GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2018
Building Resilient Ecosystems:
Philanthropy’s Response to Inequality and Societal Tensions
SEPTEMBER 10-12 | LONDON
Today, there are an estimated 1.6 billion Muslims constituting 23% of the world’s population. They live across the continents and contribute substantially to the world economy. They are also significant players in the social sector, whereby, developing nonprofits that address human services and social needs or creating charitable foundations that are distributing financial resources at an unprecedented level. Within this group, there is a potentially enormous resource base on which philanthropies can build new initiatives to advance social justice.

Muslim philanthropy is at a crossroad, challenged to build new models of giving while simultaneously refining old methods embedded in vibrant Islamic tradition. The foremost challenge in the field is to promote strategic and accountable philanthropy that complements and enhances the generations-old conventional charity, which is often personal and spontaneous. Muslim giving needs to be reexamined and allied with the newly developing era of prosperity and hard-earned stability found in some parts of today's Muslim world. Externally, Muslim Philanthropy is challenged by prejudice, suspicion and negative publicity, thus limiting its ability to fund programs addressing poverty, illiteracy, environmental degradation, and disease.

The necessity to effectively harness resources in order to make a greater impact is compelling. The World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists (WCMP) has long shared the concern that strengthening practices in the Muslim philanthropic sector must be a priority, with a new view to enhancing social justice. Consequently, it is committed to a process of planning and action to achieve lasting change in the field. In pursuit of this agenda, WCMP envisions working in collaboration with the vast array of individuals and institutions that seek to improve the Muslim world and the broader global community. WCMP, therefore, resolves to work towards building and promoting these strategies in the field, accepting its share of responsibility for completion of this work, as well as encouraging and supporting others that can contribute to this endeavor.

“Service to other is like the rent you pay for your room here on earth”

MUHAMMAD ALI
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.

**Initiatives**

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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 a rational debate on issues unique to the Muslim societies and a launching pad for high-impact collaborative initiatives.

The Decade of Discourse
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**GDF Framework**

- **Convening**
- **Innovation**
- **Mapping**
- **Best Practices**

- **GOVERNMENT**
- **GRANT MAKERS**
- **SOCIAL INVESTORS**
- **CORPORATIONS**

- **Transparency**
- **Enabling Environment**
- **Sustainability**
- **Accountability**

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**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
Just as global warming is threatening the environmental ecology of the planet, various forms of extremism—from religious radicalism to populist nationalism—today threaten the peace and cultural ecology of the global village. In spite of the increasing instability around the globe, all is far from doom and gloom. Just as the environmental crisis led to the emergence of novel ideas, approaches and alliances across the globe, the rise of various forms of extremism is yielding a similar effect. New perspectives and innovative strategies are emerging to address the various deficits, gaps, and inequalities—in economics, in knowledge, in access to rights and governance—that drive extremism so as to build greater resilience. The most effective of these developments transcend the well-known, and by now well-worn out, religion-secular, academic activist and government-society divides.

Radicalization, especially in its violent and hate-inspired forms, disrupts social progress and development. Neutralizing radicalism and addressing systemic socioeconomic inequality go hand in hand and should form the basis of a new public narrative and long-term objective for building a peaceful and prosperous world.

The Forum will highlight the rare developments that are proving to be effective in reducing deficits, inequalities, and tensions that fuel extremism. The discourse will pay special focus on the catalytic role of philanthropy in generating frameworks that build trust and confidence among different often clashing worldviews and perspectives.
**AGENDA**

**Monday, September 10th | Day One Proceedings | British Museum**

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Welcome Reception | House of Lords

18:30 - 20:30  
Guest Remarks & Networking | Cholmondeley Room (Terrace Pavilion)

Welcome & Introductions
Prof. Paul Palmer, Chair, Global Donors Forum 2018

Special Guest
The Baroness Barker, Member of the House of Lords

Stimulating the Power of Giving
Farid Senzai, President, Center for Global Policy, Professor of Political Science at Santa Clara University, USA

With Wealth Comes the Great Responsibility
Dr. Tawfique Chowdhury, Founder of Mercy Mission, Australia

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Tuesday, September 11th | Day Two Proceedings | British Museum

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

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10:45 - 11:00  Alliance Dialogue | BP Lecture Theater

Can Philanthropy Prevent Extremism?

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

Guests:
Rashid Dar, Program Officer for Global Strategies, John Templeton Foundation, USA
Zahed Amanullah, Head of Outreach & Networks, ISD Global, UK

11:00 - 11:15  Coffee Break | Foyer

11:15 - 12:15  Parallel Session-I [UK Country Spotlight] BP Lecture Theater

The Evolving State of Muslim Giving in the United Kingdom
Nizam Uddin, Senior Head of Mosaic at the Princes Trust [Chair]
Karl Wilding, Director of Public Policy & Volunteering, NCVO, UK
Tufail Hussain, Deputy Director of Islamic Relief, UK
Shelina Zahra Janmohamed, VP Islamic Marketing at Ogilvy, UK
Samantha May, Leverhulme Trust Early Careers Research Fellow at University of Aberdeen, UK

11:15 - 12:15  Parallel Session-II [Social Investment] Stevenson Lecture Theater

Developing Resilient Organisations through Social Investment
Mark Salway, Mark Salway, Director of Sustainable Finance, Cass Business School, UK [Chair]
Tim Wilson, Principal Grants & Social Investment Officer, City Bridge Trust, UK
Nick Wright, Managing Director, Corporate Responsibility & Community Affairs, UBS, UK
Shenaz Bunglawala, Assistant Director, Aziz Foundation, UK
Lucy Bushill-Mathews, Head of Strategy, Policy & Research, National Zakat Foundation, UK

12:15 - 13:00  Plenary Session [Challenges & Opportunities] BP Lecture Theater

Yunus Sola, Director, Academy of Philanthropy [Moderator]

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 & Group Photo | Foyer
14:00 - 14:45  Plenary Session [Social Cohesion] BP Lecture Theater
Cllr. Saima Ashraf, London Borough of Barking & Dagenham [Moderator]

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]
Sherine El Traboulsi-McCarthy, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), UK
Shazia Amjad, Executive Director, Pakistan Centre for Philanthropy, Pakistan
Michael Mapstone, Director of International, CAF, UK
Pepijn van Dijk, Director, LittleBitz Foundation, Netherlands
Ahmed Al-Alwani, Vice President, International Institute of Islamic Thought, USA

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]
Alex Skailes, Director, Centre for Charity Effectiveness, Cass Business School, UK
Yunus Sola, Director, Academy of Philanthropy, Italy
Tayyab Yunus, President, Center on Muslim Philanthropy, USA
Rasheed Ahmed, Executive Director, Academy of Muslim Nonprofits, USA
Kareman Shoair, Gerhart Center, American University in Cairo, Egypt

14:45 - 15:45  Parallel Session-III Sackler Rooms
Building a Leadership Cohort: How Philanthropy can Promote Religious Literacy?
Emran El-Badawi, International Qur'an Studies Association (IQSA), USA [Chair]
Iqbal Nasim, CEO of National Zakat Foundation, UK
Alba Fedeli, Research Fellow in Theology & Religion, University of Birmingham, UK
Achmat Salie, Director at University of Detroit Mercy, USA

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Hisham A. Hellyer, Senior Nonresident Fellow, Atlantic Council & Royal United Services Institute, United Kingdom

15:45 - 16:00 Coffee Break
16:00 - 16:15 Plenary Session [STI Recognition] BP Lecture Theater
Trendsetters Award

ENGAGE
A digital hub powered by Transform Fund of Islamic Development Bank

Through Engage, the world's developing communities including innovators, SMEs, private sector, NGOs, companies and Governments will benefit from tailored mentoring services, access to financial resources and expert know-how that will help them take their ideas and proposals to an internationally recognized standard. Closely aligned to the SDGs, The Transform Fund is a new $500m fund establish to support science, technology and innovation initiatives that will tackle development challenges globally.

Guest Remarks
Dr. Hayat Sindi, Head of Transform Fund & Senior Advisor to the President of Islamic Development Bank and member of the UN Scientific Advisory Board

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, Head of Operations at British Muslim Trust, UK

Launch of Consultation on the British Muslim Trust

Award Reception | Mansion House
18:00 – 20:30 “Legacy of Philanthropy” Awards
The arrival of Guests & 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

Humanitarian Service Recognition Award & Keynote
H.E. Emine Erdogan, Turkey
On raising attention globally to the plight of Rohingya refugees

Distribution of Awards

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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.

**Guest Remarks**

Dr. Tawfique Chowdhury, Founder of Mercy Mission, Australia

**Framing the Subject**

Mufti Fraz Adam, Darul Fiqh, UK

Iqbal Nasim, CEO of National Zakat Foundation, United Kingdom

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

Ahmed Uddin, Doctoral Candidate, University of Portsmouth, UK

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

Irfan Syauqi Beik, Director, Center of Strategic Studies, BAZNAS, Indonesia

**Domestic Priorities v International Responsibilities**

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

Iqbal Nasim, CEO, National Zakat Foundation, UK

Elnur Salihovic, Islamic Finance Consultant, UNICEF, Switzerland

10:00 - 11:00  Parallel Session-I  BP Lecture Theater  [Knowledge Ecosystem]

Knowledge Stocks and Flows: Ways to Creating and Retaining Talent

Prof. Jenny Harrow, Cass Business School, City, University of London [Chair]

Alex Skailes, Director, Centre for Charity Effectiveness, Cass Business School

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

John Bramwell, Acting Director of Education, British Council, UK

Athar Osama, Founder, Pakistan Innovation Foundation, Pakistan

Kashif Shabir, Strategic Advisor, Euro Charity Trust, UK

Salvatore Nigro, Global Vice President of Education for Employment Foundation, Spain

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

Investing in the Self-Reliance of Migrant & Refugees

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

Jennifer MacCann, Response Innovation Lab, United Kingdom

Helena Barocco, Head, Office of President Jorge Sampaio, Portugal

Tayyaba Khan, Founder, Khadijah Leadership Network, New Zealand

Naila Handosh, Director of Development Taawon, Palestine

Misbah M. Sheikh, Chief of Partnerships Division, UNRWA

11:00 - 11:15  Coffee Break

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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  
Dilnaz Waraich, Trustee, Pillars Fund, 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  
Jawad A. Rahman, Executive Director, Unity Productions Foundation, USA  
Navid Akhtar, Founder & CEO, Alchemiya Media, UK  
Rizwan Wadan, Director of MR HELIX, UK  

12:15 - 13:00  Plenary Session [Perspectives] BP Lecture Theater  
Michael Gassner, Founder, Islamicfinance.de, Switzerland [Moderator]  
**Co-Creating Waqf Models for Community Development**  
**Combining Philanthropy and Best Business Practices**  
Tariq Usmani, Chairman, Better Community Business Network (BCBN), UK  
**Potential MSc in Transnational Philanthropy**  
Peter Grant, Senior Fellow, Cass Business School, UK  

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, Founder, Social Entrepreneurship Specialist, Italy  
Craig Dearden-Phillips MBE, Managing Director of Stepping Out and the Social Club, UK  
Devi Clark, Programme Director, Impact Hub Kings Cross, UK  
James Lloyd, Founder & Co-Director, School Space, UK  

15:15 - 15:30  Coffee Break
Parallel Session-I [Future Technologies] BP Lecture Theater

The role of Blockchain in Improving the Effectiveness of Contemporary Philanthropy

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

Parallel Session-II [Social] Stevenson Lecture Theater

Addressing Systemic and Societal Inequalities

Fozia Irfan, CEO at Beds & Luton Community Foundation, UK [Chair]
Omar Khan, Director at Runnymede Trust, UK
Amir Rizwan, Senior Advisor for Social Investment & Innovation at Comic Relief, UK
Sabah Gilani, CEO, Better Community Business Network, UK
Harris Irfan, Managing Director, European Islamic Investment Bank UK

Parallel Session-III [Crowdsourcing] Sackler Rooms

Establishing the Digital Giving Ecosystem

Riad Hassan, Islamic Development Exchange, USA [Chair]
Amany Killawi, Co-Founder & CEO, LaunchGood, USA
Michael Gassner, Founder, Islamicfinance.de, Switzerland
Mufti Abdul Kadir Barkatulla, Scholar, UK
Khaled Al-Mesri, Director, Wafaa Group, Saudi Arabia
Abbas Aziz, Executive Director, RubriQ, UK

Closing Plenary [Showcasing] BP Lecture Theater

Building Resilient Communities: A Grassroots Approach to Empowerment

Resilience building is an essential dynamic in the development of empowered and sustainable communities. This presentation aims to explore the fundamentals of best practice and share proven models for community empowerment based on three decades of experience in grassroots community engagement and public service delivery. Key themes include, understanding the socio-political context of community development, socio-economic challenges, socio-economic empowerment strategies and tackling social issues such as extremism, radicalisation, Islamaphobia and other social ills.

Edgar L. Bullecer, CEO, The Paglas Group, Philippines [Chair]
Ashfaq Siddique, Trustee, Global Donors Forum, UK [Presenter]

Note of Thanks

Tariq Cheema, Founder, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists
Consultative Roundtables [Invitation-only]

Tuesday, September 11th

11:00 - 13:00  Consultative Roundtable-I | The British Museum | Sackler 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
Tariq Cheema, Founder, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists

Wednesday, September 12th

11:00 - 13:00  Consultative Roundtable-II | The British Museum | Sackler 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.

A follow up workshop was held at the GDF 2016 in Istanbul in which consultation took place on a proposed short course to build "Resilience against
Radicalisation. With the feedback and suggestions from this workshop in hand, this short course became the centerpiece of a two year project to counter radicalization among university and madrassah students.

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, Program Officer for Global Strategies at the John Templeton Foundation, USA
Junaid Akhtar, NAML College, Mianwali, Pakistan
Rehman ur Rauf, Acacia Education Foundation, Pakistan

There is general agreement that we don’t know as much as we’d like to know about Muslim philanthropy, a phenomenon broadly defined as giving ‘of any kind, which involves self-identifying Muslim individuals, institutions, communities, and societies as key agents’.

This lack of knowledge is remarkable given that Muslims comprise almost a quarter of the world’s population, and give around $1 trillion per year according to some estimates. It’s also a huge missed opportunity in the view of our guest editors, Tariq Cheema and Yunus Sola. [Charles Keidan, Editor, Alliance]