

# GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2018

## Building Resilient Ecosystems: Philanthropy's Response to Inequality and Societal Tensions



SEPTEMBER 10-12 | LONDON

### Forging Strategic Partnerships for High Impact Philanthropy

Global Donors Forum, the biennial convening of the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, mobilizes financial and intellectual resources to create socio-economic value beyond racial, religious and political divides. GDF envisions a peaceful, equitable, and sustainable world, generously endowed by ethical, inclusive, and effective philanthropy.



## DRAFT AGENDA

### Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Day One Proceedings | The British Museum

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14:00 – 15:00 Registration & Lunch Meetup | Foyer

15:00 – 15:45 Opening Plenary [[The Theme](#)] BP Lecture Theater

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#### Philanthropy's Response to Inequality and Societal Tensions

##### Master of Ceremony

*Kristiane Backer, Author From MTV to Mecca, Art Consultant*

##### Welcome

*Prof. Paul Palmer, Chair, Global Donors Forum 2018*

*Leslie Morgan OBE, Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London*

##### Inaugural Address

TBC

##### The Keynote

TBC

15:45 – 16:00 Plenary Session [A Philanthropist's Insight] BP Lecture Theater

#### From Wealth Creation to Value Creation: A Journey of a Lifetime

*Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair, Chairman of Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education, UAE*

16:00 – 17:00 Plenary Session [[Perspectives](#)] BP Lecture Theater

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#### Inclusive Capitalism

*Mohamed Amersi, Chairman, The Amersi Foundation, United Kingdom*

#### Raising a New Generation of Entrepreneurs

*Sabah Ismail Al Haidoos, CEO, Silatech, Qatar*

#### Young People's Agenda

*Eltayeb Adam, UNICEF Area Representative for the Gulf*

#### Mending Divisions in Today's World

*Sufyan Ismail, Founder, Muslim Engagement & Development (MEND), UK*

18:30 - 20:30 Keynote & Networking | Terrace Pavilion  
**Stimulating the Power of Acting Together**

Welcoming Note

*The Baroness Barker, Member of the House of Lords*

Keynote

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## Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

### Day Two Proceedings | The British Museum

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8:30 – 10:00 Plenary Session | Case Study | BP Lecture Theater

**Lessons for Funders from the Grenfell Tower Disaster**

*The Grenfell Tower Disaster generated a huge outpouring of public support and significant donations of time, goods and money. The London funding community learnt many salutary lessons as a result about how best to collaborate in the face of domestic emergencies, how to ensure a lean and speedy response and how to remain truly connected to the needs of those most needing the support.*

Presentations & Discussions

*Diana Leat, Visiting Professor Cass Business School London [Chair]*

*David Farnsworth, Director of City Bridge Trust*

*Geraldine Blake, Projects Director at London Funders*

*Jehangir Malik OBE, CEO for Muslim Aid UK*

*Abdurahman Sayed, Manager of the Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage*

10:00 – 10:45 Distinguished Guest Lecture [Mitigating Risk] BP Lecture Theater

**A Critical View of Impact Evaluation**

*Dr. Tobias Jung, St. Andrews University*

**Evaluation in Philanthropy: Situating Compassion**

*Prof. Jenny Harrow, Cass Business School, City, University of London*

10:45 – 11:00 Alliance Dialogue [Interview] BP Lecture Theater

**Community Resource Recycling: The South African Experience**

**Host:** *Charles Keidan, Editor, Alliance Magazine, United Kingdom*

**Guest:** *Haroon Kalla, Chairman, Awqaf South Africa*

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break | Foyer

- 11:15 – 12:15 Parallel Session-I [UK Country Spotlight] BP Lecture Theater  
**Panel Discussion**  
**The Evolving State of Muslim Giving in the United Kingdom**  
*Nizam Uddin, Head of Mosaic at the Princes Trust [Chair]*  
*Karl Wilding, Head of Public Policy, NCVO*  
*Tufail Hussain, Deputy Director of Islamic Relief, UK*  
*Shelina Zahra Janmohamed, Writer*  
*Samantha May, Research Fellow, University of Aberdeen*
- 11:15 - 12:15 Parallel Session-II [Social Investment] Stevenson Lecture Theater  
**Developing Resilient Organisations through Social Investment**  
*Mark Salway, Centre for Charity Effectiveness, Cass Business School, UK [Moderator]*  
*Tim Wilson, City Bridge Trust, UK*  
*Nick Wright, UBS, UK*  
*Shenaz Bunglawala, Assistant Director, Aziz Foundation, UK*  
*Lucy Bushill-Mathews, National Zakat Foundation, UK*
- 12:15 – 13:00 Plenary Session [Challenges & Opportunities] BP Lecture Theater  
**Dilemmas of Cross-Border Giving in Post-Global Times**  
*Barbara Ibrahim, Senior Advisor, American University Cairo, Egypt*  
**Building a Knowledge Ecosystem in the Middle East**  
*Maysa Jalbout, CEO of Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education, UAE*  
**Philanthropy and the Future Technologies**  
*Takamasa Kawasaki, CEO of Redhorse Corporation, Hong Kong*
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Hour | Foyer
- 14:00 – 14:45 Plenary Session [Social Cohesion] BP Lecture Theater  
**Global Philanthropy Protecting the Local**  
*Prof. Robert Adam, Trustee, INTBAU, UK*  
**Nurturing Diversity for the Greater Good**  
*Naz Shah, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom*  
**The Power of Purpose**  
*Lord Michael Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE, Global Head of Citizenship, KPMG*
- 14:45 - 15:45 Parallel Session-I [Big Data] BP Lecture Theater  
**Measuring Giving for Enhanced Transparency and Impact**  
*Prof. Cathy Pharoah, Director, CGAP, Cass Business School [Chair]*  
*Shazia Amjad, Executive Director, Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy, Pakistan*  
*Sherine El Traboulsi-McCarthy, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), UK*

*Michael Mapstone, Director of International Development Policy, CAF, UK*  
*Pepijn van Dijk, Director, LittleBitz Foundation, Netherlands*

14:45 – 15:45 Parallel Session-II [[Capacity Enhancement](#)] Stevenson Lecture Theater

**Building a Talent Pool for Effective Giving**

*Shariq Siddiqui, Assistant Professor at Muslim Philanthropy Initiative, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University, Executive Director of ARNOVA, USA [Chair]*  
*Yunus Sola, Director, Academy of Philanthropy, Italy*  
*Basem Al-Madani, AlFozan Academy, KFPM, Saudi Arabia*  
*Rasheed Ahmed, Academy of Muslim Nonprofits, Center on Muslim Philanthropy, USA*  
*Kareman Shoair, Gerhart Center, American University in Cairo, Egypt*

14:45 – 15:45 Parallel Session-III [[Religion](#)] Raymond & Beverly Rooms

**Building a Leadership Cohort: How Philanthropy can Promote Religious Literacy?**

*Emran El-Badawi, International Qur'anic Studies Association (IQSA), USA [Chair]*  
*Shaukat Warraich, Founder & CEO, Faith Associates, UK*  
*Iqbal Nasim, CEO of National Zakat Foundation, UK*  
*Alba Fedeli, Research Fellow in Theology & Religion, University of Birmingham, UK*  
*Zahed Amanullah, Head of Outreach & Networks, ISD Global, UK*

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 Plenary Session [[Strategic Giving](#)] BP Lecture Theater

**A “Theory of Change” for British Muslim Communities**

*Mohammed Aziz, Director at Aziz Foundation, UK*  
*Fatima Ashrif, Director at the Randeree Charitable Trust, UK*  
*Asif Hussain, Operations Manager of British Muslim Trust, UK*  
*Ashfaq Siddique, Secretary of Al Madinah Mosque in Barking, UK*

**The Launch of British Muslim Trust**

[Award Reception | The Mansion House](#)

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18:00 – 20:30 **“The Legacy of Philanthropy” Award Reception**

*Cocktails*

[Master of Ceremony](#)

*Kristiane Backer, Author From MTV to Mecca, Art Consultant*

[Welcome](#)

*Alderman Alison Gowman, City of London*

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

## Recognitions

*Yusuf Islam*

*Emine Erdogan*

*HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal*

## Awards

*To be disclosed later*

## Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

### Day Three Proceedings | The British Museum

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8:30 – 10:00 Symposium [[Faith-Based Giving](#)] BP Lecture Theater

#### Recalibrating the Zakat Compass

*The session will seek to explore the role of Zakat in contemporary Islamic philanthropy and bring together some key viewpoints which Zakat fund managers must come to terms with.*

#### Framing the Subject

*Iqbal Nasim, National Zakat Foundation, United Kingdom*

#### Non-Faith Based Organizations & Zakat Deployment

*Ahmed Uddin, Doctoral Candidate, University of Portsmouth*

#### The Challenge for State Collectors of Zakat to Innovate

*Imran Baik, World Zakat Forum*

#### Domestic Priorities v International Responsibilities

*Munawara Ghani, CEO, Doctors Worldwide, UK [Moderator]*

*Mufti Fraz Adam, Darul Fiqh, UK*

*Iqbal Nasim, CEO, National Zakat Foundation, UK*

*Elnur Salihovic, Islamic Finance Consultant, UNICEF, Switzerland*

10:00 – 11:00 Parallel Session-I [[Knowledge Ecosystem](#)] BP Lecture Theater

#### Knowledge Stocks and Flows: Ways to Creating and Retaining Talent

*Alex Skales, Director, Centre for Charity Effectiveness [Chair]*

*Richard Foley, Clerk & CEO, Sir John Cass's Foundation, UK*

*Athar Osama, Member (S&T and ICT) of Planning Commission, Pakistan*

*Kashif Shabir, Strategic Advisor, Euro Charity Trust, UK*

*Salvatore Nigro, Global Vice President Education for Employment, Spain*

10:00 – 11:00 Parallel Session-II [[Conflict Affected Communities](#)] Stevenson Lecture Theater

#### Investing in the Self-Reliance of Migrant & Refugees

*Yannick Du Pont, CEO, Spark, Netherlands [Chair]*

*Jennifer MacCann, Response Innovation Lab, United Kingdom*

*Helena Borocco, Head of the Office of President Jorge Sampaio, Portugal*

*Tayyaba Khan, Founder, Khadijah Leadership Network, New Zealand*  
*Tafeeda Jarbawi, Director General, Welfare Association (Taawon), Palestine*  
*Misbah M. Sheikh, Chief of Partnerships Division, UNRWA*

11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:15 – 12:15 Parallel Session-I [[Community Uplift](#)] BP Lecture Theater

**How Philanthropy is Building Civic Resilience among the Muslim Americans?**

*Shariq Siddiqui, Assistant Professor at Muslim Philanthropy Initiative, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University, Executive Director of ARNOVA, USA [Chair]*

*Farhan Latif, President of El-Hibri Foundation, USA*

*Kashif Shaikh, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Pillars Fund, USA*

*Anwar Khan, President of Islamic Relief USA*

*Khalil Meek, Executive Director of Muslim Legal Fund of America, USA*

11:15 – 12:15 Parallel Session-II [[Media Relations](#)] Stevenson Lecture Theater

**How Philanthropy and the Media Could Work Better Together?**

*Kristiane Backer, Author From MTV to Mecca, Art Consultant [Chair]*

*Leonard Stall, Executive Chairman of Philanthropy Age, UAE*

*Narimon Safavi, Producer & Host, WBEZ-NPR, USA*

*Ben Russell/ Angahard Thomas, Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), UK*

*Amin Umarjee, Founder of Honest Commerce, UK*

12:15 – 13:00 Plenary Session [[Perspectives](#)] BP Lecture Theater

**Co-Creating Waqf Models for Community Development**

*Dr. Azhari Gasim Ahmed, Senior Economist, Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development, Islamic Development Bank Group*

**Combining Philanthropy and Best Business Practices**

*Tariq Usmani, Chairman, Better Community Business Network (BCBN), UK*

**Understanding the Potential of Diaspora Giving**

*Attiya Inayatullah, Member of the Board, Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy*

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00 – 15:15 Plenary Session [[Social Entrepreneurship](#)] BP Lecture Theater

**Social Entrepreneurship: Exploring Idea-to-Impact Pathway**

*Mark Salway, Director of Sustainable Finance, Cass Business School, UK [Chair]*

*Francesco Candelari, Coordinator, Entrepreneurs for Social Change, Italy*

*Craig Dearden-Phillips OBE, CEO of Stepping Out and the Social Club, UK*

*Devi Clark, Programme Director, Impact Hub Kings Cross*

15:15 – 15:30 *Coffee Break*

- 15:30 – 16:30 Parallel Session-I [Future Technologies] BP Lecture Theater  
**The role of Blockchain in Improving the Effectiveness of Contemporary Philanthropy**  
 Panel Discussion  
*Ilyas Mansha, Senior Blockchain Specialist and Associate at Accenture [Chair]*  
*AKM Ismail, CEO of Avalon Enterprises, United Kingdom*  
*Takamasa Kawasaki, CEO of Redhorse Corporation, Hong Kong*  
*Ranjit Majumdar, Director of Zen Global, United Kingdom*  
*Azim Kidwai, CEO of Mercy Mission United Kingdom*
- 15:30 – 16:30 Parallel Session-II [Social] Stevenson Lecture Theater  
**Addressing Systemic and Societal Inequalities**  
 Panel Discussion  
*Fozia Irfan, CEO, Beds & Luton Community Foundation, UK [Chair]*  
*Omar Khan, Director, Runnymede Trust, United Kingdom*  
*Harris Irfan, Managing Director of European Islamic Investment Bank, UK*  
*Dilnaz Waraich, Trustee, Pillars Fund, USA*  
*Sabah Gilani, CEO, Better Community Business Network, UK*
- 15:30 – 16:30 Parallel Session-III [Crowdsourcing] Raymond & Beverly Rooms  
**Establishing the Digital Giving Ecosystem**  
*Riad Hassan, Islamic Development Exchange, USA [Chair]*  
*Michael Gassner, Founder, Islamicfinance.de, Switzerland*  
*Mohammed Al Sharaf/ Raafi Hossain, Finocracy, Bahrain*  
*Abbas Aziz, Founder, Founder, Rubriq, UK*
- 16:30 – 17:00 Closing Session [Faith & Philanthropy] BP Lecture Theater  
**With Wealth Comes the Great Responsibility**  
*Shaykh Dr. Tawfique Chowdhury, Australia*  
**The Accountability of Faith Leaders in the Current Times**  
*Krish Raval OBE, Founder Director of Faith in Leadership, UK*

## Consultative Roundtables [Invitation-only]

### Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 – 13:00 **Consultative Roundtable-I** | The British Museum | Raymond & Beverly Rooms  
**Tackling Fault Lines and Mitigating Risk in Humanitarian Response**  
*“Muslim NGOs in the development sector are often eager to work as bridge builders and strategic partners but need guarantees of security, solidarity, and reciprocity. Institutional*



*representatives in this space also invite increased regulations, measurements and evaluation, and structural integration, but want to see support, fair treatment, and effective outcomes through such compliance measures” – NAGHAM EL KARHILI*

*The global security framework being enforced by the state actors and private financial institutions is rapidly disrupting the traditional humanitarian work and Muslim humanitarian actors are likely to be adversely affected before others by this shift. Hence, the need to mitigate the risk is immense. The consultative roundtable aims to explore both the fault lines that exist within the Muslim humanitarian sector and identify the external factors that are restricting or pressurizing service delivery. The learning of the roundtable will feed into a process of developing an action roadmap for the refinement and reinforcement of Muslim humanitarian response.*

**Interlocutors:**

*Sajad Mahmood, CEO of Charity Right, UK*

*Zahed Ahmed, CEO of ChangeForce, UK*

## **Wednesday, September 12th**

**11:00 – 13:00** **Consultative Roundtable-II | The British Museum | Raymond & Beverly Rooms**

**Envisioning a Post-Fundamentalist Future, Revisited: Notes from the Field**

*At the Global Donors Forum 2014 in Washington DC, a one-day pre-forum Workshop was hosted at El-Hibri Foundation, under the title of “Envisioning a Post-Fundamentalist Future.” That workshop brought together scholars from across religious traditions, academic disciplines and professional backgrounds to look at the phenomenon of extremism (both religious and secular—often labeled “fundamentalism”). One of the outcomes of the 2014 Workshop was the formation of a working group that spent two years experimenting, networking and exploring ways to bring students from the university and the madrassah/seminary around the same table to discuss issues surrounding the historical origins/manifestations of fundamentalism, its logical presuppositions and possible alternatives. One of the key findings of this working group was that the debate about the relationship between religion and science was both a sign of and a contributor to extremist rhetoric in both the religious and secular camps—the former having a “holier than thou” attitude towards the latter and the latter having a “more rational than thou” attitude towards the former.*

*In line with the GDF 2018 vision of building resilient ecosystems, this Roundtable will gather educationists, community workers, youth leaders and other stakeholders to look at the contents and outcomes of this project. This project is directly related to the theme of this year’s conference as it identifies that different resources, strategies and methods that can contribute to countering the polarizing effects of extremist rhetoric/ideology and nurturing a practical and sustainable alternative. This Roundtable will share “notes from the field” from this project.*

**Interlocutors:**

*Basit Bilal Koshul, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan*

*Rashid Dar, John Templeton Foundation, USA*  
*Junaid Akhtar, NAML College, Mianwali, Pakistan*  
*Rehman ur Rauf, Acacia Education Foundation, Pakistan*