forging strategic partnerships for high impact philanthropy
“In order to tackle the human dignity deficit and the democratic deficit, we must ensure that pushing political and civil frontiers becomes a key dynamic.”

His Royal Highness EI Hassan bin Talal
Global Donors Forum
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. In pursuit of this agenda, GDF resolves to work in collaboration with the vast array of individuals and institutions that seek to build a better world for all.

The Forum brings together distinguished philanthropists, grantmakers, social investors, government and business leaders, and experts from across the world to offer pragmatic insight and constructive responses to pressing global challenges.

Today, the Forum is widely recognized as the premier forum on Muslim Philanthropy worldwide and serves as a marketplace for ideas, a medium for knowledge sharing, a safe space for leading rational debate on issues unique to the Muslim societies and a launching pad for high-impact collaborative initiatives.
Why Muslim Giving?

Muslim population globally exceeds 1.6 billion, or 23% of the world population, and represents major communities in over 100 countries around the world.

By 2030, the aggregate Awqaf assets worldwide could rise to $5.3 trillion.

Islamic finance, including Zakat, was estimated at almost $2tn in 2015 and is expected to surpass $3tn by 2020. In addition, between $200bn and $1tn is spent in the form of charity across the Muslim world annually.

Just a quarter of contributions are thought to be disbursed through certified channels. Hence, there is an opportunity to create incentives for organized philanthropy and innovate new giving vehicles and social investment models.

Ending poverty and inequality are some of today’s greatest challenges that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim to overcome. Muslim giving including Zakat, is one of the largest but most overlooked forms of wealth transfer to the poor and needy in existence.

By 2018, it is estimated that Islamic banking assets could reach up to $3.4 trillion.
Strategic Focus Areas

- Effective & Accountable Giving
- Social Impact Investment
- Endowment (waqf) Revitalization
- Entrepreneurial Advancement
- Knowledge Ecosystem
- Next Generation Leadership
- Environmental Stewardship
- Human Dignity & Development
- Resilience Building & Diplomacy
The Decade of Discourse

2008
ISTANBUL

GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2008
CONVENTIONAL TO STRATEGIC: A NEW PARADIGM IN GIVING
MARCH 22-24 - ISTANBUL

2009
ABU DHABI

GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2009
A NEW PARADIGM IN GIVING
MARCH 23-25 - ABU DHABI

2010
DOHA

GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2010
BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE WORLD
MARCH 21-23 - DOHA

2011
DUBAI

GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2011
DEFINING THE ROADMAP FOR THE NEXT DECADE
MARCH 23-25 - DUBAI

2012
KUALA LUMPUR

GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2012
IMPACT PHILANTHROPY & INVESTING: EXPERIMENTING WITH GIVING REALITIES
APRIL 26-28 - KUALA LUMPUR

2014
WASHINGTON, D.C.

GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2014
CELEBRATING PHILANTHROPY IN EMERGING ECONOMIES
APRIL 24-26 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

2016
ISTANBUL

GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2016
LESSONS LEARNED: ELEVATING ROLES
MAY 23-25 - ISTANBUL

2018
LONDON

GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2018
BUILDING RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS:
MAY 23-25 - LONDON
### GDF Impact

#### 2008-2017

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#### Representation

- 48% Asia
- 27% North America
- 19% Europe
- 04% Africa
- 02% Others

#### Participation

- Governments
- Philanthropists
- Nonprofit Executives
- Financial Institutions
- Academia & Think Tanks
- Innovation & Technology Hubs

- Multilateral Donors
- Philanthropy Advisors
- Endowment & Trust Funds
- Grantmaking Foundations
- Socially Conscious Corporations
- Social Investors & Entrepreneurs
“Any attempt to achieve human development is bound to be incomplete and unbalanced, unless it accommodates the dual dimension of the human being, by attending to his material as well as spiritual needs.”

His Majesty King Mohammed VI
Leading Guest Speakers*

President Jimmy Carter
President Jorge F. Sampaio
President Recep Tayyip Erdogan
President Ashraf Ghani
Prime Minister Abdullah A. Badawi
Prime Minister Najib Razaq
Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Tony Blair
Prime Minister Victor-Viorel Ponta
Vice President M. Jusuf Kalla
Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, SG-OIC
Dr. Abdulaziz Altwaijri, DG-ISESCO
Senator John Kerry
Minister Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi
Minister Ahmad A. Al Mari
Minister Atta-ur- Rahman
Minister Dr. Awa Marie Coll-Seck
Minister Nimet Cubukcu
Minister Shahid Malik
UN Envoy Tom Arnold
UN Envoy Raymond Chambers
Tunku Zain Al-Abidin Muhriz
Shaykh Hamza Yusuf

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HRH Banderi Abdul Rahman Al Faisal
HRH Prince Turki bin Talal bin Abdul Aziz
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HE Dr. Sheikha Aisha bint Faleh Al Thani
HE Sheikh Sultan Bin Tahnoon Al Nahyan
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HRH Princess Maha bint Abdul Aziz
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Dr. Mohammed G. A. Al Maadid
Dr. Shamsh Kassim Lakha
Engr. Mohammed bin Ali Al Hedfa
Mr. Arif M. Naqvi
Mr. Abdul Kadir Konukoglu
Mr. Youssou N’dour
Mr. Amr Khaled

* Past Forums – Partial List
Leading Sponsors & Knowledge Partners*

Academy of Philanthropy
Abbott Fund
Albayrak Group
Al Faleh Group
Alwaleed Philanthropies
Arab Foundations Forum
ASSAIF
Association of Muslim Nonprofit Professionals
Awakening Records
Bank Muamalat
City, University of London
Center on Muslim Philanthropy
Dubai Cares
El-Hibri Foundation
Emirates Foundation for Philanthropy
Finocracy
Hayat Saglik Vakfi
INCEIF
International Humanitarian City Dubai
ISESCO
Islamic Development Bank Group
John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy
King Khalid Foundation
KPMG
Lilly Family School of Philanthropy
London School of Economics
Mercator Fund
Mercy Mission
Muslim World Science Initiative
NASDAQ
National Zakat Foundation
Nonprofit Empowerment Group
Organization of Islamic Cooperation
Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy
Qatari Diar Investment Group
Qatar Foundation - Reach Out to Asia
Scheherazade Foundation
Silatech
Sir John Cass Business School, Centre for Charity Effectiveness
Social Action Consortium
St. Andrews University
The Islamic Reporting Initiative (IRI)
The Office of Civil Society
The Unity Initiative
United Nations
Vakif Bank
World Bank

* Past Forums – Partial List
Leading Participating Organizations*

Abraaj Capital
Aga Khan Development Network
Albukhary International University
American Refugee Committee
Al Rajhi Foundation
Alwaleed Bin Talal Foundation
American University in Cairo
Arab Foundations Forum
Arab Fund for Arts & Culture
Arab Human Rights Fund
Arab Science and Technology Fdn.
Atheeb Group
Atlantic Philanthropies
Awqaf South Africa
Baden Amil Zakat Nasional
Bank Muamalat
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Brookings Doha Center
Carter Foundation
Chronicle of Philanthropy
CIMB Islamic
Coexist Foundation
DFID
Dubai Cares
Earth Institute
El-Hibri Foundation
Emirates Foundation for Philanthropy
European Foundation Center
Exxon Mobil
Foreign & Commonwealth Off of UK
Generation for Peace
Gerhart Center for Philanthropy
Grameen-Jameel
Hani Qaddumi Foundation
Harvard University
Hassad Food
Indiana University
INCEIF
International AIDS Vaccine Initiative
International Humanitarian City
IsDB, ISFD, ICD
John Hopkins University
KAUST Foundation
King Khalid Foundation
London School of Economics (LSE)
Madinah Institute for Leadership
Makhzoumi Foundation
Marafie Foundation
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
Mentor Arabia Foundation
Mercator Fund
MBR Al Maktoum Foundation
Microsoft Arabia
Nonprofit Empowerment Group
OIC, ISESCO, ICYF, SESRIC
Oxford University
Paglas Group
Pakistan Center for Philanthropy
Pepsico Foundation
Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz Fund
Qatar Foundation International
Qatar Red Crescent Society
Qattan Foundation
Reach Out to Asia
Religions for Peace
Sabanci Vakfi
Sani Konukoglu Foundation
Schwab Foundation
Silatech
Sir John Cass Business School
TUSEV
The Global Fund
The World Bank, IFC
Tony Blair Faith Foundation
UBS AG
U.S. Department of State, USAID
UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNESCO,
WFP, WHO, IDRC, UNAOC
Vehbi Koc Vakfi
Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Fdn.

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“One of the great principles of Islam, in all interpretations, is the elimination of poverty in society, and philanthropy’s centrality in this duty.”

His Highness The Aga Khan
The World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists is a global network of affluent individuals, foundations, and socially responsible corporations dedicated to advance efficient and accountable giving. WCMP is a unique catalyst for partnership across public, private, and social sectors, offering information and resources to link donors with social investment opportunities. As a trusted broker of collaborative relationships, WCMP mobilizes financial and human resources to confront social needs and advance strategic philanthropy.

**Vision**

The World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists envisions a peaceful, equitable, and sustainable world, generously endowed by ethical, inclusive, and effective philanthropy.

**Philosophy**

Driven by the compassion that is intrinsic in Islamic values, Muslims should reach out to the destitute and oppressed, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, or religious belief.

**Mission**

The World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists is committed to advance strategic giving by leveraging the most effective use of knowledge, wealth, and influence among Muslim philanthropists. It aims to build a culture of enduring engagement where Muslim donors collaborate with each other, and emerge as a significant, distinctive and vital component of the global philanthropic community.
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