

# WORLD MUSLIM YOUTH SUMMIT AND EXHIBITION



## Youth Strategy for Power and Justice Building



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## VISION PAPER

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## “Youth Strategy for Power and Justice Building”

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“Muslim Youth Strategy” is an important social variable and determinant which concerns not only young people but also the family, institutions, and everyone in society and it has also effects on present and the future. Youth should be seen as a unique group requiring attention because of their vulnerability and exposition to be abused during the most important time of their lives. Young people should be accepted as a dynamic human resource and positive power that will have a role in the construction of the future.

In order to introduce fundamental values for the development of Muslim youth, to set targets, to ensure cooperation and coordination between all relevant institutions/organizations with improving youth programs and determining priorities, we need an active and eligible Muslim youth strategy.

The **vision** of “Muslim Youth Strategy” is to provide opportunities and to establish ground where Muslim youth can truly realize their own potentials and personalities with having global and human values, respectful to the society, a sense of social belonging, active participation in social life, consciousness on fundamental rights and freedom. They are also to be committed to Islamic values, informed, self-confident, active and enterprising and at a level to compete with others in the international arena.

### Objectives of “Muslim Youth Strategy” are:

- To place the perception of Muslim youth on a correct ground.
- To identify the needs, expectations and concerns of Muslim youth.





- To determine institutions and organizations working on Muslim youth to ensure cooperation and coordination among them.
- To provide necessary support and encouragement in order to enable and to strengthen the activities of NGOs in the field of Muslim youth.
- To use resources that fully contributes to the development of Muslim youth.
- To develop awareness of Muslim Youth as members of the Muslim Ummah.
- To enhance their potentials by taking into consideration the needs of diverse young groups of different cultures.

The “Youth Strategy” is formed with a view to making the Youth understand their needs and abilities in bringing peace, development, social and economic growth at community and national levels. It is based on the values of Islam and principles of human rights, economic and social justice, social moral, solidarity with patriotic sentiment and national development. Today’s youth is the future leaders of every country. It necessitates the development of a strategy to empower through making them realize of their potentials. Development and positive changes of young Muslims will lead to the progress and development of Muslim communities. This depends on the education of youth. Each Muslim community should attempt to utilize youth energy for sustainable development and progress of the Muslim Ummah at large.

“Youth Strategy” is designed as the main theme to serve the following purposes:

- To consider youth as an important group for the development and poverty reduction.
- To identify fundamental needs of youth and to provide legal and strategic guidelines for sustainable youth development.
- To strengthen coordination between various governmental, non-governmental organizations engaged in youth related issues.
- Planning and implementation of programs and attempts regarding Youth.





- To provide opportunities to participate in the political, social and cultural arena with reviving their ideas of social, national and Ummah level.
- To build up strong economical basements to meet their needs.
- To provide and support proper and decent employment to youth for their economic and social development

The scope of economic progress and the national economic level depends on the understanding and knowledge of youngsters of the Ummah who contribute to the national economic growth. Muslim youth who have been deprived of their rights and educational opportunities because of wars or conflicts should be given priority with the especial emphasis on education, economic and social development programs.

Within the Islamic framework - Muslim youth should be brought up based on Islamic **values**, including peace, justice, brotherhood, human dignity and human rights, culture and political views of others. It includes active politics, economic and social participations. The fundamental principles which promote these values are equality for all Muslim young men and women in terms of educational opportunities, equitable access to the resources, and the introduction of special programs to address problems of vulnerable and disadvantaged young including unemployment and disabilities. Muslim youth is to be given rights and responsibilities in decision-making in the social activities.

To enhance the level of life standard, physical and mental support of the youth are to be ensured. Islamic education should be promoted among youth to prevent addiction, use of alcoholics and other substance abuse.

Quality **education** should be invested more to provide multidimensional opportunities. It should be introduced based on flexibility, participatory, Islamic and cultural functions. Ensuring coordination among the different sectors of education based on market demands like vocational and technical education should be established. Importance is to be given for informal education which supports Islamic values and general public interest. Updated technologies should be





chosen and given priority to in education to develop working ground. Investment should be increased to promote the capacity and opportunities in higher education as well.

**Peace and security** can provide opportunities for the sustainable youth development. Youth plays an important role in bringing peace and security to their communities. Education to develop the responsibility of a citizen should be ensured and encouraged to follow that. Their participation in the solution of conflict resolution in the local stage is important. Not only that, a movement for peace and security, consisting of youth should be developed in national level.

**Expected Outcomes** of the “Muslim Youth Strategy” can be summarized as; the economic and social opportunities are to be reached them, sharing about economic growth, continuity in healthy lives, and to ensure the welfare of the family, community and Islamic Ummah they are very important. Youth should play an active role in peace building and civil societies and have less involvement in criminal or extremist activities. They should have a strong position in words and in local and national organizations they should contribute more.

In summary, the continuity of the main goal with proactive perspective, a platform is to be introduced. The intellectual contribution is to be ensured in building soft power/public diplomacy of the Islamic world with global youth governance. It is to be given importance to arrange workshops on projects or policies as parallel to the macro level and to ask application for presentation and proposals to reach them the subject of discussions and real outcomes of those programs.

## Main Theme

### Youth Strategy for Power and Justice Building

## Sub-Themes

### Youngsters; Competition in Good Deeds

### Youth in Building Power, Justice and Civilization

### New Global Balance, Competition Parameters and Youth

### Changing Nature of State, Expectation Management and Youth

### Youth as Model Role in Building Human Capital





## Policy/Project Workshops

Youth Perspectives/Policy Advices/Projects for Youth;

- Education and Science
- Business Life and Entrepreneurship
- Social Life, Politics and Religion
- Health, Social Security and Employment
- Technology and Innovation
- Defense and Security
- Social Policies and Civil Society
- Energy, Water and Food
- Economy and Finance
- Culture and Tourism
- Art and Literature
- International Development Cooperation
- Urban and Local Governance
- Thought and Academy
- International Diaspora

## THEMATIC ACTIVITIES

- International Youth and Peace Building Conference 2017**
- World Conference on Muslim Youth's Organizations 2017**
- World Muslim Youth Culture Festival 2017**
- World Quran Hour 2017**





## World Islamic Forum

The first **Think Tanks Forum of the Islamic Countries** under the main topic “Peace, Civilization and Cooperation” was organized by Organization of Islamic Cooperation (**OIC**) in cooperation with **TASAM** - Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies on 28-30 January 2010 in Istanbul. With the “**Istanbul Declaration**” accepted at the end of the **Forum**, Think Tanks Platform of the Islamic Countries (ISTTP) was established to bring together knowledge and experiences of think tanks of the Islamic countries with activating joint communication and cooperation opportunities. Each year under the various topics, it was held in Istanbul, Baku, Cairo, Bagdad and Islamabad. The 6<sup>th</sup> Forum was implemented on 6-8 March 2015 in Islamabad, Pakistan with a declaration. It was also decided that the forum will be named as **World Islamic Forum (WIF)** to make to more inclusive. And the 7<sup>th</sup> **World Islamic Forum** was held on 24-25 May 2016 in Yazd- Iran as well.

As a sub-branch of WIF, **World Muslim Women Summit and Exhibition (WISE)** was first to put forward in a discussion during **UNAOC Global Forum** held in Bali, Indonesia on August in 2014. It was also presented to the Board Members Meeting of the World Islamic Forum held in Istanbul. Afterward, in the last year, this proposal was accepted formally in the World Islamic Forum, organized with the presence of the president of Pakistan in Islamabad. Later on, an official letter was received from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) which requested Malaysia to be host country of Forum. The first WISE whose main theme was “**Muslim Woman: Silk as Soft, Strong as Iron**”, was held on 23-25 September, 2016 in Kuala Lumpur with high attendance and implementation successfully, in cooperation with World Islamic Forum (WIF), International Islamic University Malaysia, Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM), Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia, Turkey-based women NGOs and Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies (TASAM). With the Kuala Lumpur declaration and in order to make the forum institutionalized, the 2017 Summit will be held in Turkey. And an initiative took place in the 7<sup>th</sup> WIF Eminent Persons’ Group Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur and International University of Africa proposed to organize (first) **World Muslim Youth Summit and Exhibition [POWER 2017]** in Khartoum.

