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PRESENTATION

The **World Islamic Forum (WIF)**, led by the **Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies (TASAM)**, is a global organization which gathers representatives of member countries of the **Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)**, opinion leaders from the Islamic world, think tanks and non-governmental organizations within the frame of multi-dimensional issues and strategically contributes to the deepening of common agenda and socio-economic integration.

The First Forum Meeting was conducted in 2010 in Istanbul by the OIC in cooperation with TASAM. With the declaration accepted at the end of the first Forum, the **Islamic Think Tanks' Platform (ISTTP)** was established to bring together knowledge and experiences of think tanks of the Islamic countries to activate joint communication and cooperation opportunities. Under various topics, each year Forum Meetings were held in different cities such as Istanbul, Baku, Cairo, Bagdad, Islamabad and Yezd by the ISTTP. With the declaration adopted at the end of the 6th Forum Meeting which was conducted in 2015 in Islamabad, it has been decided to change activity's title to the World Islamic Forum (**WIF**) to make it more inclusive. The WIF aims to develop political, scientific, economic and cultural cooperation in order to contribute maintaining global peace, democracy and stability, by increasing interaction within the Islamic world. It has a reference mentality which explains Islam as a religion that refuses terror and extremism, and that defends to be peaceful, tolerant and balanced.

During the Forum and its Wise Persons' Meetings, the **WIF** decided to determine and reward individuals and institutions who strengthen Islamic world's vision, depth and integration. Thus, the **Islamic World Istanbul Awards** began to be given annually in the categories such as; state, diplomacy, business, science, culture, art, technology, strategy, sports and public diplomacy. The First Awards Ceremony was made during the 6th World Islamic Forum Meeting in Pakistan in 2015. The Second Awards Ceremony took place within the World Muslim Women Summit in Malaysia in 2016.



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OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of **Islamic World Istanbul Awards** which aim to determine and reward those who have contributed to our Islamic identity and unity in the fields such as **state, diplomacy, business, science, culture, art, technology, strategy, sports, public diplomacy** in Islamic World; are as follows:

- Increasing the prestige of Islamic World and its people
- Strengthening Islamic identity and culture; promoting Islamic culture to the world
- Maintaining solidarity and brotherhood among Muslims who are located around the world
- Promoting the finest artworks of Islamic culture all around the world
- Paving the way for scientific initiatives and technological advancements in Islamic World
- Providing basis for innovation and new perspectives
- Contributing to the development of Islamic World particularly in politics and economy
- Supporting the works of art and products that are related to Islamic culture
- Encouraging talented people who can represent Muslim identity at international platforms
- Providing Muslims to share their experiences and knowledge who are located around the world
- Gathering the positive values of Muslim people under a strong organization
- Becoming a worldwide known and prestigious award ceremony



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CATEGORIES

Istanbul “State” Award

This award will be granted to honor statesmen and their countries that have contributed to the socioeconomic integration in Islamic World.

Istanbul “Special” Award

This award that is limited to one name each year will be granted to honor persons or institutions that have contributed to the Islamic World via strategic mission.

Istanbul “Diplomacy” Award

This award will be granted to honor diplomats and diplomatic institutions that have contributed to the socioeconomic integration in Islamic World.

Istanbul “Business” Award

This award will be granted to honor successful businessmen and companies that have contributed to the socioeconomic integration in Islamic World.

Istanbul “Science” Award

This award will be granted to encourage and honor scientists and scientific institutions that have prepared Islamic World to the necessities of the time and have contributed to the creation of a vision in Islamic World with their scientific studies.

Istanbul “Culture” Award

This award will be granted to encourage and honor cultural representatives and institutions that have contributed to the development of Islamic World’s cultural vision in the international arena.



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Istanbul “Art” Award

This award will be granted to honor and encourage successful artists and institutions that have contributed to the expansion of Islamic Aesthetics Style globally with their works of art.

Istanbul “Technology” Award

This Award will be granted to successful researchers, inventors and institutions that have contributed to the technological advancement of humanity with their technical innovative studies and inventions.

Istanbul “Strategy” Award

This award will be granted to honor and encourage bureaucrats, statesmen, politicians and institutions that have contributed to the strategic vision of Islamic political sphere and have carried Islamic World to the future with their successful decisions, activities and policies.

Istanbul “Sports” Award

This award will be granted to honor and encourage successful sportsmen that have made name for themselves in both regional and global scales in Islamic World.

Istanbul “Public Diplomacy” Award

This award will be granted to honor journalists and institutions that have contributed to socioeconomic integration in Islamic World.



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RUDIMENTS

Award Council

An Award Council will be established with the participation and consultation of ISTTP Wise Persons Council and all of its bodies and institutional partners. The consultation process will be conducted by Office of Secretary General of ISTTP and with least bureaucracy and highest contribution; high participation will be tried to maintain. Latest technological communication opportunities will be used at maximum level during management of this process within ISTTP Network.

Determination of Nominees

As particular persons and institutions can be nominated by all partners; also with surveys and nominations from outside of ISTTP and Think Tanks Forum of the OIC Countries, a candidate list can be prepared. In case of necessity; the opinions of universities and scientific intuitions can be taken into consideration. While determining the nominees; elected representatives can conduct interviews with nominees.

Determination of Rudiments

ISTTP Wise Persons Board will meet before and after every Forum and make evaluation in order to determine the nominees, categories and the quality of the awards. The awards will be granted to the nominees within the agenda of the Forum ever year.

Quality of the Awards

Awards will be granted as specially designed objects and certificates.

Principles with Regards to Granting Awards

ISTTP is a peaceful international organization which puts emphasis on economic, social, scientific and cultural cooperation and adopts a realistic, consistent and **humane globalization** phenomenon under **the theme of solidarity and brotherhood**.



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In the Islamic perspective; ISTTP which is based upon the freedom of speech and thought; is **being scientific and objective** with regards to Islamic Istanbul Awards as it is in all other activities.

Islamic World Istanbul Awards which will be organized in order for **protection, development, integration and promotion of Islamic identity and culture**; will be granted to those who have contributed to Islamic World based upon their qualifications.

In every category, as one or more than one persons may be granted with awards; also in the following years one or more than one categories may be removed from the ceremony.

An Award can be granted to the individual only once; but he/she can be nominated or granted with awards in different categories at different times.

FINANCING

A fund will be created for Islamic World Istanbul Awards. This fund will be sponsored by governmental agencies, civic institutions, businessmen, companies and institutions from Islamic World, especially member countries of the OIC.

The fund will be consist of financial support from Islamic Countries and aid from businessmen, companies and citizens of Islamic World and revenues from events that are related to Islamic World.