy

Good Governance in Practice - What should a Successful Foundation look like?

Using Case Study Method of a high profile UK Children's Charity which has failed (now in the public arena) and based on a ten year outreach research project on good governance this session will outline key areas and good practice.

Paul Palmer, *PhD, Professor of Voluntary Sector Management, and Associate Dean for Ethics, Sustainability and Engagement, Cass Business School, UK*

Respondent:

Mark Salway, *Director of Social Finance, Cass Business School, City University London*

12:30 - 13:30 **LUNCH**

13:30 - 14:45 **BREAKOUT-1 [IMPACT INVESTING] - BALLROOM**

In collaboration with Islamic Development Bank and UNDP

Islamic Impact Investing for SDGs: New Modalities for Partnership

The panel "Islamic Impact Investing for SDGs: New Modalities for Partnership" brings together the experience of practitioners and investors to discuss the potential of Islamic impact investing for donors in achieving the development goals. This event will explore and identify challenges and opportunities to promote a broader role for Islamic philanthropist and social investors to engage in Islamic impact investing to support the SDG agenda. This session will also endorse the launch of a report on Islamic Impact Investing and SDGs, jointly prepared by the Islamic Development Bank and UNDP IICPSD.

Gökhan Dikmener, *Technical Specialist, UNDP Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development [Moderator]*

Panel Discussion:

Marcos Neto, *Director, UNDP*

Charles-Antoine Janssen, *Managing Partner, Kois Invest, Belgium*

Geoffrey M. Glick, *Executive Director, AIDS Vaccine Fund, USA*

Michael Gassner, *IslamicFinance.de, Germany*

Nusret Yurter, *Founder, Taze&Kuru, Country Rep, Dubai Islamic Bank, Turkey*

Waleid Asad Ismail, *Director, Enterprise Development, Silatech, Qatar*

13:30 - 14:45 **BREAKOUT-2 [SOCIAL FINANCE ECOSYSTEM] - SALON 4**

Humanitarian Funding Deficit: Interventions of Social Finance

Multiple humanitarian agencies including the UN are on the verge of bankruptcy and unable to meet the basic needs of millions of people because of the size of the refugee crisis in the Middle East, Africa and Europe. As a response to the ongoing humanitarian funding deficit, this session will showcase innovative solutions of Islamic charitable giving that intend to address the issue through technological innovations.

Usama Al Zatari, *Senior Associate, DinarStandard, UAE [Moderator]*

Panel Discussion

Azim Kidwai, *Chair, National Zakat Foundation, UK*

Chris Greenwood PhD, *Head, Innovative Finance and Philanthropy, ICRC, Switzerland*

Sherine El-Traboulsi, *Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, UK*

Siti Kamariah Ahmad Subki, *Advisor, UN World Humanitarian Secretariat, USA*

13:30 – 16:00 **WORKSHOP [RESILIENCE AGAINST RADICALIZATION] - SALON 3**

Confronting Extremism, Cultivating Diversity: Intervention Strategies for Youth Leaders and Workers

Radicalization in Muslim societies and xenophobia in non-Muslim societies are two sides of the same coin—a response to a deepening crisis of identity and meaning among youth across the globe. In response to this crisis of identity the youth turn to religious fundamentalism and jingoistic xenophobia in search of meaning. The primary target of both the fundamentalists and the xenophobes is the erasure of cultural, religious, and ethnic diversity. While the particular resources they use to justify their intolerance are different, the result is the same—the eradication of all difference and polysemy and replacing it with enforced uniformity. In spite of other real and deep differences, both the religious fundamentalists and the secular xenophobes view the world around them and their place in it through the lens of a totalizing, binary logic. This binary logic, in both its religious and secular forms, stands in direct contradiction to both the wisdom of revelation (e.g., Qur'an) and the findings of post-Newtonian science. When the malaise of extremism is viewed through the bifocal lens of revealed wisdom and scientific knowledge we are better able to confront the scourge of extremism and cultivate the alternative of diversity.

Interlocutors:

Basit Koshul, PhD, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan

Endre Stiansen, Represent UNDP's Oslo Governance Centre, Norway

Angela Misra, Quintessential Insight, UK

Ashfaq Siddique, Quintessential Insight, UK

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14:45 – 15:00 **COFFEE**

15:00 – 16:30 **PLENARY [TRENDSETTERS] - BALLROOM**

Project Showcasing from around the world

Taufiq Rahim, Executive Director, Globesight, UAE [Moderator]

Keynote:

Leveraging Social Media for Social Change

Yonathan Parienti, Founder, Horyou, Switzerland

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1- **Bekaa Youth**, Lebanon

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6- **Givology**, United States

Abdallah el Tassi

Mabroor Mahmood

Farhan Ahmed

Mansoor Durrani

Mohamed Omer

Michael Gassner

16:30 – 17:00 **CLOSING PLENARY [WAY FORWARD] - BALLROOM**

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Dr. Kani Torun, Member Parliament, Deputy Chair Parliamentary Foreign Relations Committee, Turkey

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