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In the nineteenth century, the degree of existence between countries was close to each other after all the gap between developed countries and developing countries for the last two centuries has increased as never been seen before in human history. According to World Bank data, Islamic countries are among the countries that allocate the least amount of resources to R & D, and also the difference between the rich and poor countries of the world is growing more and more. While countries with low GDP have shown some growth, the rich countries are in such a rapid economic development that it is not possible for other countries to catch up with their current rates.

Today, the speed of displacement of information, human resources, capital and commodity has reached incomparable levels compared to previous periods. In this environment, in addition to English, learning the language of the contacted country or countries has become an inevitable necessity. Internet and social media, which have evolved with digital technological revolution, have led to the emergence of different and effective media tools than traditional communication tools. This moving environment has also increased faculty and student exchanges, and new problems have emerged, such as accreditation and mutual recognition for universities and alumni.

In the new period, the co-ordination and co-operation of those working in the field of science and social sciences, practitioners and R & D activities led to a necessary preparation of the curriculum with a multidisciplinary approach and required an university reform. It is inevitable for Islamic countries to reorganize their undergraduate education system which has already problematic. Developing countries support groundbreaking researches in this area to solve the issues. Great research funds created by the US and the UK, as well as special supports for techno-cities, have caused EU member states to meet the problem of brain drain. In order to cope with such issues, apart from providing large scale financial facilities necessary for R & D activities without bureaucratic obstacles, it will be possible for countries to carry their cultural, sociological, political and diplomatic planning.

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Education also takes its part of the major changes in the global economy. One of the important objectives of the training is to support young people to continue their professional development while preparing them for the labor market. It is not difficult to predict that there will be great differences between the expectations of competence in the future business world. In the knowledge-weighted economy, “Jobs” have been replaced by “Projects”. Along with the increasing importance of interdisciplinary studies as well as specialization; Taylor's mechanized industrial design requires not only interested people in the whole, but also to his team-mates who are aware of the whole project and adapt to the flexible work.

The most important tool of economic development in the past is the natural resources which are the result of the geographical conditions of a country and today it stands out as the most important value in information in the new economy. In the knowledge-weighted economy, the most invested area of the countries was research and development (R&D). In general, the expenditure on R&D in OECD countries have increased considerably compared to the GNP. However, according to World Bank data Islamic Countries are among the countries that allocate the least resources for R&D. as a basis; “basic research”, “applied research”, and “experimental development” activities in these areas. The most important point in the interventions to be made in these three main areas capacity building and strengthening of industrial cooperation. Because the production of information and technology development emerge with the combination of both material and intellectual capital.

Foreign trade liberalization, speed and convenience in money flow, the development of information and communication technologies has paved the way for international trade. In this way, the growth rates of the developing global companies are enormous and it is almost impossible for local economies to compete with them. This also raises questions about the stability of global economic regulations and the impact of national governments. In addition, key production is fragmented and shifts to places where jobs of the same quality can be made in the same quality but less expensive. That's way, the fate of universities and industry is connected to each other. In order to protect the competitive power of the global economy, they need more than ever to university education. Universities, techno-cities, enhancing collaboration with industries thans to their product development and center, whereas there is always need for new ideas about what could be new activities.

Consequently, the main aim of the activity is to create a discussion environment in a sustainable, proactive perspective, to make intellectual contribution to the perspective of building the soft power / public diplomacy of the Islamic world and to the global youth governance. **In parallel to the macro discussions, the project / policy-based presentation of the call for presentations was adopted in order to discuss the project / policy proposals and to reach concrete results.**

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Main Theme

Future Universities, Industry and Technology

Sub-Themes

The Future of Universities

Mega Trends that Affects Universities

Current Educational Models in Universities

The Relationship Between University, Industry and technology

University and Industry Collaborations

Open and Distance Education

Information-Intensive Economics

International Trade

Changing Needs of Work Life

Policy/Project Workshops

Youth Perspectives for Youth / Policy Proposals / Projects;

- Economy and Finance
- Culture and Tourism
- Arts and Literature
- International Development Cooperation
- City and Local Governance
- Thought and Academy
- International Diaspora
- 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

Thematic Activities

International Youth and Peace Building Conference 2023

World Muslim Youth Organizations Conference 2023

World Muslim Youth Culture Festival 2023

World Quran Hour 2023

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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, Islamabad and Yazd. The 6th 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 8th World Islamic Forum was held on 01-03 March 2018 in Istanbul.

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The economic and social opportunities are to be ensured for the youth, sharing on 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. **World Muslim Youth Summit and Exhibition (POWER)**; for a continuous discussion environment upon different issues, proactive perspective with building soft power/public diplomacy and global youth governance in the Islamic world it was established by the World Islamic Forum. It was debated for a youth initiative in the **7th Eminent Persons’ Group Meeting** on 22 September 2016 in Kuala Lumpur; and first POWER Summit was implemented in Khartoum, Sudan on 7-9 April 2017 with the advice of International University of Africa and the second POWER Summit was performed in Istanbul, Türkiye on 01-03 March 2018 with high participation and success.

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