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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 welcome you to the 2011 U.S.-Islamic World Forum. For the first time in its eight-year history, we are delighted to be able to host the Forum here in Washington, DC. In partnership with the State of Qatar, Brookings convenes this Forum annually under the gracious auspices of HRH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, the Emir of Qatar.

In recent months, we have witnessed dramatic events unfold throughout the Middle East and North Africa. From Tunisia to Egypt to Yemen, citizens are demanding reform and clamoring for change. This is a historic moment, with implications for Muslims around the globe and for the United States. As we convene for the first time in Washington, we look forward to hearing the rich and diverse perspectives of leaders from throughout the United States and Muslim communities around the globe about the opportunities and challenges ahead.

This year we have created a variety of different platforms for dialogue and engagement including:

- Televised **plenary sessions** that will feature fast-paced, in-depth discussions among prominent international figures on broad thematic issues of global importance;
- Smaller, concurrent **roundtable discussions** led by experts and policymakers on a particular theme or set of countries; and
- A set of **working groups** which bring together practitioners in a given field several times during the course of the Forum to develop practical partnerships and policy recommendations.

We are grateful to the Emir for his leadership and generosity in enabling us to come together for these three days of thoughtful and candid discussion. We would also like to thank the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Qatar, H.E. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for their support. Particular thanks go to H.E. 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 helping organize the Forum.

Thank you for joining us. We look forward to meeting you.



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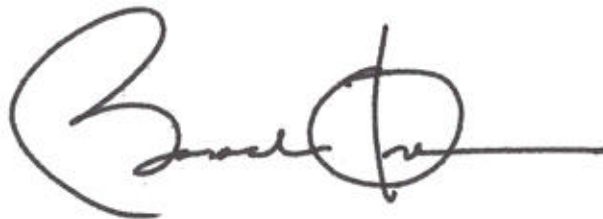
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I send greetings to all those attending the 2011 U.S.-Islamic World Forum.

This Forum is an impressive gathering of policy and opinion leaders from the United States and Muslim communities throughout the world, and I am pleased that it is being held for the first time in our Nation's capital. The issues the U.S.-Islamic World Forum addresses—including political reform in the Middle East and North Africa, civil society, Muslim American engagement, and initiatives in education and science—are among those which require a consistent dialogue.

I appreciate your efforts to help advance the new beginning I called for between the United States and Muslim communities around the world. This framework continues to help us address the political issues that have been sources of tension between the United States and Muslim communities, and it serves as the basis for a number of partnerships in areas of mutual interest.

In that spirit, I welcome you to Washington and hope you have time to experience this historic city. I wish you all the best for a productive forum.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style. The signature is centered on the page.

AGENDA AT A GLANCE



MONDAY, APRIL 11

12:00PM-9:00PM	Registration
7:00PM-9:00PM	Welcoming Reception hosted by the Organization of the Islamic Conference – Mandarin Oriental Hotel

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

7:30AM	Registration
9:00AM-10:30AM	Working Group Introductory Sessions (Closed Sessions)
10:30AM-11:00AM	Welcome to the 2011 U.S.-Islamic World Forum – Grand Ballroom, Mandarin Oriental Hotel*
11:00AM-12:45PM	Plenary I: <i>Geo-Strategic Issues in the Middle East and South Asia</i> – Grand Ballroom, Mandarin Oriental Hotel*
1:00PM-2:00PM	Lunch – Oriental Ballroom, Mandarin Oriental Hotel
2:15PM-3:30PM	Roundtable Sessions
4:00PM-5:30PM	Working Group Sessions (Closed Sessions)
5:30PM-6:00PM	Departure to the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium
7:00PM-10:00PM	Gala Dinner – Mellon Auditorium*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

7:30AM	Registration
8:30AM-10:45AM	Working Group Sessions (Closed Sessions)
11:00AM-12:45PM	Plenary II: <i>Bottom-Up Change: Civil Society, Youth, and Social Entrepreneurship</i> – Grand Ballroom, Mandarin Oriental Hotel*
1:00PM-2:00PM	Lunch – Oriental Ballroom, Mandarin Oriental Hotel
2:15PM-3:30PM	Roundtable Sessions
4:00PM-5:30PM	Working Group Sessions (Closed Sessions)
7:00PM-10:00PM	Keynote Dinner and Panel Session – Grand Ballroom, Mandarin Oriental Hotel*

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

10:00AM-11:00AM	Working Group Sessions (Closed Sessions)
11:00AM-12:45PM	Plenary III: <i>The Role of the Media in Shaping Perceptions</i> – Grand Ballroom, Mandarin Oriental Hotel*
1:00PM	Closing Plenary Lunch – Grand Ballroom, Mandarin Oriental Hotel

* Open to the media

PLENARY SESSIONS



DATE/TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
Tuesday, April 12 11:00AM-12:45PM	<p><i>Geo-Strategic Issues in the Middle East and South Asia</i></p> <p>This plenary session will examine strategic challenges facing policymakers in the United States and throughout the Middle East and South Asia. Among the issues to be addressed are the recent wave of political uprisings that have swept through the Middle East and North Africa, the continued extremist violence in Pakistan, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. How should the U.S. view this remarkable dynamism in the region and what, if any, is the appropriate role for the United States?</p>	GRAND BALLROOM
Wednesday, April 13 11:00AM-12:45PM	<p><i>Bottom-Up Change: Civil Society, Youth, and Social Entrepreneurship</i></p> <p>In light of recent events in the Arab world, what role do bottom-up processes play in effecting change, economic development, and political reform? How can the private sector and civil society address the socio-economic challenges that Muslim-majority countries continue to face? How are community development efforts and macro-level policies linked and in which areas can they be strengthened? How can the U.S. foster these developments appropriately? Are there resources that can be shared through NGO actors? While examining these issues globally, countries of focus will include Egypt, Indonesia, and Morocco.</p>	GRAND BALLROOM
Thursday April 14 11:00AM-12:45PM	<p><i>The Role of the Media in Shaping Perceptions</i></p> <p>This plenary session will bring together influential journalists from the U.S. and Muslim-majority countries to discuss the role of the media and the public in shaping perceptions. Issues to be examined include how the media shapes the public view, just as public appetite may influence the stories that receive coverage. For example, how does the media affect public perception of conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan? Does the media focus too much on inflammatory stories, and if so, how does this shape public perception? How do different societies view these issues? And in particular, what is the public perception of the American Muslim community?</p>	GRAND BALLROOM

ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS



Tuesday, April 12, 2011
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

SESSION

The Role of Religious Leaders in Development: Case Studies from Asia

This session, convened by the Asia Foundation, will examine the role of religious leaders in development. The Asia Foundation and leaders of religious organizations in Bangladesh, Malaysia, and the Philippines will draw from their experiences in Asia to explore how Muslim leaders are well placed to contribute to national and community development efforts. The session will also examine the potential for religious leaders to leverage their stature, respect, and influence to help drive governance and social reform.

A Candid Assessment: The Status of the Middle East Peace Process

The Arab-Israeli peace process, despite a short-lived resumption of direct talks between Palestinians and Israelis seven months ago, is at a standstill. Meanwhile, popular upheaval around the region, along with escalating violence between Israelis and Palestinians, threaten to sideline hopes for a peaceful settlement. How can the parties overcome the current impasse? And what role can the United States play in facilitating negotiations in the short-term and ending the conflict in the long-term?

The Obama Administration's Engagement with Global Muslim Communities

In his 2009 Cairo speech, President Barack Obama sought to create a better relationship between the United States and global Muslim communities. This session will feature key administration officials who are integral to President Obama's outreach to these communities. The panelists will speak about the kinds of projects they are working on and the global partnerships they have been engaged in. Panelists will also examine how effective this engagement has been and what challenges still lie ahead.

The Role of Youth in the Arab Upheaval

Youth activists have played a leading role in the recent protests taking place across the Middle East and North Africa. This session will explore the relationship between youth mobilization and the changing political dynamics of the region. Can youth activism, whether through grassroots mobilization or civic engagement, be sustained? If so, what does this phenomenon mean for the future of the region and for U.S.-Muslim world relations? This session will feature youth activists who have been on the front lines of the Arab uprisings.

*Looking at One Another: How U.S. and Muslim Perspectives Have Evolved Over the Last Decade**

How has public opinion in the United States and in global Muslim communities changed since the events of 9/11? Has public opinion in global Muslim communities changed since President Obama came into office? What are the most critical issues, here in the U.S. and abroad, that influence public opinion and shape the public discourse? This session will feature public opinion experts and journalists who can speak to these issues.

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Wednesday, April 13, 2011
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

SESSION

A Glimpse from the Ground: A Dialogue on Afghanistan and Pakistan

This session will bring together prominent figures from Afghanistan and Pakistan to discuss the relationship between the two countries and the challenges each country faces. Both Afghanistan and Pakistan face violent struggles between competing ideas and visions—jihadi extremism and democratic tolerance—that will affect not just their future but global security. How is this struggle affecting Afghans and Pakistanis? What are the major factors that have led to the volatile situation in the Af-Pak region, what is the situation like on the ground in both countries, and what steps are necessary to bring about long-term stability?

The Importance of the Private Sector in U.S.-Muslim World Engagement

Since assuming office, President Barack Obama has emphasized the value and utility of forging partnerships—with foreign governments, with faith-based communities, and with ordinary citizens worldwide. President Obama publicly called for a “new beginning” with local communities through the creation of partnerships with both businesses and individuals. Convened by *Partners for a New Beginning* at the Aspen Institute, this session will look at how public-private partnerships can harness the resources of both sectors to optimize impact and achieve scale, as well as create new stakeholders in state building, particularly in the areas of economic opportunity, education, and science and technology.

What's Next in America's Approach to Iran?

This session will bring together senior Washington policymakers to discuss U.S. strategy toward Iran. How have the U.S. and the international community dealt with Iran's nuclear ambitions? What are the parameters of the UN Security Council sanctions passed in June 2010 and what effects have they had so far? Have recent events in the Arab world had an impact on Iran's strategic position in the region and what are the next steps that Washington and its allies are thinking of taking toward Tehran?

Democratization and Political Reform

Revolutions and protests throughout the Arab world demonstrate that Middle Eastern publics are eager for democracy. Egypt and Tunisia have already seen the collapse of regimes that had endured for decades, while pressure for change is mounting in countries as diverse as Yemen, Oman, and Syria. Will the current enthusiasm for democracy be sustained, and what challenges lie ahead? How can Egypt, Tunisia, and other countries ensure that democratization succeeds in the long-term? Can surviving Arab leaders foster reform from the top? How can the United States encourage peaceful change? This session will bring together experts on democratization to address these issues.

*The Challenges and Opportunities of the American Muslim Community**

The goal of this session is to highlight the challenges and opportunities facing the American Muslim community. How has what it means to be a Muslim in America changed in the last ten years? How have American Muslims as a community evolved since, and how have their relations with federal and state agencies changed over time? In what ways have American Muslims worked with others, including other faith communities, to address community needs and the phenomenon of radicalization?

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WORKING GROUPS



America and the Muslim World: The Tale of Two Media

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The respective images that Americans and Muslims have of each other have long been influenced by media stereotypes. Even in an era of social networking, visual media, which can exacerbate negative stereotypes and fuel resentment, remains the most powerful tool in shaping and influencing public opinion. Although visual media often propagates negative images of the “other,” there have been positive media initiatives to combat long-held mistrustful stereotypes. Many of these initiatives are nonprofit ventures and are, therefore, severely constrained by financial realities. This working group will identify new initiatives that promote visual media programming aimed at correcting cultural misunderstandings, explore how visual media can promote interfaith dialogue and intercultural understanding, examine current business models of new media platforms, and recommend a set of best practice guidelines for designing a transformative visual media model.

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Despite more than a decade of dramatic expansion in institutions, programs, and student enrollment, higher education in the Arab world continues to fall short of the needs of students, employers, and society. In most countries the majority of students are enrolled in institutions that are overcrowded, plagued by poor educational quality, and short on key human, material, and infrastructure resources. High levels of unemployment among university graduates are only one measure of the reality of an educational system that is not producing graduates with the skills needed to succeed. As the bridge between education and progress, higher education has a critical role to play in the national and global restructuring of Arab economic and political institutions that is currently underway. This working group will explore higher education reform in the context of quality assurance, governance, and educational outcomes. The group will also examine which measures and areas of partnership and collaboration will help advance the ability of Arab educational institutions to meet the challenges of this transformational period.

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In an increasingly interconnected world, the relationship between majority and minority communities, both in the United States and abroad, must be better understood. What is the role of not only the Muslim-minority population in the United States, but also of the majority population toward American Muslim communities? Muslim minorities, especially in the West, are increasingly becoming ambassadors and advocates of social justice and freedom in their societies, yet they continue to face a number of challenges. This working group will examine these issues in depth, and will also explore the role of Muslim-majority communities toward minorities in their countries. The working group will discuss these questions in the context of five major issues: integration and identity, the impact of media and politics, security and counterterrorism, the treatment of minorities, and interfaith relations. The group will also present specific recommendations on how minority and majority communities should view their roles and responsibilities toward each other.

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Conversations about improving relations between the United States and Muslim societies, domestically and internationally, have focused on the need to build transformative partnerships and vibrant networks. However, a critical prerequisite to building these partnerships and networks is building the capacity of the nonprofit sector within Muslim communities, and developing leaders within this sector. Without building human capital and strong leadership, the sector can neither serve the needs of its own communities, nor engage with broader civil society—let alone participate in global partnerships. Building the capacity of these organizations and their leaders will create a more sustainable Muslim civil society field, both in the U.S. and abroad, and provide emerging youth with sound role models of faith-based efforts to address local, regional, national, and international social, economic, and political issues, thus addressing the leadership void that persists among Muslim societies globally. This working group will provide an overview of the Muslim nonprofit sector in the U.S. and abroad, and offer recommendations on how to enhance the leadership and infrastructure of the Muslim nonprofit sector in order to create more sustainable and impactful partnerships.

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The Role of Entrepreneurship and Job Creation in U.S.-Muslim Relations

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In light of the historic changes currently taking place across the Middle East and North Africa, the time is ripe for both Muslim-majority governments and the United States to chart clear, coherent, and nuanced policies aimed at creating sustainable and quality job-creating economic environments. This is also an important moment for NGOs, development agencies, and the private sector to assess what this new reality means for their programs, initiatives, and businesses in a region with one of the highest employment challenges globally. Addressing the lack of quality jobs, particularly for people under the age of thirty, will be as important to citizens in the region as human rights, the rule of law, and political freedoms. This working group will examine how certain mindsets and structural challenges must be addressed to overcome unemployment in the region; assess the current approaches of governments, NGOs, and the private sector; and present recommendations for catalyzing sustainable, entrepreneurship friendly, and job-creating economies.

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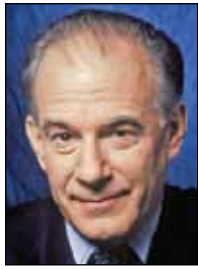
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The Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World is a major research program housed within the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. The project conducts high-quality public policy research, and convenes policy makers 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:

- The U.S.-Islamic World Forum, which brings together key leaders in the fields of politics, business, media, academia, and civil society from across the Muslim world and the United States, for much needed discussion and dialogue;
- A Visiting Fellows program, for scholars and journalists from the Muslim world to spend time researching and writing at Brookings in order to inform U.S. policy makers on key issues facing Muslim states and communities;
- A series of Brookings Analysis Papers and Monographs that provide needed analysis of the vital issues of joint concern between the U.S. and the Muslim world;
- An Arts and Culture Initiative, which seeks to develop a better understanding of how arts and cultural leaders and organizations can increase understanding between the United States and the global Muslim community;

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THE SABAN CENTER FOR MIDDLE EAST POLICY was established on May 13, 2002 with an inaugural address by His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan. The creation of the Saban Center reflects the Brookings Institution's commitment to expand dramatically its research and analysis of Middle East policy issues at a time when the region has come to dominate the U.S. foreign policy agenda.

The Saban Center provides Washington policymakers with balanced, objective, in-depth and timely research and policy analysis from experienced and knowledgeable scholars who can bring fresh perspectives to bear on the critical problems of the Middle East. The center upholds the Brookings tradition of being open to a broad range of views. The Saban Center's central objective is to advance understanding of developments in the Middle East through policy-relevant scholarship and debate.

The center's foundation was made possible by a generous grant from Haim and Cheryl Saban of Los Angeles. Ambassador Martin S. Indyk, Vice President of Foreign Policy at Brookings, was the founding Director of the Saban Center. Kenneth M. Pollack is the center's Director. Within the Saban Center is a core group of Middle East experts who conduct original research and develop innovative programs to promote a better understanding of the policy choices facing American decision makers. They

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