

# 2006 U.S.-Islamic World Forum

“Leaders Effect Change”

Doha, Qatar, February 18–20, 2006

## Program Schedule

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### Friday, February 17, 2006

**14:00**      **Press Briefing \***  
**Goals of the U.S.-Islamic World Forum**

**LOCATION:** AL-MUKHTASAR

**SPEAKERS:**

Peter W. Singer, *Director, Project on U.S. Policy Towards the Islamic World, Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, United States*

Mohammed Abdullah Mutib Al Rumaihi, *Assistant Foreign Minister for Follow Up Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Qatar*

- What does the Forum hope to accomplish?
- Who will be attending?
- What will be discussed?

### Saturday, February 18, 2006

**10:00**      **Registration and Task Force Sign Up**  
**LOCATION:** RITZ-CARLTON LOBBY

**12:00**      **Welcome Luncheon**  
**LOCATION:** AL-MUKHTASAR

**14:00**      **Leaders Briefing \***  
**Perceptions and Reality: The Latest from Public Opinion Polling**  
**LOCATION:** AL-MUKHTASAR

**CHAIR:**

Shibley Telhami, *Professor, University of Maryland; Senior Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, United States*

**OPENING SPEAKERS:**

David Brooks, *Columnist, The New York Times, United States*

Khalil Shikaki, *Director, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research*

Daniel Yankelovich, *Chairman, Public Agenda; Viewpoint Learning, Inc., United States*

- What does the data show about public beliefs and perceptions?
- Are there key misperceptions?
- What issues do the public want leaders to focus on?

**18:30**      **Opening Gala \***  
**The State of U.S.-Muslim World Relations**

**LOCATION:** AL-WOSAIL

**WELCOME ADDRESS:**

Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabr Al-Thani, *First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qatar*

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Martin Indyk, *Director, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, United States*

**OPENING SPEAKERS:**

Syed Hamid Albar, *Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia*

Sheikh Khalid bin Ahmad bin Mohamad al-Khalifa, *Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bahrain*

Karen Hughes, *Undersecretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, United States*

Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, *Secretary General, The Organization of the Islamic Conference*

\*indicates open to the media

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- With the five year anniversary of the 9-11 attacks coming up, where do matters stand now in broader U.S.-Muslim world relations?
- Where do we want to be five years from now?
- What are the key challenges that we must solve to reach this vision?

**20:00**     **Dinner for Forum Attendees,  
Followed by Leaders Roundtable 1  
The Greater Middle East Five Years  
After 9-11, Five Years Forward**

**LOCATION: AL-MUKHTASAR**

**CHAIR:**

Martin Indyk, *Director, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, United States*

**OPENING SPEAKERS:**

Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani, *First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qatar*

Abdullah Abdullah, *Foreign Minister, Afghanistan*

Marwan Muasher, *Former Deputy Prime Minister, Jordan*

Edward Djerejian, *Director, James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University, United States*

Eyad Sarraj, *Chair, Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizen's Rights*

- What are the various visions of what the Greater Middle East would look like five years from now?
- What are the key opportunities and challenges faced for the future?
- What actions are called for from outside leaders and organizations?

## Sunday, February 19, 2006

**9:00**     **Leaders Task Force Session 1  
Setting the Stage**

*Note: Leaders select which Task Force they will join for duration of the Forum*

**1) Security Task Force**

**LOCATION: AL-WOSAIL 1**

**CO-CHAIRS:**

Stephen Cohen, *Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution, United States*

Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, *Chairman and CEO, Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia*

**OPENING SPEAKERS:**

Hassan Al Ansari, *Director, Gulf Center of Strategic Studies, Qatar*

Asad Durrani, *Former Director-General, Inter-Services Intelligence; Former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Pakistan*

Robert Kagan, *Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Columnist, Washington Post, United States*

Rami Khouri, *Editor, The Daily Star, Jordan*

Ron Lehman, *Director, Center for Global Security Research, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, United States*

Carlos Pascual, *Vice President and Director of Foreign Policy Studies, The Brookings Institution, United States*

Amina Rasul-Bernardo, *Convenor, Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy, Philippines*

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- What would an ideal security architecture look like five years from now? Are there models that can be aimed at?
- What are the prerequisites for better dealing with the security challenges presented by internal conflicts and linked outside interventions?
- What are the pending crises in trans-border issues that can be identified over the horizon and what can be done to avoid/solve them?
- What can leaders do to spur the creation of a security relationship that is more conducive to the forces of progress than the forces of radicalism?

### **2) Youth and Development Task Force -- Developed in Partnership with the International Youth Foundation**

**LOCATION: AL-WOSAIL 2**

#### **CO-CHAIRS:**

L. Michael Hager, *President Education for Employment Foundation, United States*

Saleha Abedin, *Vice-Dean of Academic Affairs, Dar Al-Hekma College, Saudi Arabia*

#### **COORDINATOR:**

Awais Sufi, *Director of Business Development, International Youth Foundation, United States*

#### **OPENING SPEAKERS:**

Soumia Belaidi Malinbaum, *CEO, Specimen, Algeria/France*

Robert Davidson, *Training and Development Officer for USAID/Egypt, U.S. Agency for International Development, United States*

Adrian Godfrey, *Director, Corporate Social Responsibility, Cisco Systems Inc., United States*

Musa Hitam, *Chairman, Kumpulan Guthrie; Former Deputy Prime Minister, Malaysia*

Imran Riffat, *Financial Controller, The Synergos Institute, United States*

Toni G. Verstandig, *Senior Policy Advisor, Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation, United States*

- What are the various visions for solving youth, development and employment concerns in the five years ahead, especially those heightened by demographic pressures?
- What are the prerequisites required to create a positive environment for investment?
- What education reforms are needed to produce a skilled workforce capable of meeting the needs of global business? How can business leverage its strength to push for real reform?
- What methods of public-private partnerships are available to facilitate such reforms? What examples are available to emulate?

### **3) Governance and Reform Task Force**

**LOCATION: AL-WOSAIL 3**

#### **CO-CHAIRS:**

Saad Eddin Ibrahim, *Chairman, Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies, Egypt*

Shibley Telhami, *Professor, University of Maryland; Senior Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, United States*

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### OPENING SPEAKERS:

Gamal Al-Banna, *Fawziyya and Gamal El-Banna Foundation for Islamic Culture and Information, Egypt*

Sadig al-Mahdi, *President, National Umma Party; Former Prime Minister of Sudan*

Khurshid Ahmad, *Chairman, Insititute of Policy Studies, Pakistan*

Hossam Badrawi, *Former Chairman, People's Assembly Education, Scientific Research Committee, Egypt*

Steven Cook, *Douglas Dillon Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, United States*

Marwan Muasher, *Former Deputy Prime Minister, Jordan*

Jillian Schwedler, *Assistant Professor, University of Maryland; Chair, Middle East Research and Information Project, United States*

- . What is the role of governments and outsiders in reform?
- . Where are the lines of agreement and disagreement in the various reform visions?
- . What is the role of Islamist political parties in reform efforts?
- . Looking ahead, where would we like to be in reform five years from now?

10:30 Coffee and Pastries Break

11:00 Leaders Task Force Session 2  
Pathways and Pitfalls  
LOCATION: AL-WOSAIL 1, 2, 3

12:30 Lunch, followed by Leaders Roundtable 2 \*  
Women Leading Change

LOCATION: AL-MUKHTASAR

### CHAIR:

Robin Wright, *Diplomatic Correspondent, The Washington Post; Visiting Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, United States*

### OPENING SPEAKERS:

Sheikha Abdulla Al-Misnad, *President, Qatar University, Qatar*

Benazir Bhutto, *Pakistan's People Party, Former Prime Minister, Pakistan*

Joan Spero, *President, Doris Duke Foundation, United States*

- . How do gender issues link to broader U.S.-Islamic World relations?
- . What are the key challenges for women that must be dealt with in the next five years?
- . Do women leaders lead differently?

14:30 Leaders Seminars

A) Bridging the Divide Muslim Minority Leaders Seminar  
--Developed in partnership with the American Muslim Group on Policy Planning and the Arab-Western Summit of Skills

LOCATION: AL-WOSAIL 1

### CO-CHAIRS:

M.J. Akbar, Editor, *The Asian Age, India*  
Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, *Masjid al-Farah; ASMA Society, United States*

### COORDINATORS:

Hady Amr, *Co-President, Arab Western Summit of Skills, United States*

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Muqtedar Khan, *Professor, University of Delaware; Non Resident Fellow, Saban Center at Brookings, United States*

### **OPENING SPEAKERS:**

Salam al-Marayati, *National Director, Muslim Public Affairs Council, United States*

Hakim El Ghissassi, *Founder and Director, Sézame; La Médina, France*

Iqbal Sacranie, *Secretary General, Muslim Council of Britain, United Kingdom*

- What are the key concerns of Muslim minority communities?
- What is the potential space for Muslim minority communities to assist more positive relations between the U.S. and the wider Muslim world?
- What are the capabilities within the community that might be better tapped?

### **B) The Media Effect: The U.S.-Islamic World Journalism Leaders Seminar**

**--Developed in Partnership with Shorenstein Center at Harvard University and RAND Corporation**

**LOCATION: AL-WOSAIL 2**

#### **CO-CHAIRS:**

Zafar Siddiqi, *CEO, CNBC Arabiya, UAE*

Margaret Warner, *Senior Correspondent, The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer (PBS), United States*

#### **OPENING SPEAKERS:**

David Aaron, *Director, RAND Center for Middle East Public Policy, United States*

Faisal al Kasim, *Host, Al Jazeera, Qatar*

Bambang Harymurti, *Editor, Tempo, Indonesia*

Rami Khouri, *Editor, The Daily Star, Jordan*

Eric Larson, *Senior Policy Analyst, RAND, United States*

Carol Saivetz, *Research Associate, Davis Center at Harvard University, United States*

Mohd Annuar Zaini, *Chairman, BERNAMA, Malaysia*

- Do media from the U.S. and Muslim world cover events differently?
- How does the prism of media reporting shape opinion and understanding?
- Do leaders in the media -- in their role as journalists and as public figures -- have a special responsibility to help bridge the chasm of misunderstanding between the U.S. and the Muslim world?

### **C) Technology Partnerships: Science and Technology Leaders Seminar**

**--Developed in partnership with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory**

**LOCATION: AL-WOSAIL 3**

#### **CO-CHAIRS:**

George Atkinson, *Science and Technology Advisor to the Secretary of State, United States*

Mohamed H.A. Hassan, *Executive Director, The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World; President, African Academy of Sciences, Sudan*

#### **COORDINATOR:**

Michael D'Arcy, *Lecturer, King's College, United Kingdom*

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- What are the needs and opportunities for enhanced science and technology cooperation in relations between the U.S. and the broader Muslim world?
- How might technology partnerships assist in dealing with joint socio-economic and political concerns?
- What can be done to stimulate such cooperation? What should be the roles played by the gathered leaders and organizations?

### **D) Arts and the Public Sphere: Arts and Culture Leaders Seminar**

**LOCATION: AL-WOSAIL 4**

#### **CO-CHAIRS:**

Salman Ahmed, *Junoon, Pakistan*

Jane Alexander, *Actress and former Director of the National Endowment for the Arts, United States*

#### **COORDINATOR:**

Cynthia Schneider, *Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy, Georgetown University, United States*

#### **OPENING SPEAKERS:**

Bader ben Hirsi, *Film Director-Felix Films, Yemen*

Nasser D. Khalili, *Founder, The Khalili Collections; Chairman, The Maimonides Foundation, United Kingdom*

Joan Spero, *President, Doris Duke Foundation, United States*

Amy Tan, *Novelist, United States*

Muna Wassef, *Actress and UN Goodwill Ambassador, Syria*

- How does the prism of arts and culture link to politics and popular identity?
- What are the roles and responsibilities of the artist as a public figure?
- How might cultural diplomacy be brought to bear on U.S.-Muslim world relations?

**16:00 Coffee and Pastries Break**

**16:30 Leaders Seminars continued**

**18:30 Leaders Roundtable 3 \*  
Policy, Faith, and Change in an Age of Globalization**

**--Developed in partnership with American University and the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life**

**LOCATION: AL-MUKHTASAR**

#### **CHAIR:**

Akbar Ahmed, *Ibn Khaldun Professor, American University; Visiting Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, United States*

#### **OPENING SPEAKERS:**

H.R.H. Prince Hassan, *Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*

Chris Seiple, *President, Institute for Global Engagement, United States*

Ziad Abu Amr, *Member, Palestinian Legislative Council*

- What forces are defining and redefining the population's relationship with leaders, religion, and politics?
- Do leaders of faith bring a different perspective to issues?
- Who speaks for religion as it pertains to public life, especially in an age of globalization?

**20:00 Social Dinner  
LOCATION: RITZ-CARLTON LAGOON  
COURTYARD**

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### Monday, February 20, 2006

**9:00**      **Leaders Task Force Session 3**  
**Pathways and Pitfalls, continued**  
LOCATION: AL-WOSAIL 1, 2, 3

**10:30**     **Coffee and Pastries Break**  
LOCATION: AL-WOSAIL FOYER

**11:00**     **Leaders Task Force Session 4**  
**Agendas and Conclusions**  
LOCATION: AL-WOSAIL 1, 2, 3

**12:30**     **Closing Lunch, following by**  
**Leaders Roundtable 4 \***  
**Action and Reaction: Moving**  
**Forward**  
LOCATION: AL-MUKHTASAR

**CHAIR:**

Peter W. Singer, *Director, Project on U.S. Policy Towards the Islamic World, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, United States*

**OPENING SPEAKERS:**

Muhammadu Buhari, *All Nigeria People's Party, Former Head of State, Nigeria*

Elmar Mammadayarov, *Foreign Minister, Azerbaijan*

Martin Indyk, *Director, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, United States*

- What have we learned from this Forum?
- What are the next steps for action?

**16:30**      **Youth Outreach Conference Report**  
**The Next Generation: Youth and**  
**the Future of U.S.-Islamic Relations**  
LOCATION: FATEH AL-KHAIR

Video Conference with students from:

- American University, United States
- American University of Beirut, Lebanon
- The Centre Centre d'Education à Distance, Cote d'Ivoire
- George Washington University, United States
- Georgetown University, United States
- The Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan
- Jordan University, Jordan
- Qatar University, Qatar
- Hunter College, United States
- Yale University, United States

**16:30**      **Arts Leaders Outreach Session**  
LOCATION: CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY,  
EDUCATION CITY DOHA