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WELCOME

Welcome and Ahlan Wa Sahlan!

On behalf of the Brookings Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World, housed within the Saban Center for Middle East Policy, we are delighted to welcome you to the 2010 U.S.-Islamic World Forum. Together with the State of Qatar, the Saban Center annually convenes this Forum under the gracious auspices of HRH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, the Emir of Qatar. We salute his vision and leadership in enabling us to come together for three days of thoughtful discussion and transformative dialogue on issues of mutual importance.

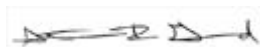
Since our last Forum we have witnessed a significant shift in the dialogue between the United States and global Muslim communities. A new American President has endeavored to set a new and positive tone for engagement, exemplified by his historic remarks in Cairo. Over the next three days we will explore how much has changed and whether this altered discourse has been translated into substantive policy recommendations and programs. In recognizing the need for a sustained civic infrastructure to coordinate and complement the activities of our partners in the non-governmental and private sectors, we have designed a special session this year entitled “Maintaining the Momentum: A Strategy Session to Develop Public and Private Partnerships.”

Whether you are joining us as a policy maker, opinion leader, activist or funder we hope you will find the 2010 forum an opportunity to share your talent with other leaders like yourself to create impact, whether through the working group for which you were invited or through the wider framework of U.S. Muslim global engagement.


Please also join us in taking this opportunity to recognize and thank our partners in this endeavor. This includes the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister for Qatar, HE Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr al-Thani, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for their support. In particular, we also thank HE Mohammad Abdullah Mutib Al-Rumaihi, Assistant Foreign Minister for Follow-Up Affairs, and the entire Permanent Committee for Organizing Conferences staff for their support and dedication in organizing the forum.

If we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to come to our information desk centrally located in the lobby of the Sheraton.

Thank you for joining us. We look forward to meeting you, and together...writing the next chapter.



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2010

7:00PM-9:00PM Registration

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

9:00AM-11:00AM Welcome/Registration

11:00AM-12:30PM *An Introduction to the Goals of the Islamic World Forum and an Opportunity to Meet Your Fellow Conference Participants*

12:45PM-1:45PM Lunch – AL HUBARA RESTAURANT, SHERATON HOTEL

2:00PM-3:30PM *Towards a More Robust U.S.-Muslim Engagement: From Concept to Concrete Outcomes**

3:45PM-4:00PM Break

4:00PM-5:30PM Working Group Sessions

5:30PM-6:00PM Break

6:00PM Dinner and Opening Plenary: *Writing the Next Chapter**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010

9:00AM-10:45AM *A Fresh Start? Has Obama Initiated a New Beginning in Relations with Muslim Communities?**

10:45AM-11:00AM Coffee Break

11:00AM-12:45PM Working Group Sessions

1:00PM-2:00PM Lunch – AL HUBARA RESTAURANT, SHERATON HOTEL

2:15PM-4:15PM Working Group Sessions

2:15PM-4:15PM *Maintaining the Momentum: A Strategy Session to Develop Public and Private Partnerships (Special Session)*

4:30PM Offsite Dinner and Excursion

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010

9:00AM-10:45AM *Fragile States: Shared Challenges to Ensuring Regional Stability**

10:45AM-11:00AM Coffee Break

11:00AM-12:30PM Working Group Sessions

12:45PM-1:45PM Lunch – AL HUBARA RESTAURANT, SHERATON HOTEL

2:00PM-3:00PM Working Group Sessions

3:30PM-4:45PM *Communicating the Results: Working Group Presentations**

5:00PM-7:00PM Closing Remarks and Farewell Reception

*Open to the media

SESSIONS IN DETAIL



DATE/TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
Saturday 11:00AM-12:30PM	<i>An Introduction to the Goals of the Islamic World Forum and an Opportunity to Meet Your Fellow Conference Participants</i>	AL-MAHA MEETING ROOM
Saturday 2:00PM-3:30PM	<p><i>Towards a More Robust U.S.-Muslim Engagement: From Concept to Concrete Outcomes</i></p> <p>This session will highlight governmental and non-governmental efforts to build partnerships between the United States and Muslim communities. How do we define engagement and move from dialogue toward enduring impact, sounder policies and sustainable programs and initiatives. What are concrete examples of this?</p>	AL-MAHA MEETING ROOM
Sunday 9:00AM-10:45AM	<p><i>A Fresh Start? Has Obama Initiated a New Beginning in Relations with Muslim Communities?</i></p> <p>In his historic Cairo address, President Obama sought to create a new beginning in relations with the global Muslim community—a relationship based on mutual respect and the pursuit of mutual interests. Has the President succeeded and has the substance of U.S. foreign policy actually changed? A centerpiece of the speech was that the U.S. would reengage in the Arab-Israeli peace process. Has the U.S. made any progress toward a final resolution of the conflict? This session will address both the administration's approach to the Arab-Israeli conflict and broader U.S. foreign policy affecting global Muslim communities.</p>	SALWA BALLROOM
Sunday 2:15PM-4:15PM	<p><i>Maintaining the Momentum: A Strategy Session to Develop Public and Private Partnerships (Invited Participants Only)</i></p> <p>The goal of this special session is to catalyze ideas into action, so as to create a civic infrastructure for partnerships between U.S. and global Muslim communities. Select representatives from foundations, businesses and governments will come together to share information, identify sources of financial support and encourage collaborations. By outlining present initiatives, activities and future areas of emphasis, assembled public and private stakeholders will identify areas of strength and complementarities, in addition to examining the possibilities for future partnerships. We will also examine metrics for evaluating progress and success as we prepare for the 2011 U.S.-Islamic Forum in Washington, D.C.</p>	AL RAYYAN ROOM
Monday 9:00AM-10:45AM	<p><i>Fragile States: Shared Challenges to Ensuring Regional Stability</i></p> <p>Weak states pose a threat to the security and stability of many parts of the Muslim world. This session will examine the causes of state weakness, its domestic and regional consequences and potential policy responses. How do the volatile internal dynamics of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, and Yemen affect regional stability and unity and what can be done about it?</p>	SALWA BALLROOM
Monday 3:30PM-4:45PM	<p><i>Communicating the Results: Working Group Presentations</i></p> <p>This session will allow the working group conveners to present the key findings of their session with a focus on recommendations for policymakers and private sector funders.</p>	AL MAHA MEETING ROOM
Monday 5:00PM-7:00PM	<i>Closing Remarks and Farewell Reception</i>	SALWA BALLROOM

WORKING GROUPS



Role of Religious Leaders and Religious Communities in Diplomacy

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Recent incidents such as the Swiss referendum, the Geert Wilders video, and the Danish cartoon controversy have demonstrated the renewed role that religion plays in foreign policy. Religious leaders and the communities they serve have the capacity either to temper or exacerbate disputes that arise as a result of religious or cultural differences, helping determine whether they remain localized or—in a world of instant communications—spiral rapidly into more global foreign policy conflicts. Religious leaders and networks have also played important roles in halting ethnic violence, fostering reconciliation within states and making significant humanitarian and development contributions in communities. This working group examines both the potential and limits on the role religious leaders and communities can play in diplomacy and seeks to build partnerships among religious leaders for this purpose.

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Democracy and Islamic Parties: Opportunities and Challenges

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Throughout the Muslim world, Islamic parties are playing a major role in national politics. Often lumped together with organizations that use Islam in violent struggles and mistakenly tied to terrorism and intolerance, Islamic parties tend to be wrongly pegged as “undemocratic” and “extremist.” Few link Islamic parties with democracy and recognize the crucial role many of these parties play in representation, governance and the promotion of rights. This panel will bring together representatives from Islamic parties and the Western world to discuss how these parties engage in democratic processes and the challenges they face in doing so. The aim of the discussion is to start a dialogue with Islamic parties over their potential role in strengthening democracy as well as to promote a better understanding of how their participation in national and international politics is evolving.

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Transformative Partnerships in U.S.-Muslim World Relations: Empowering Networks for Community Development and Social Change

CONVENER

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Muslim populations around the world consistently define their chief priorities and concerns in relation to issues such as development, justice, and economic security. This working group will bring together thought leaders, community organizers, and foundations from the United States and the Muslim world to identify areas of mutual interest and begin designing actionable programs that emphasize sustainable community development and social innovation. Seeking to harness the appetite for social transformation among young people in the United States and the Muslim world, the workshop will build a network of change leaders, allowing them to share their experiences and explore new collaborations. The workshop will have two main areas of focus: developing ways to foster greater involvement in community development, and exploring the transformative potential of innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology to both address inequalities and support existing community networks. Concrete deliverables will include recommendations for specific programs and initiatives as well as a set of best practice guidelines for designing transformative social networks.

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Scientific, Intellectual and Governance Cooperation on Emerging Environmental Challenges

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The working group will bring together scientists, engineers, educators, economists and entrepreneurs, technical subject experts, experts in science policy and governance, and observers and analysts of politics and of philosophical and intellectual trends. The group will identify the principal economic, social and natural challenges posed by environmental change, and their principal causes (demographic, economic, and social). It will consider the availability of scientific and other intellectual resources and institutions relevant to these, and will discuss existing and potential cooperation, among sectors and disciplines and at the regional, inter-regional and global levels. The workshop will identify, consolidate and expand existing networks, and foster creation of additional ones. We will emphasize integral multi-disciplinary approaches to economic, social and environmental trends.

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New Media to Further Global Engagement

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This working group will explore opportunities for expanding the instruments available to foreign policy-makers to engage weak states. Fragmented and internally-conflicted states can be difficult to influence by traditional foreign policy means and further can be difficult to understand through traditional media outlets. New models of civil society action enabled by new media—and more broadly grounded civic media—show potential for reducing internal conflict and promoting social trust among tribal, ethnic, and religious groups. Bringing new media communications together with model civil society programs creates more powerful opportunities to enhance understanding of these internal conflicts and thereby address them in ways that will help accelerate social and political change. We will accomplish this by identifying tools in any media that can foster or enhance civic engagement through case studies that span the globe. This working group will create policy recommendations on how best to employ civic media, as well as new media information technology communication tools, to harness the muted voices of civil societies to be active partners in promoting foreign policy objectives by working for economic, social, and political reform.

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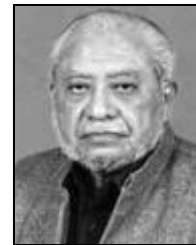


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Abdul Aziz bin Ali Al Nuaimi

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John Bryson Chane
UNITED STATES

The Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane serves a diverse diocese in the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland as the Episcopal Bishop of Washington. He is President and CEO of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation which oversees the operation of Washington National Cathedral. A graduate of Boston University and the Berkeley Center at Yale Divinity School, he has received honorary doctorates from Virginia Theological Seminary, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale and Episcopal Divinity School. Prior to his election as bishop, he served as Dean of Saint Paul's Cathedral, San Diego, California. Before that he served parishes in New Jersey, and Massachusetts and was Canon Pastor of Saint Paul's Cathedral, Erie, Pennsylvania.



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Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has been the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey since March 2003. He is also the Chairman of the Justice and Development Party, which has held the majority of seats in the Par-

liament since 2002. Since coming to power, Mr. Erdoğan and his party have implemented economic reforms that have helped increase per capita annual income and reduce the public debt in Turkey. In addition to economic reforms, many credit the Erdoğan government with reforming other aspects of the government and modernizing the country. Further, Mr. Erdoğan has received many accolades for his role in promoting peace between cultures and recently won the King Faisal International Prize for "service to Islam" from the King Faisal Foundation. Before his current role as Prime Minister, Mr. Erdoğan served as the Mayor of Istanbul from 1994 until 1998.



Ambassador Nabil Fahmy
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Ambassador Fahmy is the founding Dean of the School of Public Affairs at the American University in Cairo. He is also the Chair of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies' Middle

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Jeffrey D. Feltman
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Ambassador Jeffrey Feltman was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs on August 18, 2009. A career member of the Foreign Service since 1986, Ambassador Feltman served

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Council, he was Advisor to Indonesia's Minister of the Environment/President of the 13th Conference of Parties (CoP13), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Bali, Indonesia, in 2007. Before joining the government he served as Executive Director of KEHATI—the Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation. Ismid Hadad currently serves as Chair of the Governing Board of KEHATI. He is also Chair of the Executive Board of the Indonesian Foundation for Sustainable Development (YPB) and Chair of the Association of Philanthropy Indonesia, as well as in the Supervisory Board of LP3ES, Indonesia's think tank institute for socio-economic and community based development. Ismid Hadad studied

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Junaid Jamshed
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After spending 16 years in the limelight as a world-renowned music artist from Pakistan, Junaid Jamshed bid farewell to music in 2003 following a spiritual reawakening as a result of his involvement with the *Tablighi Jamaat*. Jamshed's musical instinct has now found an alternative mode of expression in his career as a *nasheed* (spiritual recitals) artist. It is in this genre that he feels music has the power to be both constructive and, consequently, transformative. Jamshed has released five albums to date. The first, *Jalwa-e-Jaanan*, represents his quest to explore the perfection of the Prophet Mohammad (Peace Be Upon Him) as a model to be emulated. In *Mehboob-e-Yazdaan*, Jamshed

explores why Prophet Mohammad (Peace Be Upon Him) was so beloved to Allah. The third album titled *Badrud-Duja* enumerates the blessings of Prophet Mohammad (Peace Be Upon Him) on humanity. *Badi-uz-Zaman* celebrates the one and only. In *Rahmatul-lil-Alameen*, Jamshed narrates Prophet Mohammad's (Peace Be Upon Him) journey as a beloved Messenger of Allah who transformed the world and highlights how forgetfulness of his teachings has proved to be disastrous for the Muslim Ummah.



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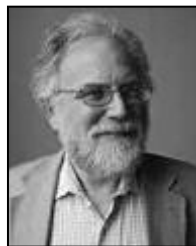


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The Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World is a major research program housed within the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. The project conducts high-quality public policy research, and convenes policy makers and opinion leaders on the major issues surrounding the relationship between the United States and the Muslim world. The Project seeks to engage and inform policymakers, practitioners, and the broader public on developments in Muslim countries and communities, and the nature of their relationship with the United States. Together with the affiliated Brookings Doha Center in Qatar, it sponsors a range of events, initiatives, research projects, and publications designed to educate, encourage frank dialogue, and build positive partnerships between the United States and the Muslim world. The Project has several interlocking components:

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