











# FIRST INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ON PEACE

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Jointly Organized by:
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International Islamic Institute for Peace, Islamabad

### INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

This first International Islamic Conference on Peace (IICP) aims to bring together leaders in the fields of politics, academia, business as well as the youth from across the Islamic world to deliberate upon and propose solutions to the myriad of problems faced by the Muslim world related to Peace and Development.

The Conference will establish a network of key stakeholders to collectivize voices and actions within Muslim countries for peaceful coexistence, renouncement of violence, rejection of extremist ideas and encouraging economies of peace. It will play a key role in strengthening the societal resolve and consensus against extremism, as well as inform public policy in these realms to contribute towards a more peaceful and harmonious society.

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE**

This international conference aims to:

- 1. Identify the historical roots, as well as the proximate and ultimate drivers of mistrust, misconceptions, conflict, hatred and lack of mutual understanding among various segments in Muslim Societies.
- 2. Develop non-violent strategies for sustainable peace, including the process of peacebuilding and conflict resolution from Islamic perspective, with a particular focus on inculcating trans-cultural values of tolerance, coexistence, acceptance of diversity and rule of law.
- 3. Advance interfaith and intra-faith harmony among Muslim Societies and promote dialogue amongst world civilizations to tackle common global challenges.

## **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

Abstract Submission Deadline	. March 11, 2022
Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts	. March 18, 2022
Final Paper Submission Deadline	. April 20, 2022
Dates of the Conference	. May 11-12, 2022

#### CHIEF ORGANIZER OF THE CONFERENCE

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#### THE THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

This international conference has the following themes:

<u>Theme 1: The Genesis of Peace & Conflict in Muslim Societies</u>
Potential topics:

Understanding conflict/violent extremism in Muslim Societies: Causes, drivers and solutions, with a particular focus on:

- a. Role of religious interpretations in peace & conflict
- b. The political economy of peace and conflict
- c. Socio-economic drivers of violence
- d. Effects of demographic changes, such as youth bulge
- e. Gendered aspects of peace & conflict
- f. Role of new media

# <u>Theme 2: State Response to Terrorism and Violent Extremism in Muslim Majority Countries</u>

Potential topics:

- a. Countering VE & terrorism in changing global political landscape
- b. Efficacy of kinetic approaches to countering VE terrorism
- c. Nonviolent approaches to countering VE and terrorism
- d. Peacebuilding tools and approaches using: education, media, communities, families, social protection, better service delivery, women empowerment etc.
- e. Role of justice and rule of law in countering VE and terrorism
- f. Role of democratization and political inclusion in countering VE and terrorism
- g. De-radicalization and disengagement programs

# <u>Theme 3: Role of Non-Governmental Stakeholders in</u> <u>Peacebuilding</u>

Potential topics:

- a. Role of OIC in resolving disputes among and within Muslim countries
- b. Role of private sector/business community in peacebuilding
- c. Role of civil society in peacebuilding
- d. Role of civic values and responsibilities in countering VE & terrorism

#### WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE?

The call for papers in Urdu, English and Arabic is open for parliamentarians, researchers,

academicians, policymakers, religious leaders, opinion-makers, members of the civil society, political workers.

However, due to the highly academic nature of the conference, only the authors whose articles will be approved after peer-review will be invited to present their papers at the conference.

















