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From Secretary General

The Union of NGO's of The Islamic World (UNIOW), strengthening its structure every year, continues on its way to the Islamic Union with the support of its 354 precious members from 67 countries of six continents from all over the world.

This geography has to know each other better in every aspect and try to solve its own issues with its own dynamics. Isn't "union", which we should consider as an obligatory duty in this period, the name of worrying about each other's problems and resisting all challenges together?

Here is the founding will of the Union of Non-Governmental Organizations of the Islamic World (UNIOW) and is this spirit of unity that burdens us with the creed, historical and strategic unity among our brothers on all scales.

With this understanding, IDSB continues to organize effective and sustainable programs with its member organizations operating in a wide variety of fields, from education to family, from human rights and international law to humanitarian aid, from communication activities to youth and economy.

Alhamdulillah, our activities did not slow down during the pandemic period, when the whole world was shut down, and with the increasing functionality of online meeting programs, our activities have increased both in quality and quantity on a global scale.

The International Family Institute (IFI), which we have established on the axis of the family, the smallest building block of society, brings together the representatives of our member organizations working in this field with politicians, bureaucrats and academics from different countries who have a spirit of civil society. In workshops organized with different agendas, we share the solution proposals developed for internal and external threats targeting our family structure with all our members and relevant authorities.

The Humanitarian Aid Platform (HAP), which was established under the coordination of UNIOW to provide a more qualified humanitarian aid coordination and bringing together our NGOs working in this field on a consultative basis, has so far played an instrumental role in fruitful work in many regions, including Syria, Turkey and abroad.

In the program titled "International Conference on Israeli Ethnic Discrimination: Dimensions, Practices and Methods of Struggle", in which important speakers and UN rapporteurs shared their views, the apartheid policies pursued by Israel against Muslims were revealed.



The program, in which we brought together more than 200 participants from 40 countries in the "Asia-Africa Cooperation and Development Forum: Da'wah Groups Meeting", caused an important interaction between the mysticism and teaching movements, and at the end of the day, a permanent platform was established and a decision was taken to continue the consultation within an institutional structure.

During the year, we came together with Malaysian Prime Minister Mr. Mahathir Mohamad and his coalition partner, Mr. Anwar Ibrahim, as well as diplomats, bureaucrats and important names from the university community in various programs. An important initiative was realized with the Kuala Lumpur Summit. Very strategic decisions were taken at the summit we attended as UNIOW.

We held an online conference titled "Condemning the Rising Islamophobia in the West" with the opinion leaders from different regions in order to emphasize once again that this is not freedom of thought, which has been increasing in the recent period and has taken place in the foreign policy concept of some western states.

Yes, for one more year, we have carried out many important activities that would not fit in a bulletin, with your contributions and support. We, carrying the consciousness of the Ummah, have to be a unified body like the stones of a building.

Instead of complaining about the different attacks and wickedness that threaten the Islamic world, while almost every day we face a new fitna fire, we should all together protect our civilization values, which is our only way-out. It is our responsibility to carry this flag much further.

May Allah be our companion and helper.

Atty. Ali Kurt
UNIOW Secretary General

WHY UNIW?

Membership Reference

Your activities can be more effective with the referential support of UNIW members when needed.

Cooperation Between NGOs

In order to hadith of Prophet (SAW); "Verily, the believers are like for the a structure of a building", UNIW creates awareness about all the education, socio-cultural and economic works done in UNIW with the cooperation of other NGOs and spread it to all NGOs, and it keeps track of attendance of the activities and provide support.

Solidarity

It creates solutions for the challenges ahead us as a Muslim World and proceeds the problem files. It provides a basis for cooperation under the same roof and helps to the nations in their struggle for life

Effective Lobbying

It generates pressure against political, economic and social structures, provides dawah activities and lobbying.

Joint Organizations

It can manage the programs in an effective and powerful way with the support of other organizations.

Union Under an Umbrella Organization

To be able to operate under umbrella organization in the fields which requires institutional reflex and competitive capability.

Develop Joint Projects

It develops joint projects between NGOs and by doing so, we could share our experiences and gain benefit from the experiences of other entities and we could find solutions for important issues.

Recognition of our Islamic Geography

It brings into contacts with other NGOs by participating in their program in different regions and visiting their countries.

Get Solution-oriented Contribution From Each Member

By taking part in UNIW, you may work with us in our studies such as development projects, women, families and youth, humanitarian assistance, human rights and freedoms, education and social affairs.

Consultation

In order for the direction of verses; "Their affairs are decided for the after due consultation among themselves", UNIW creates a basis for a broad consultation throughout the Islamic world, and builds bridges between past, today and the future of the Islamic geography.

World Brand

UNIW creates a world brand in order to overcome the lack of solidarity between Muslim countries, and builds a powerful structure with a spirit of unity among us.

Visionary Outlook

It strengthens the Muslim World with an approach which embraces all the Muslims in one union as a large family and provides morale booster with a portfolio for our members, also invest in the future of our generation.

Global Network

UNIW get involved in a global network where it can announce to the world the works done within the body of UNIW. It can provide economical and spiritual support from more than 300 NGOs from 63 countries. It may reach various of regions and accesses data, it may give benefit to other NGOs from its experience and it may guide other NGOs for opening up to the world.

Together Stand Upright

It stands upright altogether with the consciousness of companions of the prophet (saw), against to the western world which want to weaken the Islamic World by their dirty tricks and try to separate it from each other although they are unions among themselves. It defends our values and provides justice against oppression and inequity against world public opinion.

Ummah Consciousness

Our purpose is to create an ummah consciousness between NGOs and members and leave behind a solid bridge to our generation as a charity by connecting with Muslims all over the World.

So, if you say "let's walk in this blessed path together, let's worry about this ummah's problems together", You are welcome to UNIW. Come on in, let us work together based on our values as members of this beautiful tawhid monotheistic religion.

Let us not forget that success is in unity and togetherness which generate power.

Effective International Representation

It makes contribution for the works done in international decision making organization such as UN, Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) within the bounds of our own values.

The Unity

In order to direction of verses of Qur'an; "And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided" (3:103), UNIW created the unity project under its umbrella. It gathers NGOs as socially organized union which working in accordance with different purposes in various parts of the Islamic World, it gives opportunity to meet NGOs each other, and creates environment of solidarity.

Provide Common Memory With Its Institutive Experiences

UNIW provides joint programs between organizations and institution of UNIW members which works in the same field, it merges activities, collaborates and contributes to the institutional know ledge and provides benefit from the experiences of sister organizations.

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UNIW Meets Officials in Yemen, Aden Prime Ministry Office, 14th January 2019

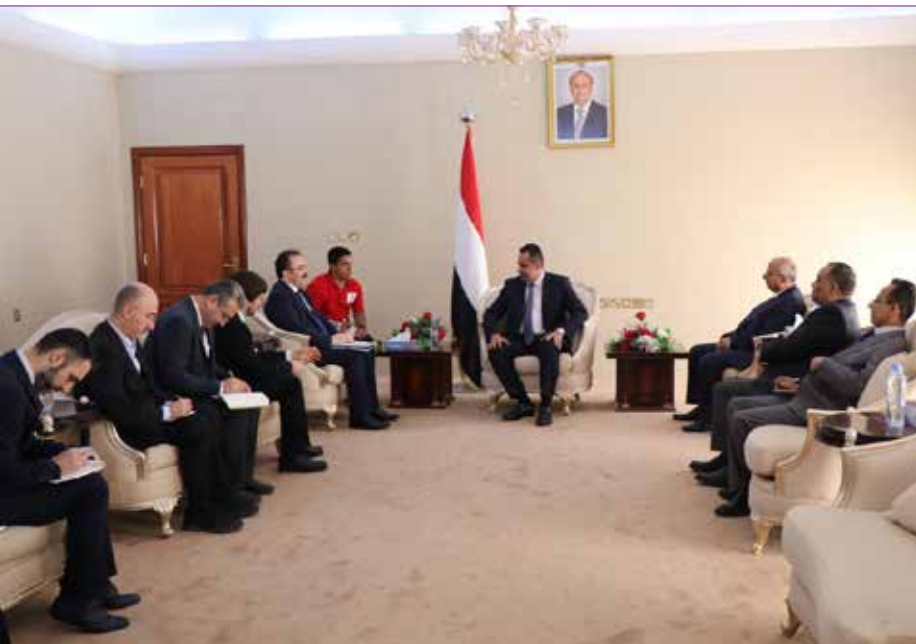
UNIW; AFAD President, Dr Mehmet Gulluoglu; AFAD Head of Improvement Department, Mr Mahmud; and Turkey's Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr. Ismail Catakli, had made a visit to Yemen on 14th January 2019.

The program began with a visit to the Prime Minister of Yemen, Mr. Maen Abdulmalik Saeed at his office.

At the meeting, Mr Maeen highlighted the major epidemics experienced by Yemen since 2015, and since the war had collapsed its economy, his main responsibility is to overcome this problems and he believes that they could succeed with the support of their sister countries, such as Turkey.

The Deputy Minister, Mr.Catakli reiterated that Turkey always stand by Yemen, they support the legitimate government of Yemen and its territorial sovereignty, and expressed their readiness to cooperate on solving the dire humanitarian crises in many areas of Yemen.

On that matter, Yemeni officials underlined that the aids provided by Turkey could be delivered to the affected areas through the coordination with the local government.



The delegation then met with the Minister of Local Authorities, Mr Abdurrapik Fatah and his officer, who is the Chairman of Humanitarian Aid Commission, and discussed the humanitarian situation in Yemen. Also present at the meeting are the Undersecretary to the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Jamal Husein; Advisor to the Minister, Mr. Muhammad Hasan el-Masri; and Coordinator for Humanitarian Aid, Mr. Mohammad al-Saud.

Mr. Catakli, the Deputy Minister, stated that TIKa has an office in the region and there is a permanent coordinator at the office, so that all projects can be coordinated through TIKa.

After the meeting, the delegation met with Yemen's Minister of Interior, Mr. Ahmed Al-Misri and Minister of Technical Education and Vocational Training, Mr. Abderrazak to listen their requests and consults on how to improve the region.



Afterwards, on their way back from Yemen, the delegation attended a dinner hosted by Turkish Ambassador to Amman, Mr. Murat Karagoz. UNIW General Coordinator, Mr. Abdulhamit Erten had presented information regarding UNIW during the dinner.



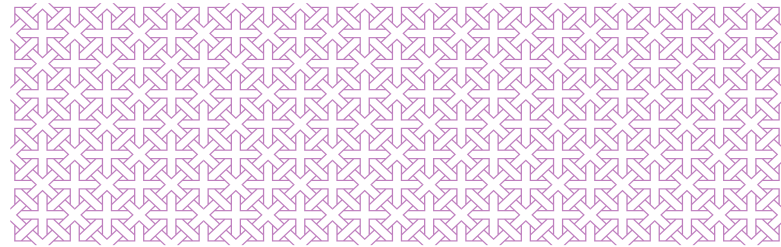
1st Extended Secretariat Meeting with Arab Origin Members in Turkey, UNIW Headquarter, Istanbul, Turkey, 25th January 2019

UNIW met with Arab origin NGOs located in Turkey for consultation and sharing information. Meeting began with the introduction of the NGO representatives. Then, UNIW Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt gave information about the activities carried out within the union and the activities of 2019.

Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt continued: "Muslims in Syria, Libya, Yemen, East Turkestan, Arakan and Bangladesh are under great persecution in many parts of the world. Jerusalem continues to be one of our most important wounds that are followed with great sorrow and anxiety in Islamic geography and especially in our country. These problems in the world are the shortage of the Ummah. We have many problems but we have only one way out: unity and solidarity."

NGO representatives who received comprehensive information about UNIW and its activities expressed their satisfaction due to this close relationship and shared their opinions on different programs.

At the end of the meeting, Atty. Ali Kurt thanked the participants and stated that the meetings will be repeated periodically.



TGTV Extended Member Consultation Meeting, Ensar Foundation, Istanbul, Turkey, 6th February 2019

Turkey Volunteer Organizations Foundation (TGTV), had organized an Extended Member Consultation Meeting on the topic of "Current Political Developments" at Ensar Foundation attended by the Speaker of 26th Turkish Parliament term, Board Chairman and Founder of TGTV Mr. Ismail Kahraman.

In his opening speech, Prsident Hamza Akbulut thanked Ismail Kahraman, who led the founding of TGTV and chaired the board of founders, and said that all of our organizations have benefited from their ideas and still continue to do so.

At the consultation meeting, Ismail Kahraman made evaluations about the upcoming elections by mentioning the political events that have developed in our recent history. He underlined that Turkey took a decision to give a new management system and said that this structure must be strengthened, made calls for cooperation for the next elections.

The meeting ended with taking a family photo.



2nd Extended Secretariat Meeting with Arab Origin Members in Turkey, Bevol Platform, Istanbul, Turkey, 22nd February 2019

UNIW met with Arab origin NGOs located in Turkey, hosted by our member organization Bevol Platform. The meeting began with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Mokhtar El Ashry.

The President of Bevol, an important social media platform, Mr. Bashar al-Haraki gave a presentation about their activities.

Atty. Ali Kurt who talked about UNIW current activities also briefly shared information about the Yemen Session held in 3rd International NGO Fair and about the visit of the Deputy Minister of Interior, the Head of Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) and the General Coordinator of UNIW to Yemen.

After sharing information about the draft program content of the International Conference of African NGOs, which was the main agenda of the meeting and the pre-list of the participants, the participants shared their views in turn.

Following the considerations, Atty. Ali Kurt continued as follows: "At the moment, 15 young people in Egypt were executed by a decision in a political court, which is human rights issue. Our objection to the UN, here is not to participate in politics. All non-governmental organizations should have a very clear stance on this issue. We will invite political structures to respect human rights. I agree with the sensitivity of the Vision Political Development Center on this issue. We are not a political entity, but we also know that all problems in Syria, Egypt, East Turkestan and Yemen are based on politics. We have to claim and protect our brother's rights. NGOs should facilitate pressure over political decision mechanisms."

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Kurt thanked the participants and announced that the next meeting's subject will be the International Academy of Civil Society Organizations.



International Family Institute First Workshop in 2019, SETA Headquarters, Istanbul, Turkey, 23rd February 2019



The Union of NGOs of the Islamic World (UNIW) organized a workshop on "Priority Action Plans on the Family Axis (1) - Family Charter" in Edirnekapi, in the Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research (SETA) center on Saturday 23rd February 2019. More than 30 representatives of non-governmental organizations, bureaucrats, experts and academicians attended.

Speaking at the opening of the workshop, UNIW Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt said "As it is known, the threats faced by our family structure are increasing day by day with the continuous policies of known focuses. Rather than addressing the problems and complaining, solution-oriented activities are our most important need."

Afterwards, he gave information about the Family Charter and said, "The text of the International Family Charter has gained its final form in conferences and workshops held in different countries. Before the attempts to present this text to international organizations especially the OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation) and to ensure the acceptance of the text, we would like to get your remarks on this text in this workshop."





Following Mr. Kurt's speech, the calendar, agendas and the 2019 Roadmap of the International Family Institute were discussed.

Afterwards, the participants shared their opinions and suggestions on both the charter and the 2019 workshop calendar and ended the workshop with taking a family photo.



International Family Institute Meeting With Young Representatives of NGOs UNIW Headquarters, Istanbul, Turkey 19th March 2019

The meeting with young representatives of NGOs started with the opening and greeting speech of Dr Rabiye Yilmaz, Co-Chair of Women, Family and Youth Commission. Dr Rabiye Yilmaz, in her opening speech, drawing attention to the importance of the concept of family, said "Family is the core of society, so we wanted to talk to young people who are the core of the society of our future."

During the meeting, Dr Rabiye Yilmaz explained the activities of the International Family Institute since its foundation with a presentation.

UNIW General Coordinator Abdulhamit Erten made a short speech about UNIW. In his speech, Mr. Erten stated that especially Western powers are working against the concept of family and trying to justify it with international conventions. During the meeting Young UNIW president, Mr. Serdar Bayram said that they would like to support their young friends to meet these expectations.

After the speeches, the participants introduced themselves and expressed their thoughts on the subject. The meeting ended with Dr Rabiye Yilmaz's closing speech.



3rd Extended Secretariat Meeting with Arab Origin Members in Turkey, FIDDER, Istanbul, Turkey, 29th March 2019



Meeting started with Atty. Ali Kurt's opening speech and reading the agenda of the meeting. Then, the President of FIDDER, Mr. Muhammed Mişaniş, who hosted the meeting, explained his activities to the participants.

Secretary General of UNIW Atty. Ali Kurt shared information about the main meeting agenda of International Civil Society Academy and its details. Underlining the importance of the International Civil Society Academy project, Mr. Kurt asked the participants to express their thoughts about the project and stated that they wanted to realize the project in the most efficient way.

After Mr. Kurt's speech, the participants shared their views in turn. After expressing the opinions, the meeting ended with a collective photo shoot.

1st Expanded Secretariat Meeting with Turkish NGO Members, UNIW Headquarters, Istanbul, Turkey, 12th April 2019

UNIW met with Turkish member NGO representatives at the Extended Secretariat Meeting. During the meeting, a consultation was held on the projects carried out and the work planned during the year.

UNIW Secretary General Att. Following the opening speech, Ali Kurt gave information about the Asia Africa Cooperation Forum to be held at the end of April. Kurt stated that important Sufism movements will meet in Istanbul in this forum.

Following the meeting, Kurt shared the International Family Institute's 2019 plan with the participants.

Stating that the agenda of the next meeting will be the USTA project, Kurt ended the meeting by thanking the participants after sharing their opinions.



UNIW Visit to USA, Washington DC, USA 19th-21st April 2019

The Islamic Community of North America (ICNA) and the Muslim American Society (MAS) organized the congress in the US capital Washington. The annual congress of Muslims, with more than 24 thousand people, was a record level of participation this year.

The 44th ICNA-MAS congress was held on April 19-21, 2019 in Washington, DC. Our General Coordinator Mr. Abdulhamit Erten participated in the program on behalf of the Union of NGOs of the Islamic World (UNIW).

At the congress, which started on Friday and lasted for 3 days, the agenda topics of Islamophobia, racism and xenophobia were highlighted. This year's main theme was "Improving Humanity: Lessons from Islam". Muslims from 50 states met in the program in Walter E. Washington Congress Center, USA.



ICNA Research Director Mohammed Tariq Rahman, who stated that they have realized a successful congress and fair program. He also added, "Our brother from every country, color and race, living in the USA from all over the world, consulted an overall assessment of our problems as an Islamic Ummah."

In addition to the presentations made by more than 150 speakers and academicians for many fields such as Islamophobia, education, family and media, hundreds of booths established by commercial firms and non-governmental organizations in the congress area became the focus of attention of the guests. The American Center for Religious Affairs (DCA), Turkish American National Steering Committee (TASC), Turken Foundation and Zakat Foundation informed the participants about their activities.



Afro Asian Forum of Cooperation and Development: Dawah Groups Meeting, Kaya Fair & Convention Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey, 25th-26th April 2019



"Afro Asian Forum of Cooperation and Development: Dawah Groups Meeting" organized jointly by The Union of NGOs of the Islamic World (UNIW) and the Afro Asian Cooperation Council, was held on April 25-26, 2019 at the Kaya Fair & Convention Hotel in Istanbul.

The program brought together around 200 Dawah groups, representatives of non-governmental organizations, politicians and opinion leaders from 40 countries around the world. The program, which has a wide participation and lasted for 2 days, was held on the topics of cooperation and development between NGOs, the presentation of the works carried out by non-governmental organizations in their own countries and activities of Dawah groups.





Advisor to Turkish President Mr. Adnan Tanriverdi Pasha, AK Party Vice President and Foreign Relations Officer Mr. Cevdet Yilmaz, AK Party Advisor to Chairman Mr. Yasin Akay, Turkish Red Crescent Vice President Ismail Hakki Turunc, Chamber of Landscape Architects Istanbul Branch President Mr. Murat Ermeýdan, AFAD Vice President Mr. Ismail Palakoglu and the representatives of Dawah groups such as Hayrat Foundation, Ismailaga Knowledge and Culture Foundation and Suffa Foundation participated in the program.



President of the Palestinian Commission of the Jordanian Parliament Mr. Yahya es-Saud, Mr. Mohammed al-Madani Tall from Senegal representing the Sufi movements in Africa and Asia, Mr. Ahmed al-Tijaani from Mauritania, Mr. Rabih Arbawi from Algeria, Mr. Umar Abdul Razzaq from Somalia, Mr. Muhsin al-Jundoubi from Tunisia, Mr. Salahu al-Qaadir from Malaysia, Mr. Yasin Mohammed Karim from England, Mr. Khalid al-Kudoumi from Iran, Mr. Hisham Satir from Bahrain, Mr. Yasin Hamudah from Lebanon, Mr. Jihad Abu Dawud from Kuwait, Mrs. Naema bin Yaesh from Morocco and as well as officials from many countries participated in the program.



In addition to the forum where presentations were held in many fields such as education, family and media, the participants were also visited the stands established by non-governmental organizations and commercial firms to get details information about their activities.



On the second day of the program declaration announced and it was decided to establish a platform with same name to ensure a sustainable cooperation between Dawah groups. UNIW Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt was elected first chairman of the platform. It was also decided that platform will organize the conference periodically once a year and to contact with other Dawah groups.

Malaysia Prime Minister YAB Tun Mahathir Muhammed and PKR President Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim Visits, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 30th April–4th May 2019

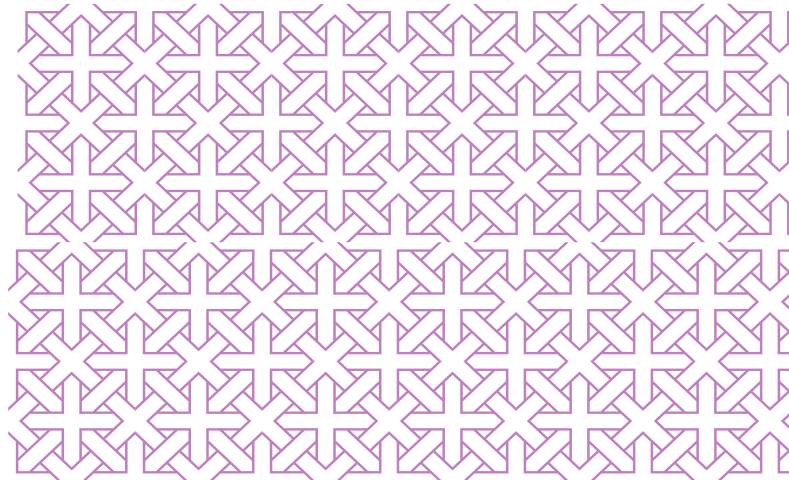


The Union of NGOs of the Islamic World (UNIW) had a work visit to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 30th April to 4th May 2019. The first and primary event of the visit is a meeting with the Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, at his office. The activities carried out by the organization are presented to him. The Prime Minister was briefed on the International Civil Society Academy and also consulted regarding some other incoming future projects. He expressed his gratitude for the visit and he appreciate the good work conducted by the union. The Prime Minister also shares his view on bringing the Islamic world together through adept understanding of the Qur'anic values and its messages.





The second stop is a visit to meet with Mr. Anwar Ibrahim at his home. He had just undergo operations in Istanbul on July 2018. In that meeting with the President of Justice Party, one of the governing parties, information on UNIW and its projects were shared. He was consulted on the International Civil Society Academy, and of the coming annual Family Conference, scheduled on the end of the year. We expressed that we see them only as a political leader, but also an important opinion leader in the Islamic world. They were also invited to attend an important future event, the Africa NGOs Conference.



UNIW Visit to International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM), Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1st May 2019



Mr. Shukran expressed his pleasure with the visit and he also stated that the courses they taught in their faculties and the UNIW's activities are quite similar, and expressed his satisfaction for the existence of such an institution in the Islamic world.

Vice Rector of IIUM, Dr Nor Faridah Abdul Manaf highlighted that IIUM had won several times World Debate Championships and emphasized that the Islamic world is insufficient to defend their rights. The Vice Rector continued his words as follows: "Institutions such as UNIW can stand out in the field of advocacy. Likewise, it is also required to establish structures such as the International Muslim Lawyers Association or the International Muslim Journalist Association to train them for defending the rights of Muslims in the international arena and to conduct public relations work. As IIUM, we are always open to train the new generation to develop their debating and negotiating capabilities."

Our delegation also met with Prof. Dawood A. Al Hidabi, the Director of International Relations Department and consulted him on the new developments of the Islamic world and UNIW. He was informed of UNIW's projects and stated that he would support the studies of UNIW International Civil Society Academy.



UNIW delegation led by Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt visited Dr Shukran Bin Abd Rahman, Dean of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences and gave detailed information about the UNIW activities, Dawah Groups Meeting which is going to be held in Istanbul, African Congress and the International Civil Society Academy project.

During the meeting, a short presentation was delivered on UNIW's activities, as such periodic International Family Institute workshops, High Advisory Board Meetings and upcoming Family Conference.



UNIW Visit to WADAH and ABIM, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2nd May 2019

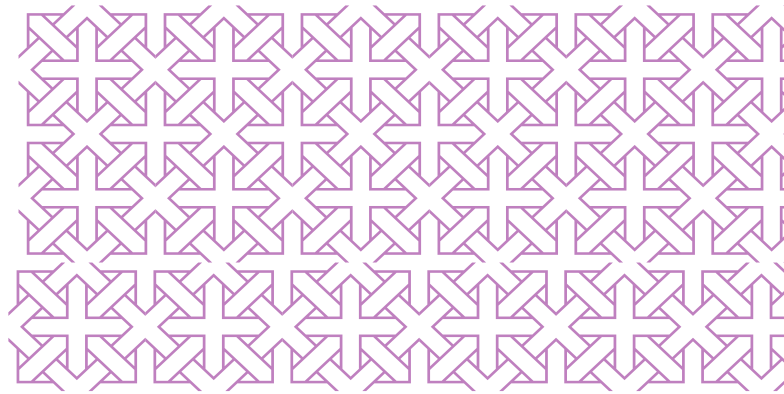


A meeting was held in the head office of the WADAH Foundation, one of the members of the UNIW from Malaysia. The President of WADAH Mr. Ahmad Azzam Abdurrahman, who is also the Deputy Secretary General of UNIW was congratulated on his appointment to the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of OIC.

The meeting was also attended by the representatives of GPM, ABIM, FGN and other regional members. In the meeting, UNIW's current and future projects were discussed.

Later on, the UNIW delegation members, representatives of the local NGOs and advisors of Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Chief of Staff of Foreign Minister Mr. Adli, representative of think tank organization Darul Ihsan, Senator Mr. Ismail who previously visited UNIW head office got together in another meeting held at the ABIM center.

At the meeting, the latest political and social developments in different regions of the Islamic world were evaluated. The delegation members and other participants discussed the latest developments in their respective countries. Malaysian colleagues also shared information on the latest political developments in their country.



Conference on “Women Security and Global Challenges”, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 3rd May 2019

UNIW delegation headed by Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt participated in a conference on “Women Security and Global Challenges” organized by one of UNIW member from the region. Honor guest was Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato’ Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail who is also High Advisory Board member of UNIW International Family Institute.

The Secretary General Mr. Kurt had welcoming speech in the conference’s opening session. After opening remarks, Turkish Ambassador to Kuala Lumpur Associate Professor Merve Safa Kavakcı made a comprehensive evaluation about women, youth and family issues.

Director General, Department of Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia Dr Adina Kamarudin, Lecturer at UiTM University Prof. Saadiah Mohamad, Director of Cyber Security Agency Pn Syariffah Rashidah Syed Othman, President of Asian Federation of Psychiatric Association Prof. Nor Zuraida Zainal, President of Family Empowerment Association, FAME Assoc. Prof. Dr Haslinda Abdullah also took place as a speaker in the program.

The program ended with the closing speech of Dato’ Seri Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia.



Meeting with Mrs. Zehra Zümrüt Selçuk, Minister of Family, Labor and Social Services, Üsküdar SGK Training Center, Istanbul, 12th May 2019

A meeting was held with the Minister of Family, Labor and Social Services Mrs. Zehra Zümrüt Selçuk at Üsküdar SGK training center.

UNIW General Secretary Atty. Ali Kurt, Deputy Secretary General Eyüp Akbal, Women’s Family and Youth Commission Co-Chair Dr Rabiye Yılmaz, member of the High Advisory Board of UNIW International Family Institute Dr Sevinç Sanisoğlu participated in the meeting.

During the meeting, UNIW delegation exchanged views with the Minister on the International Family Institute established under UNIW. They also gave the minister a briefing about UNIW’s activities on the axis of women, family and youth; shared information about recent workshops and preparations for the Family Conference and the High Advisory Board meeting.

UNIW delegation presented information about the works having done in the framework of the protocol signed with the Ministry of Family and Social Policies in the past.



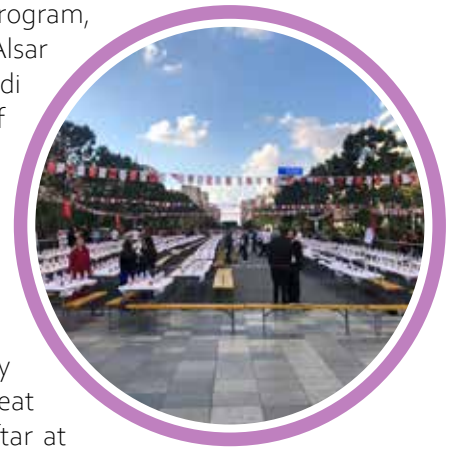
Albanian Orphans Gathering and Iftar Program, Skanderbeg Square, Tirana, Albania, 24th May 2019



UNIW's Corporate Relations Associate Mr. Adil Yarangumeli participated in the "Albanian Orphans Gathering and Iftar Program" held at Skanderbeg Square in Tirana organized by Alsar Foundation, one of UNIW's members in Albania. The iftar program was filled with the festive and excited atmosphere of Ramadan.

UNIW together with TIKa, WEFA Humanitarian Aid Association, Hayrat Humanitarian Aid Association and RIBAT Humanitarian Aid Association had organized the iftar program. The Undersecretary of Turkey's Embassy in Tirana Mr. Muammer Hakan Cengiz, the Chairman of Turkey's Red Crescent Antalya Branch Mrs. Esra Özkoç, Chairman of Turkey's Red Crescent Bilecik Branch Mr. Mefail Ateş and the Mayor of Tirana Mr. Abbas Hado among the attendees of this event.

Speaking at the iftar program, the President of Alsar Foundation Mr. Mehdi Gurra said, "On behalf of the needy, we would like to extend our thanks to the NGOs, institutions and officials that contributed their support all the way from Turkey. It is a great pleasure to have an iftar at such a place, in the Skanderbeg Square."



Later on, the Mayor of Tirana, Abbas Hado said in his speech: "Firstly, I would like to thank Alsar Foundation especially for their humanitarian aid activities. I would also like to thank all institutions and individuals that have contributed to the realization of this beautiful iftar program in this blessed month. This program is strengthening the close relations between Turkey and Albania."

In his speech, the Undersecretary of Turkish Embassy, Mr. Cengiz expressed that the Turkish institutions would continue to be a close friend to Albania, and wished everyone a great Ramadan.

Iftar program ended with the recitation of the Quran.



Meeting with Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 27th May 2019

The UNIW delegation met with officials of the Islamic Development Bank working under OIC in Saudi Arabia. Our Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt gave information about our latest activities of UNIW such as International NGO fair, Humanitarian Aid Platform, International Consortium for Rohingya (ICR), Young UNIW, International Family Institute and International Civil Society Academy.

Saying that they were pleased with our visit, head of Islamic Financial Investments Department Dr Ali Chatti stated that they wanted to attend the next fair on behalf of Islamic Development Bank. He said that there were many common areas between the institutions. He added that the IDB administration was focusing on supporting projects related to NGOs especially in the current year.

Mr. Muhammed said that they could work together in the field of supporting civil society institutions, especially in the "International Academy of Civil Society Project" which corresponds to the similar project they have been working on. IDB officials said that they wanted to benefit from UNIW's knowledge and experience in that area.

The meeting was completed after mutual good wishes.



Conference on Moderation and Common Grounds, Mecca, Saudi Arabia, 28th May 2019

A program on "Moderation and Common Grounds" was organized by the Muslim World League (Rabita), held at Mecca, Saudi Arabia and garnered participation of 1.200 representatives from 139 countries. In the program's declaration; it was emphasized that there should be no intervention in the internal affairs of another states as we should be united in fighting Islamophobia.

In addition, the declaration stated that different beliefs and cultural diversity in the society are great assets for its countries. It was also underlined that the discourse on Islamophobia may draw hateful reviews from the public.

In the conference, it was highlighted that Islam taught us to be moderate, impartial, free of prejudices and to avoid affirming to any false accusations.

After the reading of declaration by Mufti of Mecca, the program ended with group photo session.



TIKA Experience Sharing Program 2019, TUGVA Florya Student Dormitory, Istanbul, Turkey, 6th July 2019



The President of Young UNIW, Serdar Bayram had represented Young UNIW and participate in the launching event for "TIKA Experience Sharing Program", an initiative that provide exposure for university students to be international volunteer, by which they will be prepared to handle community development projects on global scale. The program had gathered 500 students from various universities across Turkey, and they are briefed on the planned trainings that would prepare them to conduct field works at 35 countries.

The President of World Ethnosport Confederation, Bilal Erdoğan stated that TIKa is engaged in very important development activities in many parts of the world. He also implied that TIKa does not only benefited the local community, but also spreads to the rest of the Ummah, including even the indigenous Americans and disastrous areas in Africa. Erdoğan reiterated that TIKa is an institution that extensively provide services and assistance that reaches out to tribes that does not even have access to any water source for drinking.

Erdoğan also stated that Turkey had contributed significantly in the scope of humanitarian activities and the youths should seize the opportunities to volunteer in various countries.

Bilal Erdoğan had addressed the youths as follows: "You can always support Turkey through your activism in other countries, as you will find that we have no vested interest except to carry out development activities, in the name of our proud nation. You will be proud of our religion. It is a fact that such exemplary deeds are highly commendable in our religion. I suppose that there are many questions in your mind as youths about your future, but when you join in these works you will see that it fits both your interest and the interest of our country, as well as the aspiration of our President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, and you will be prouder of our our nation and our faith."

In addition to highlighting youths' contribution in its projects, Erdoğan stressed that TIKa will pursue to gain better recognition of its accomplishments in the countries it serves.

The program ended with a commemorative photo taken with the university students.



Council Meeting of the International Muslim Women's Union (IMWU), Kota Bharu Kelantan, Malaysia, 23rd June 2019



The Council Meeting of the International Muslim Women's Union (IMWU) had taken place at Kota Bharu Kelantan, a state of Malaysia from 23rd to 27th of June 2019. Members of UNIW's International Family Institute had participated in the program, where Mdm. Darou Aliya from Togo, Dr Zaitoon Begum from Pakistan, Mdm. Nattyia Konthothong from Thailand, and Dr Rabiye Yilmaz from Turkey had made presentations on the objectives and activities of their respective institutions.



Meeting with Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, H.E. Dato' Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 24th June 2019

In the meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister and her advisor, Dr Rabiye Yilmaz had presented on the background of UNIW International Family Institute and its activities. Associate Professor Dr Nur Izura Udzir also briefed the Deputy Prime Minister on the draft of the coming Family Conference program which is planned to be held in Kuala Lumpur.



Meeting with the Deputy Rector of International Islamic University Malaysia, Prof. Dr Nor Faridah Abdul Manaf, International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 25th June 2019



During the meeting, Dr Rabiye Yilmaz had shared information regarding the International Family Institute and its activities to the Deputy Rector. The draft of Family Conference that will be organized with WADAH in Malaysia was also presented. Prof. Dr Nor Faridah invited UNIW delegation to participate in the "International Muslim Youth Empowerment and Character Development" conference that will be held on 21-25 October 2019.

Meeting with the Ambassador of Republic of Turkey to Malaysia, H.E. Dr Merve Safa Kavakçı, Turkish Embassy, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 26th June 2019

UNIW delegation led by Dr Rabiye Yilmaz had met with the Ambassador of Republic of Turkey to Malaysia, Dr Merve Safa Kavakçı. Dr Samia Raheel Qazi from Pakistan also attended the meeting as the Co-Chair of International Muslim Women's Union (IMWU) and a member of High Advisory Board for International Family Institute. She expressed her gratitude for the appointment of Dr Merve as the ambassador.

Dr Rabiye Yilmaz had presented the activities carried out by International Family Institute to the Ambassador. Dr Rabiye also briefed the Ambassador on their meeting with H.E. Dato' Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and their visit to International Islamic University Malaysia.

The Ambassador was also informed regarding the Family Conference program which is planned to be held at Malaysia in collaboration with WADAH. Dr Merve appreciated the works done by International Family Institute and she said that the embassy is ready to support any good initiatives. Throughout the meeting, they also discussed on the CEDAW treaty and other international family agreements.



Meeting with Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF), World Trade Center, Istanbul, Turkey, 27th June 2019

UNIW Secretary General, Atty. Ali Kurt and his delegation had visited the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF), that is a youth organization under OIC. During the meeting, the President of ICYF Taha Ayhan had shared information on their institute and its projects. Atty. Ali Kurt stated that their activities are equally important for the Islamic World. After presenting on the activities conducted by UNIW, Atty. Ali Kurt said that there are areas in which Young UNIW could cooperate with ICYF, as both institutions are strategically related on many issues.



They had discussed on the prospective for future collaborations and reflected on the significant example shown by the President of Turkey on establishing Turkey at the global arena.

Workshop on Awareness of Humanitarian Aid Intervention Mechanism, AFAD Istanbul Centre, Hasdal, Istanbul, Turkey, 16th-17th July 2019

AFAD and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) had organized a training program on 16-17 July 2019, held at AFAD Istanbul Centre, with the theme "Capacity Building for NGOs".

UNIW had participated in this special training program in which aims to develop NGO capabilities in the fields of international humanitarian aid mechanisms and country-based humanitarian pooled funds.

In the event's opening speech by the President of AFAD, Dr Mehmet Gulluoglu, he said that, "We are constantly thinking, developing and improving our efforts to tackle the problems faced by our society. This is the reason why we are carrying out this training program, specifically on this topic, so we may gather and reflect on these ideas. I hope this program will be beneficial for everyone."

The Head of UN-OCHA Regional Office, Dr Iyad Nasr, in his speech said that, "OCHA are looking forward for more strategic joint-collaboration with AFAD, as well as serious support from the state of Turkey. We wish that this support is well-received not only by the state governments but also its national NGOs.

I believe it is good for our morale to join forces with the NGOs, especially those who are already prominent in humanitarian activities."

The two-days training program started right after the two opening speeches.

The program had discussed on; UN System, Basic Principles of Humanitarian Aid, Evaluation and Analysis, Overview of Humanitarian Needs, Emergency Response Plan, Accountability on Oppressed Individuals, Civil-Military Cooperation, Information Management and Needs Analysis, International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Law, Fund Mechanism and Pooled Funds.

The program was concluded with a certificate giving ceremony.



26th UNIW Council Meeting, Oxford Otel, Tirana, Albania, 30th July 2019



26th UNIW Council Meeting was held on 30 July 2019 at Tirana, Albania, hosted by our member, Alsar Foundation.

The first session of the program started with the recitation of Qur'an, followed with a briefing by the Secretary General, Atty. Ali Kurt, on the activities carried out since last Council Meeting. He also shared information on UNIW ongoing projects.

In the second session, presentations were made regarding the 3rd International NGO Fair, the status of Sokullu Complex and the International Muslim Women's Union (IMWU) conference held in Malaysia. There has been a fruitful discussion on International Civil Society Academy project, as its program, course contents and proposed panels were reviewed. The members of the council were asked to inform the secretariat about the people who could provide expert training through this project.

The ongoing process with the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) was discussed and consultations were held on the nature of the meeting. Council members also shared their opinions on the program and speakers for the International Africa Congress. Additionally, it was decided that the Humanitarian Aid Platform will be revived.

The program ended with group photo session.



Visit to Turkish Embassy in Tirana, Turkish Embassy, Tirana, Albania, 31st July 2019

After the 26th UNIW Council Meeting was held at Albania, the Secretary General of UNIW and the accompanying delegation had visited the Ambassador of Republic of Turkey to Albania, H.E. Murat Ahmet Yoruk at his office.

During the conducive meeting, the ambassador was briefed on UNIW's background, our local members at Albania and on UNIW international activities.

The ambassador emphasized the valuable impacts of NGO activities to international relations. The ambassador also highlighted that, Albania and Turkey had long-standing relationship, due to shared history, and that provide strong foundations for productive bilateral relations between the two countries.

In the meeting, H.E. Murat said that they are already in close contact with the Alsar Foundation, a member of the UNIW council, and they had prior collaborations. The ambassador then shared on the actions taken by the embassy to further develop Turkey-Albania relations, as well as other countries.



2nd Extended Secretariat Meeting with Member NGOs from Turkey, UNIW Headquarters, Istanbul, Turkey, 6th September 2019

UNIW had held its 2nd Extended Secretariat Meeting on 6 September 2019, at UNIW Headquarters, with the participation of NGO representatives from Turkey.

The meeting started with welcoming speech from UNIW Secretary General, Atty. Ali Kurt. Mr. Kurt started by giving information on the International Civil Society Academy (USTA) Project, which will be carried out to develop the effectiveness of NGOs management in every aspect and said, "This project is becoming clearer and is currently being worked on. We had drafted its syllabus. There will be 20 topics throughout USTA. We had shared these details in our latest Council Meeting. We asked the members of the council, each from different countries, to recommend suitable panels with the expertise and capacity to provide trainings on these courses.

Many prominent names were suggested.

This project will not only benefit NGOs located in Turkey, but also those at Asia-Pacific, Indo-Pak, Africa, and Gulf region, as we wish to have expert panels from every region. The project will be conducted in cooperation with a university. We are already in negotiations with relevant parties on this. In this program, we will provide theoretical training from morning until noon, followed by field training through NGO visits in the evening."

The participants of the meeting found the training to be very comprehensive. They underlined that the project will be very beneficial and expressed their thanks.



Assessment Visit after Sudan Flood Disaster, Khartum, Sudan, 6th - 8th September 2019

Sudan had one of the biggest flood disasters in its history in August 2019. According to the report by United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), approximately 245,000 people were affected across 15 states, 32,851 buildings were destroyed and 16,284 buildings were damaged. Turkey was the first country that extended its assistance to relieve the flood disaster at Sudan. Immediately after the flood, member NGOs of the UNIW Humanitarian Aid Platform and Turkish Red Crescent had come together to initiate an aid campaign in an organized way. A delegation of representatives from platform member organization made an emergency assessment visit to Sudan between 6 to 8 September. After thorough examinations on prospective relief efforts for the disaster areas, an emergency needs list was created with local authorities and 1,000 food packages were immediately distributed to heavily affected areas as an initial step.



4th Extended Secretariat Meeting with Arab Origin Members, East Turkistan Education and Solidarity Association, Istanbul, Turkey, 13th September 2019

An Extended Secretariat Meeting with UNIW members from other countries that are operating in Turkey was held, hosted by East Turkistan Education and Solidarity Association. In the meeting, UNIW activities was presented. The participants discussed on the agendas concerning the Islamic world.

The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. After the UNIW Secretary General, Atty. Ali Kurt gave his opening speech and thanked the President of East Turkistan Education and Solidarity Association, Mr Hidayet Oguzhan, for hosting the meeting.

The meeting continues with a welcoming speech by Mr. Hidayet Oguzhan. He said, "We are grateful that we had met with UNIW and TGTV right after our establishment. Since then, we had many opportunities to befriend various non-governmental organizations, both in Turkey and abroad, throughout the Islamic world. For this reason we are able to explain the crises faced by East Turkistan across wider channels. I would like to thank UNIW and the other elders for these opportunities." He proceeds with sharing details on the persecution of Muslims in East Turkistan.

In the meeting, the Secretary General had presented the activities that were carried out since the last meeting. The participants also shared their views regarding the programs and expressed their gratitude to UNIW for conducting the meeting as it allows them to get a better understanding of ummah problems and discuss it together to find viable solutions.

The meeting ended with exchanges of thanks, prayers and wishes.



Evaluation Meeting on Sudan Flood Disaster, Turkish Red Crescent Istanbul Headquarters, Istanbul, Turkey, 13th September 2019



On 13 September 2019, after the initial exposure visit to Sudan disaster-affected areas, representatives of NGOs and members of Humanitarian Aid Platform, Turkish Red Crescent and AFAD officials met at the Turkish Red Crescent Istanbul Headquarters to draw a road map. Through the prior conducted assessment, it was determined that their priority needs were shelter, health, education and food supplies. It was decided to urgently launch a wide humanitarian aid campaign. The campaign slogan was set as "Let's Wrap Sudan's Wounds Together". It was agreed that the aid materials would be provided by the NGOs under UNIW Humanitarian Aid Platform, and would be sent from Ankara to Sudan by Turkey military aircraft, and the public would be notified by joint press conference.

"Let's Wrap Sudan's Wounds Together" Humanitarian Aid Campaign, Turkish Red Crescent Headquarters, Istanbul, Turkey, 17th September 2019

UNIW Humanitarian Aid Platform members came together with the support of Turkish Red Crescent and on a call of UNIW. They held a joint press conference on 17 September 2019 to launch a humanitarian aid campaign called "Let's Wrap Sudan's Wounds Together".

In the opening speech of the event, the President of Turkish Red Crescent, Dr Kerem Kinik said, "We extended a helping hand with our NGOs to 1000 families immediately after the flood disaster in Sudan, which left nearly 350,000 people homeless in 16 states. We aim to deliver 27 tons of aid materials containing tents, food, cleaning materials and medicines to Sudan by plane tomorrow. We will show the people of Sudan that they are not alone".

Afterwards, UNIW Secretary General, Atty. Ali Kurt in his statement said, "Humanitarian Aid Platform was established with more than 20 distinguished humanitarian aid organizations under UNIW, with the support of AFAD and Turkish Red Crescent. We aim to promote collaboration and coordination among our NGOs in disaster areas. Previously, this platform had organized humanitarian aid campaigns for many distressed regions such as Central Africa, Yemen and Gaza, through our campaigns, 'A Bread, A Blanket' campaign, and 'I Need You' campaign for our Syrian brothers. And today, the Humanitarian Aid Platform members had come together again to launch a new campaign following the flood disaster, with the slogan "Let's Wrap Sudan Wounds Together".



Atty. Ali Kurt thanked the member organizations that supported the campaign and said, "In the consideration of the on-ground observations made by our colleagues and the information we received from local authorities, in the first step of cooperation and coordination among our platform, we will send an aid plane that will depart from Ankara to Khartoum on 18 September 2019. The cargo plane will primarily carry tents, blankets, medicines, medical supplies, emergency food packages, cleaning equipment and hygiene kits.

The organizations that support this campaign are; AFAD, Turkish Red Crescent Association, AID International Doctors Association, Anatolia Education and Dakwah Volunteers Platform, Aziz Mahmut Hudayi Foundation, Besir Association, Deniz Feneri Association, Hand-in-Hand Association, Gozbebekleri Aid and Solidarity Association, Hayrat Aid, The Foundation for Human Rights, Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH), Isra International Aid and Solidarity Association, Iyilikder Institute for Assistance and Solidarity Association (Iyilik-DER), Sadakatasi Foundation, Turkey Diyanet Foundation, Verenel Association, and Wefa International Humanitarian Aid Organization (WEFA).



With donations collected in this campaign, "Turkish Villages" are planned to be built in accordance to the local architecture, in the most affected disaster areas.

In addition, by providing mobile clinic services in various regions, it was aimed to provide emergency health support, and also food and cleaning materials will be provided locally or from our country, depending on the situation.

First Aid Plane for Sudan Took Off, Etimesgut Military Air Base, Ankara, Turkey, 18th September 2019

The first plane of the humanitarian aid campaign, carried out in cooperation of Humanitarian Aid Platform members with the support of Turkish Red Crescent, had departed from Ankara Etimesgut Military Air Base to Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, on 18 September 2019.

The aircraft departure was accompanied by the representatives of NGOs that participate in the campaign. The plane carried 27 tons of humanitarian aid items, consisting of tents, blankets, hygiene kits, food and medicine. This aid were distributed to those in need in cooperation with Sudanese NGOS.



UNIW Visit to Kuwait, Kuwait City, 10th October 2019

UNIW Secretary General, Atty. Ali Kurt, Auditing Board Member Dr Muhammed Humeykani and General Coordinator Mr. Abdulhamit Erten met with the country's leading NGO representatives and opinion leaders during a two-day visit to Kuwait.

On the first day of our visit, UNIW delegation met with the former Kuwait Justice & Waqf Minister, Mr. Jamal Al-Shihab, and Undersecretary Mr. Muhammed Al-Othman. During the meeting, Mr. Jamal who previously supported many UNIW Council programs, was informed about the latest activities and projects and consultations were made in the axis of the International Civil Society Academy. Stating that the program is extremely essential for NGOs in the Islamic world, Undersecretary Mr. Muhammed Al-Othman underlined that it is necessary to work together to make it successful. Mr. Jamal shared his views and recommendations on the content and syllabus of the project. He also emphasized the need to increase the number of joint projects throughout the Islamic world in order to ensure better coordination among NGOs and state institutions.



The second stop of our visit was the headquarters of one of our members, the International Islamic Charity Organization (IICO). UNIW delegation met with General Manager Mr. Bader Saud Al Sumait, along with their Deputy Director of Charity Projects Department Mr. Abdurrahman Al-Mutawwa and had a discussion on previous and upcoming projects.

On the second day of the visit, our delegation visited H.E. Ayse Hilal Koytak, Turkey Ambassador to Kuwait. Delegation gave information about the projects on the agenda of the UNIW, the visit to Kuwait and its members and stakeholders in Kuwait.

The Ambassador wishes that we will have closer cooperation between these two friendly countries, with more foreseeable joint projects and higher trade volumes. As Turkey and Kuwait are having good relations in cultural and political terms, the Ambassador is optimistic that it were a clear indicator to further improve the bilateral relationship to higher levels.





According to the Ambassador, as Kuwait currently ranked among the top of the world in terms of national income per capita, there are many areas that Turkey can cooperate with them, especially to provide significant assistance to the underdeveloped and poor countries in the Islamic world. In that context, NGOs, who are in direct contact with the public, are of great importance to ensure balanced and organized distribution of aids, with good cooperation and coordination among the civil societies and state institutions.

On the last day of the visit, the UNIW delegation informed the leading opinion leaders of Kuwait about the activities and projects at the meetings held in two different cities. Important names, who are mostly chairman and managers in various institutions had expressed their pleasure of the existence of an institution such as UNIW and they welcomed our presence in their country. Even some non-member organizations requested for documents of membership upon our return to Turkey.



2nd Workshop of International Family Institute in 2019, SETA Istanbul Headquarters, Istanbul, Turkey, 20th October 2019

2nd workshop of UNIW International Family Institute was held on 19 October 2019 at SETA Headquarter. More than thirty bureaucrats, experts, academicians and representatives of non-governmental organizations had participated in the workshop.

The workshop started with Quran recitation and an opening speech by the Secretary General of UNIW, Atty. Ali Kurt. The Secretary General started his speech by saying, "Today, we wanted to consult the Istanbul Convention, which has been on the agenda recently, and the positive and negative aspects of the law numbered 6284 and practices targeting the family with our valuable participants."

Co-Chairman of UNIW's Commission on Women, Family and Youth Dr Rabiye Yilmaz gave information about the works carried out in the UAE axis since the First Workshop of 2019. She presented the activities carries out in 2019:

- To attend the "We Are All Mary" program organized by UKEAD
- Meeting with youth NGO reps regarding International Family Institute
- To participate in the symposium on "Rights to Protection of the Family" organized by Human Rights and Equality Institution of Turkey
- To participate in the 7th Family Council under the Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Services
- To visit to Turkey's Minister of Family, Labor and Social Services, Zehra Zumrut Selcuk
- Visit to Malaysia: to participate in International Muslim Women Union's Council Meeting; to visit the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail; to meet with the Vice Rector of the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM)





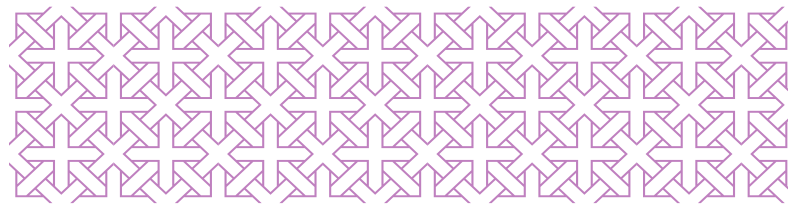
Dr Nor Faridah - Abdul Manaf; to visit to Turkey's Ambassador to Malaysia, Dr Merve Safa Kavakci

- To meet with the Head of Strategy Department for Turkey's Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Services Zeliha Saglam; and the General Manager of Family and Community Services, Mr. Ali Cevik.

The workshop later proceeds with a presentation by Dr Ayse Guney on the impacts of Istanbul Convention and Law No.6284, as well as conducting a discussion with the participants on the related issues.

In the second session, the importance of active participation by NGOs with family-oriented activities in international institutions were discussed. Assessments were made on how women, family and youth based NGOs could become members of these institutions, which platforms and programs they could participate in.

The 2nd Workshop of International Family Institute in 2019 ended with group photo session, and the decision to share the minutes of the workshop with all participants and relevant parties as soon as possible.



Global Conference on Israeli Apartheid, Marriot Hotel Sisli, Istanbul, Turkey, 29th - 30th November 2019

The Union of NGOs of the Islamic World (UNIW) and The Global Organization Against Racial Discrimination and Segregation had organized "Global Conference on Israeli Apartheid: Dimensions, Repercussions & Means to Combat It", held on 29 - 30 November 2019 at Marriot Hotel Sisli, Istanbul. More than 300 academicians, thinkers, activists and politicians from various regions of the world had participated in the program and discussed on Israel's apartheid policies that are implemented in Palestine.

Among the speakers of its opening session are the Secretary General of the Union of NGOs of the Islamic World (UNIW) Atty. Ali Kurt, President of The Global Organization Against Racial Discrimination & Segregation and also former Secretary General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Dr Rima Khalaf, Chief Advisor to the President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Mr. Adnan Tanriverdi and the Archbishop of Sebastia from the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem Archbishop Attalah Hanna.



The Secretary General of the Union of NGOs of the Islamic World (UNIW), Atty. Ali Kurt said that, "As the members of the same religion, that believes in the same God, the same prophet, and the same book, there are days when we should not be complaining about the negative situations around us, but we are obliged to redefine our efforts and dynamically revive our values".





He added that, "We hoped that our meeting will be a step further on our collective efforts for the Palestinian cause and the entire Islamic world. In this opportunity, we would also like to thank the President of Global Organization Against Racial Discrimination and Segregation Dr Rima Khalaf and her team, also to the President of FIDDER and our brother, Mr. Muhammed Misenis and his team. I would also like to extend our thanks to our respected participants, every institutions and organizations that gathered here for this event of solidarity."



In the program supported by many international figures, such as UN Rapporteurs, Dr Richard A. Falk and Dr Virginia Tilley, it aims to widen the legal base in confronting apartheid practices by Israel regime, as well as increasing public awareness, improving existing research and documentation, and raise collective efforts through civil and government initiatives to eliminate the apartheid practices.

The program are filled with sessions that review Israel apartheid policies in different sectors, and ended with a public declaration announced at the end of the second day.

While emphasizing that they will always be the supporters of Palestinian cause, Atty. Ali Kurt said; "Jerusalem & Masjid Al-Aqsa are entrusted to us by Umar al-Khattab, Salahuddin Al-Ayubi and Sultan Abdulhamid II. We are working vigorously until Palestine is free and Jerusalem become an independent capital of it & until every Palestinian safely return to their homeland".



3rd Extended Secretariat Meeting with Member NGOs from Turkey, UNIW Headquarters, Istanbul, Turkey, 4th December 2019

UNIW had held an extended secretariat meeting with some of its members' representatives working in Turkey on 4 December 2019.

The meeting started with a welcoming speech of the Secretary General of UNIW, Atty. Ali Kurt. In his speech, Mr. Kurt presented the first item on the agenda, that is the outcomes of the 2nd workshop conducted by the International Family Institute, "In our workshop, we made serious consultations related to family. Family is the core unit of our society and unfortunately, it is under serious threat. Recently, there are very speculative interpretations on the pros-and-cons of Istanbul Convention in relation to Turkish Law No.6284 that brought confusion among the public. We can't condone violence against women that had traverse our community. Sadly, violence against women is a reality. He said "However, it is not possible for us to adopt some very negative details in the contract imposed on us by the western world."

At the meeting, the Minister of Family and Social Policies in the 64th Government, Dr Sema Ramazanoğlu pointed out that this agreement, accepted with great hopes in the Great Assembly and aftermath it the law 6284 could not prevent violence as expected, and that there was a geometric increase in the violence in the opposite direction.

Co-Chairman of UNIW Commission of Women, Family and Youth Dr Rabiye Yılmaz shared her brief assessment regarding the workshop. Dr Yılmaz emphasized that there are overlooked errors in the original translation of the Istanbul Convention from English to Turkish language, where at some sections it had completely changed its meaning.



The Secretary General continued the meeting by sharing on the "International Conference on Ethnic Discrimination in Israel: Dimensions, Practices and Methods to Combat It". UNIW member NGOs based in Istanbul and working on the Palestinian Case participated to the conference along with other member civil society organizations.

Mr. Kurt said, "According to international law, apartheid practices are acts of crime. Israel had continued these practices. Unfortunately, there is no reaction beyond simple condemnations in the international level. In the UN report by Prof. Richard Falk and Prof. Virginia Tilley, they clearly stated that Israel's ethnic discrimination practice is a crime. The participation for the event was quite good and the conference was very productive. I believe it will produce significant impact.

After that, the President of Young UNIW, Serdar Bayram gave a presentation on the 22nd Education and Consultation Camp.

The President of Istanbul Women and Women Organizations Association (IKAD-DER), Mrs. Funda Ozan Akyol, made a short speech on Strasbourg Project and underlined the importance for NGOs to get involved with United Nations institutions.

The participants also shared their views on the Istanbul Convention, law 6284, activities of Young UNIW and on the International Conference on Ethnic Discrimination in Israel which was just held last week.



5th Extended Secretariat Meeting with Arab-Origin Members, ICYF Headquarters, Istanbul, Turkey, 9th December 2019

UNIW members of Arab-origin countries were gathered for the 5th Extended Secretariat Meeting, held at Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) Headquarter on 6 December 2019. In the meeting, UNIW activities and the agenda of the Islamic world were consulted.

In his opening speech, UNIW Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt thanked the participants and also ICYF officials for hosting the meeting. Then, ICYF Project Coordinator Mr. Muhammed Mahli make his presentation on general information about ICYF, its activities and answered some questions at the end of his presentation. He also stated that it's a pleasure for ICYF to host the meeting.

Atty. Ali Kurt then proceeds to share on the 2nd Workshop conducted by the International Family Institute and its studies. He said, "Family is the building blocks of our society and is currently under serious threat. We are making important research on this subject. Thus I would like to request our esteemed members to bring together the women-family institutions in your countries for us to work together on this important issue. With the awareness emanating from our unity, we can produce the appropriate laws and conventions in accordance to our values, instead of adhering to the conventions imposed on us by the western countries."



Atty. Ali Kurt later shared detailed information regarding Istanbul-based NGOs that are working for Palestinian cause, and of the International Conference on Israel Ethnic Discrimination that had taken place on 29-30 November 2019. He stated that important works had been done for the Palestinian cause and it will always be pursued.

Later on, the President of Young UNIW Mr. Serdar Bayram, presented the outcomes of the 22nd Education and Training Camp to the participants.

At the end of the meeting, the participants presented their gratitude and evaluations with the works done by the UNIW.



Kuala Lumpur Summit 2019, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 18th - 19th December 2019

Kuala Lumpur Summit 2019 had gathered the Islamic world at the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur, from 18th to 21st December.

At the summit's opening ceremony, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had highlighted that they are organizing the summit to ensure sustainable development of Muslims, worldwide. He also said, "I hope that by the end of this summit, new initiatives would emerge and speed up the realization of bigger agendas."

Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad also underlined the need for the Islamic world to overcome 'Islamophobia'. He stressed that, "We even had to depend upon our detractors to assist us. So we need to discuss on the possible ways to improve the plight of our brethren."

Numerous prominent Muslim thinkers, writers, academics, leaders and non-governmental organizations representatives had attended Kuala Lumpur Summit. UNIW Secretary General, Atty. Ali Kurt among the names invited from Turkey. The esteemed attendees of the summit had exchanged ideas regarding seven main topics.

The main topics of the summit are, "Peace, Security and Defense", "Justice and Freedom", "Development and Sovereignty", "Trade and Investment", "Technology and Internet Governance", "Culture and Identity", "Integrity and Good Governance".

In this context, the summit focused on four main objectives: resurrection of Islamic civilization, providing solutions to the problems faced by the Muslim world, facilitate the development of Muslim societies, and establishing a network of leaders, intellectuals and thinkers of the Islamic world.



Regional issues regarding Palestine, Syria, Rohingya, Kashmir, East Turkistan and other ethnic issues are among the items discussed in the summit.

In the opening session of the summit, the President of Republic of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdogan greets the participants of the summit with "Hoşgeldiniz (Welcome) speech". He later mentioned that, "I want to emphasize that every findings and criticisms that we will gain from the summit will be highly valued by your brothers and sisters in Turkey. I wish that this Kuala Lumpur Summit will further strengthen our solidarity and induce the advancement of the ummah."

Erdogan also pointed out that Turkey aspires to explore prospects of cooperation in the fields for sustainable development, security and defense, trade and investment, also in technology and internet sectors:

"We will have the opportunity to speak freely on many issues, from Islamophobia to terrorism, from our internal conflicts that had ravaged our regions, and also on sectarian issues and ethnic crisis. We will also address our situation, opportunities and our prospects for potential development, as we constitute a quarter of the world's population with 1.7 billion Muslims worldwide. We will also identify the obstacles that hinders our potentials and collective action.





I also would like to express my gratitude to every one of our brothers that shared his ideas with us, for us to build a stronger, prosperous and economically independent Islamic world.”

Later on, Erdogan stressed that he wished that this summit would be the preamble of a new era, “As a country in the center of Asia, Europe, and Africa, we are greatly affected by any event in any of these regions. Our neighbor, Syria, have 3 million and 700 thousand of our brothers escaping from war and oppression, while facing pressure from terrorist organizations. In addition to receive our brothers from Syria, we are also faced with hundreds of thousands of refugees from Iraq and Afghanistan.”

He continued his speech with, “The biggest problem of platforms that bring together the Islamic world under a single roof is the issue of implementation. This is the reason why we have not covered any distance in the Palestinian cause, are unable to stop the exploitation of our resources and cannot say stop as our region is torn apart through the rhetoric of sectarianism, However, the Muslim world is not powerless, and we have the resources, the population and the geographic position to overcome obstacles with proper leadership.

(Thus) If a significant part of the Muslim population is dealing with hunger, famine, poverty and ignorance, despite all the opportunities, the oil, population and natural resources God has bestowed on us, then we need to put the blame on ourselves first. In the Holy Quran, we are urged to think wisely. It would be easy to just blame others for our shortcomings. Muslims had suffered much in the last 2 centuries as they tend to flee away from problems instead of facing it head on. I believe that we will lead the change, as we transform our decisions into implementations.”

Speaking at the summit’s opening, the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, said, “Some countries in the Islamic world are abusing the Islamic culture, violating human rights and disregard justice for its own citizens. Justice is one of the most fundamental conditions to end a conflict. This is what some countries don’t understand, as they try to resolve conflicts with the mindset of power & domination.”

The Kuala Lumpur Summit ended with a closing ceremony attended by Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin. In his closing speech, Sultan Nazrin touched on the refugee problem inflicted upon the Islamic world. He stressed that Muslim countries in general are not doing enough for the refugees, and Sultan Nazrin called for these countries to extend more help for these refugees.

Sultan Nazrin said, “Just as Prophet Muhammad and the Muhajirins are welcomed by the Ansars, we also have to reach out to them and do more. These refugees, their struggle is not a simple one, they are struggling to survive”.

Sultan Nazrin ended his speech with referring to the refugee situation in Syria, Turkey and Lebanon, while emphasizing that the Muslim countries outside the region are not adequately helping the Syrians.



3rd International Islamic Union Congress, Pullman Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey, 19th - 20th December 2019

The 3rd International Islamic Union Congress with the theme "ASRIKA Joint Defense Industry Production" was held on 19 - 20 December 2019 at Pullman Hotel Istanbul Convention Center, in cooperation with The Union of NGOs of the Islamic World (UNIW), Justice Defenders Strategic Studies Center Association (ASSAM) and Uskudar University. The congress was attended by representatives from civil societies, military leaders and expert academicians from many countries.

The event started with recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by discussion on the establishment of Joint Military Standardization Centers in Islamic countries. Other topics explored by the congress are, determination of cooperation among Islamic countries, usage of defense products by Islamic countries, determination of defense industry products and its development.

In his opening speech, the Chairman of ASSAM and also the Chief Advisor to the President of Republic of Turkey Mr. Adnan Tanriverdi, stated that one of the main criteria of a country's sovereignty and independence from foreign power are the possession of weaponry, wholly owned by that country. He said, "National interests cannot be protected by someone else's weapon. No state can guarantee security, peace and prosperity in their country, while depending on others' weapon. No state can be regarded as a sovereign of their country, if their weapons are being held by another country. That state also could not go against the interest of the foreign country that produced their weapons."



After the opening speech, the congress resumed with speeches by the Deputy Minister of Treasury and Finance Mr. Nureddin Nebati, Chairman of Religious Affairs Department Prof. Dr Ali Erbas, Deputy Secretary General of UNIW Mr. Eyup Akbal, Rector of Kutahya Dumlupinar University Prof. Dr Kazim Uysal, Sancaktepe Mayor Seyma Dogucu and Mayor of Bahcelievler, Mr Hakan Bahadir.

Highlighting the success of Turkey's defense industry, Turkey's Deputy Finance Minister, Mr Nureddin Nebati said, "When AK Party got into power in 2002, Turkey has almost no power in the defense industry."





Today, we have become one of the world's leading countries in defense industry, all in a short period of 17 years. Back then, we only produced 20% of our national weaponry. Now, the rate is almost 70%. We also have 4 companies among the top 100 companies in the world. These four companies did not solely operate in Turkey. They also had made leading cooperation with many Muslim countries."



Then, the Chairman of Religious Affairs, Prof. Dr Ali Erbas stated that Islamic countries are going through difficult times; "Today, our world are going through one of the most difficult period in its history, in terms of social, cultural, political and economic challenges. Every ideology and policies that claim to improve our prosperity, peace and sense of justice, all of them had lost their credibility. Over the last two centuries, the Islamic communities had suffered much under colonialism and intervention of foreign powers in their domestic affairs. The only way to solve these crises of humanity, social, cultural, spiritual and political in nature, are by reverting to the universal truth of life that is Islam. For that reason, it is crucial that Muslims tackle the problems in realistic and convincing manner, starting from their domestic issues."

Meanwhile, the Deputy Secretary General of UNIW Mr. Eyup Akbal in his speech said, "I am delighted to be here at ASRICA Joint Defense Industry Production Congress. We came here from different countries but in fact we are members of a single ummah. The Islamic world needs more unity and solidarity than ever before in its history. Three letters of elifs when it is placed randomly, will only amounted as three. But, if it were to be standing side by side, shoulder to shoulder on a straight line, it becomes one hundred and eleven, in strength and in value."

The congress ended with a resolution meeting held at the second day.



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27th Council Meeting, Akgun Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey, 11th January 2020

The 27th UNIOW Council Meeting was held at Akgun Hotel Istanbul on 11th January 2020 with the participation of council members from 20 countries.

The first session of the meeting started with recitation of Holy Quran, followed opening speech and the reading of meeting agendas by UNIOW Secretary General, Atty. Ali Kurt. The Secretary General also provide a general review of the activities carried out since the previous Council meeting. He then briefed the council on the latest works conducted by UNIOW, and shared on the ongoing and planned future projects.

Atty. Ali Kurt then shared the outcomes of his participation to Kuala Lumpur Summit 2019, with the council members. Emphasizing on the importance of such summit, Atty. Ali Kurt said, "The summit is a very important event. I wish it will be continued for the well-being of the Islamic world."

After that, the President of Humanitarian Aid Platform (HAP), Mr Musab Aydin made his presentation on the negotiations and studies carried out under IYP.

The meeting then proceeded with a discussion led by the President of Young UNIOW, Mr Serdar Bayram, on topics related to Young UNIOW. Mr Serdar said, "We hope that our council members could nominate youth representatives from their organizations to be a part of Young UNIOW Council member. Through the council, we can easily work together with these youth representatives to cooperate and undertake initiatives under Young UNIOW."

At the end of the council meeting, membership application from 19 institutions was reviewed and their membership was approved. UNIOW Secretary General, Atty. Ali Kurt thanked everyone for their participation. The 27th Council Meeting ended with a prayer and a group photo.



3rd High Advisory Board Meeting of UNIW's International Family Institute, Akgun Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey, 11th January 2020

On 12th January 2020, the 3rd High Advisory Board Meeting of UNIW's International Family Institute (IFI) was held at Akgun Hotel Istanbul. The meeting had gathered participation from ministry officials, academicians, civil society leaders and family experts from 40 countries.

The meeting started with an opening speech by the Secretary General of UNIW, Atty. Ali Kurt. In his speech, Mr. Ali Kurt said, "I greatly welcomed and thanked our members whom gathered here from 40 different countries. Together, we had organized many significant events in align with IFI, with some of it being conducted in Indonesia, Turkey and other countries. And the latest, we had conducted a family workshop at SETA. It is all due to your ending support, that we had managed to carry out these programs, Alhamdulillah. We had also created several sub-commissions under IFI, that is; Strategy and Research Development Desk, International Agreements and Public Policy Desk, Field Studies and Listing Desk, Press Release and Marketing Desk, International Relations Desk and Family Fiqh Desk. So today, we will hear the presentations from the respective desk managers. The core foundation of our community, our family institution, is currently under threat. There are both positive and negative effects from the Istanbul Convention, Beijing Declaration and other international conventions. Thus, we will and must consult on these issues together. We will share the outcomes of our meetings with you". After his speech, he passed the floor to the Co-Chairman of Commission of Women, Family and Youth, Dr Rabiye Yilmaz.



Dr Rabiye Yilmaz then presented the works conducted by IFI since the 2nd High Advisory Board Meeting in 2017. Among the items of her presentation are; Family Charter Workshop, "Strengthening Women, Family and Health Institutions", at WOMEN! Pillars of Civilizations, Family-themed meeting with HAB members along Morocco Visit, Visit to Deputy Minister of Family and Social Policies, A panel on "Strong Family Makes Strong Society", during International NGO Fair, in collaboration with IFI and IMWU, Workshop on IFI's Action Plan – Family Charter, Supporting "We Are All Mary" Campaign, organized by UKAED, Meeting with Youth NGOs, Participated in symposium on Participated in the symposium on "Rights to Protection of the Family" organized by Human Rights and Equality Institution of Turkey, Participated in the 7th Family Council, under the Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Services, Visit to the Minister of Family, Labor and Social Services, Mdm. Zehra Zumrut Selcuk, Malaysia Visit: International Muslim Women's Union Council Meeting; visit to the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail; discussion with Prof. Dr Nor Faridah Abdul Manaf, Deputy Rector of International University of Malaysia (IIUM), visit to Turkey's Ambassador to Malaysia, Dr Merve Safa Kavakci, Visit to Ministry of Family and Social Services, Head of Strategy Development, Mdm Zeliha Saglam together with the Director General of Family and Community Services, Mr Ali Cevik, IFI's 2nd Workshop in 2019.





The participants of the meeting were then allowed to share their opinions regarding the first session of the meeting. In the second session of the meeting, the head of IFI desks made their presentations on their works. In this session, the participants shared on their thoughts on the works that had been conducted and considering possible future actions.

The Secretary General of International Union of Muslim Scholars, Prof. Dr Muhyiddin Ali Al-Qaradaghi, also shared his views at the end of the meeting. In his speech, Dr Al-Qaradaghi said; "Let us be united on items that bring us closer together. Let us reflect on how Qur'an guide us on family matters. It is not the fault of a woman that Adam was banished from the heavens – both are at fault. There is no doubt about it. It is inaccurate to say that women are intrinsically cowardly and unable to conduct good governance. In the chronicles of Sulaiman, there is Balqis; and in Moses's chronicle there are mentions of his mother and wife. Such events are not mere stories but signify the importance of woman. Even in the Quran, it was mentioned that "due to the wives is similar to what is expected of them (husbands)"

The meeting ended with group photo session and the recitation of prayers by the Secretary General of International Union of Muslim Scholars, Prof. Dr Muhyiddin Ali Al-Qaradaghi.

28th Council Meeting, 16th May 2020

28th UNIW Council Meeting was held online on May 16, 2020 with the participation of about 20 members from different countries.

The impact of the Covid-19 outbreak on Islamic geography, the activities of the UNIW members and the issues that await the world and the Islamic geography after the pandemic were discussed in the meeting with council members.

Meeting started with opening speech of Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt and reading the agenda of the meeting. After the general evaluations, the participants shared information about the Covid-19 situation in their country and the activities related to the epidemic.

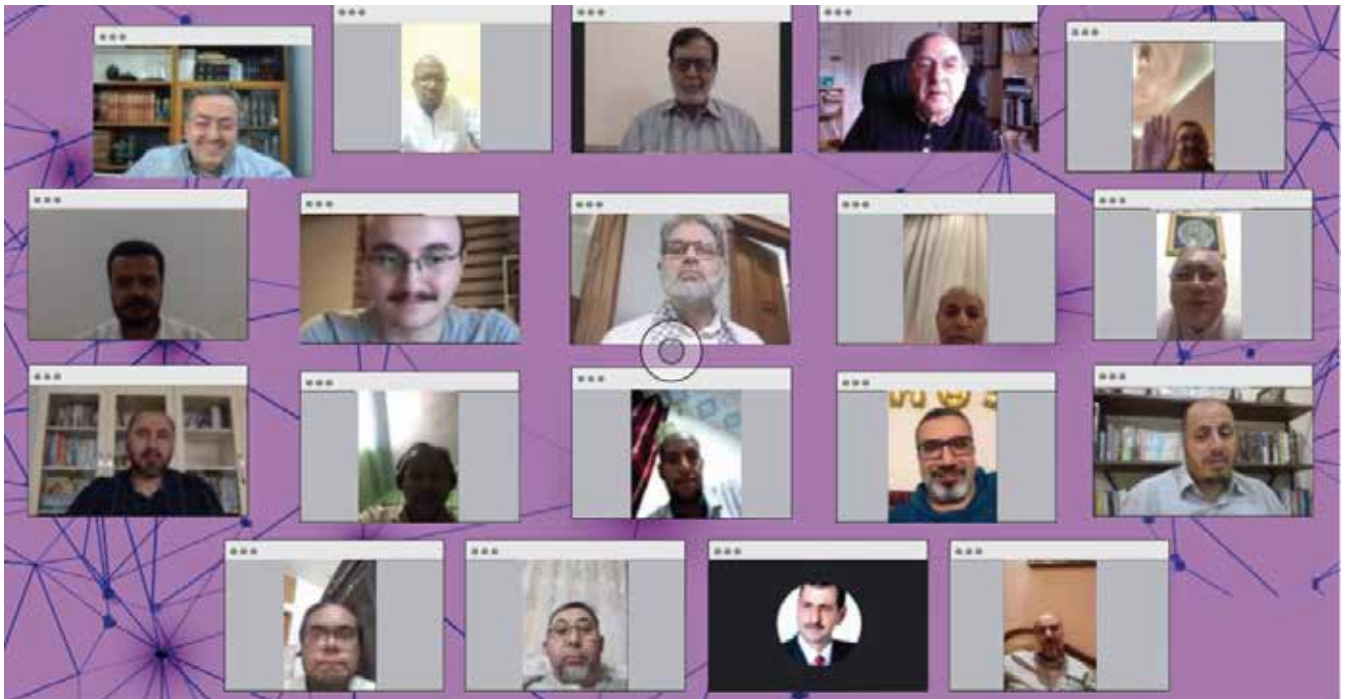
UNIW Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt read the agenda of the meeting by stating that the whole world is locked as in Islamic countries due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Agenda topics were as the developments after the 27th council meeting, the status of UNIW members during the pandemic period, the worldwide changes that will be experienced with the pandemic and the consultation of what can be done in these issues as the UNIW and the Islamic World.

Secretary General said that Pandemic actually gives a different vision and that the council members can come together online more frequently by developing this system. In this context, he mentioned that it should be an important topic of our agenda, how can we evaluate our next days and what kind of works can be done. The Young UNIW President Mr. Serdar Bayram and his team told that they had online meetings in Turkish, Arabic and English language with youth from different parts of the world.

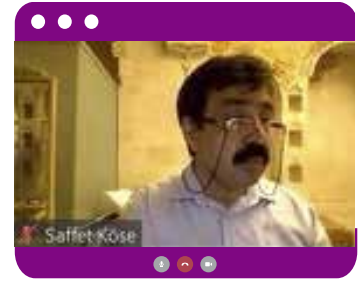
Council members emphasized that our Muslim brothers and sisters in countries such as Palestine, Rohingya, Syria and Yemen should not be forgotten during this epidemic. They suggested that a letter should be sent to the World Health Organization by UNIW regarding the need to perform the funeral and burial procedures of Muslims in accordance with the religion of Islam.

The president of the UNIW Humanitarian Aid Platform Mr. Musab Aydın, proposed the establishment of a health commission, such as Humanitarian Aid Platform, under the umbrella of the UNIW.

Ali Kurt thanked everyone for their participation. Council meeting ended with pray (Dua).



UNI World International Family Institute (IFI) Academicians Meeting, 17th July 2020



IFI Academicians Meeting was held online with the participation of our High Advisory Board members and academicians.

At the meeting, topics such as "The evaluation of the sub-texts of the Family Agreement", "The Istanbul Convention and the international family agreements to which our country is a party" were discussed with academicians within the scope of IFI studies.

"We finalized our Family Agreement with consultations at the end of 2017. I would like to state that we need the support of the academic community to create the sub-articles and action plans of the convention. We will try to make the Family Agreement more active in this conjuncture," she said.

Afterwards, the participants took the floor one by one and shared their opinions.



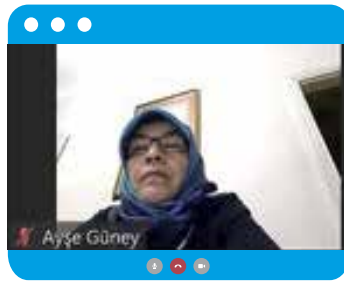
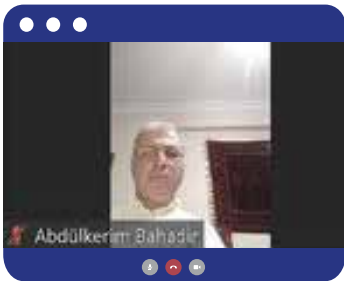
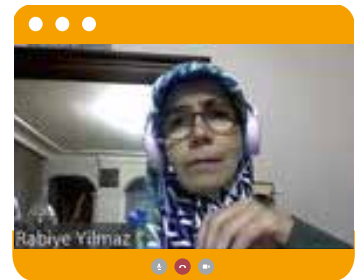
In his opening speech, UNI World Secretary General, Atty. Ali Kurt, said, "We wanted to make an assessment together with you in order to determine our roadmap on the Family Agreement, which we have prepared in the

axis of the IFI, in these days when Turkey withdraws from the Istanbul Convention. If it is okay for you, we would like to conduct these online consultations periodically." said.

The program continued with KAGE Co-Chair Dr Rabiye Yilmaz's short presentation on studies. Yilmaz said,

In the meeting, many valuable ideas such as the need for new studies in the field of concept and fiqh, the creation of an action plan for the International Family Convention, the determination of psycho-social dynamics in family problems came to the fore. In addition, it was emphasized that statistical data and the need to develop a special communication language in order to communicate with young people.

The meeting ended after wishes and proposals.



29th Council Meeting, 18th July 2020

UNIW 29th Council Meeting was held online with the participation of nearly 20 members from different countries. This meeting, which was held during the pandemic period, was also recorded as the second online council meeting.

The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. After reading the opening speech and meeting agenda, Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt shared information about the action plan of the 28th Council Meeting and the developments after the 28th Council Meeting. He gave information about the 4th International NGO Fair and the International African Congress, which we will perform online later. Referring to the disruptions experienced in fairs and collective organizations due to the pandemic process, Kurt said, "It does not seem possible to hold a fair physically in this period. However, we have started to work on holding our fair online. We will experience the fair atmosphere online with the system that will operate interactively over a website. Our participants will be able to exhibit materials such as promotional brochures and corporate videos in their own separate stands.

The meeting continued with KAGE Co-Chair Dr Rabiye Yılmaz making a short presentation on the latest activities of the International Family Institute (IFI).

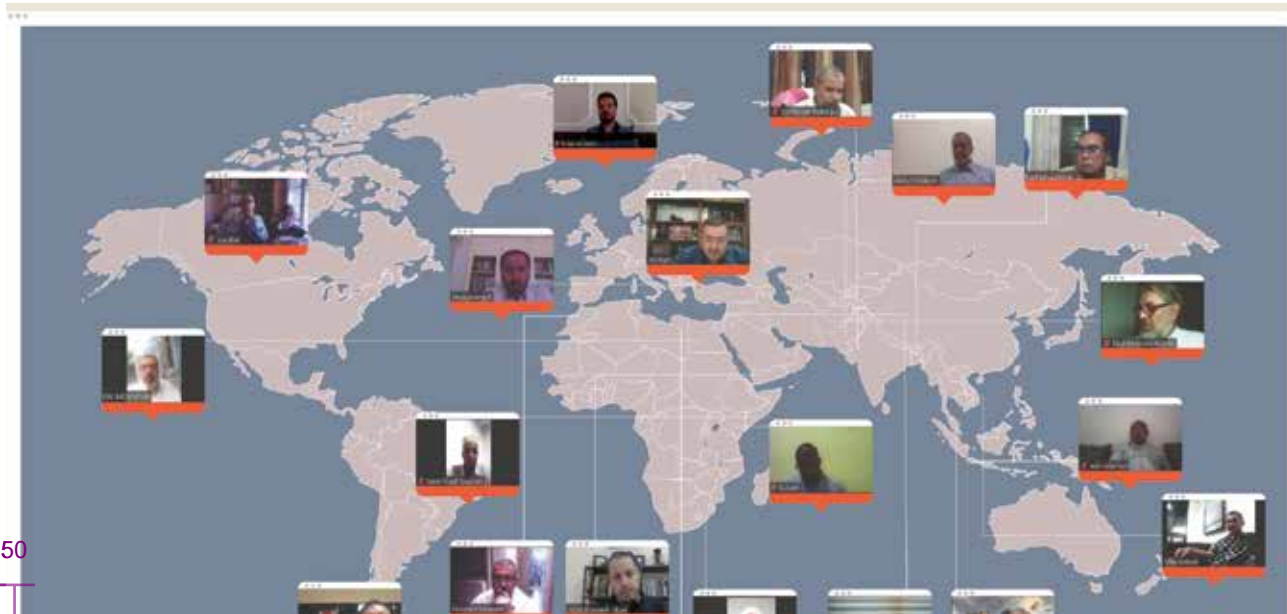
Yılmaz conveyed the details of the meeting held with academics within the scope of IFI studies, in which subjects such as "evaluation of the sub-texts of the Family Agreement", "Istanbul Convention and international family agreements to which our country is a party" were discussed. She added that they will concentrate on this area by making the International Family Agreement more functional.

Later, UNIW Asia, Europe and America Desk Officer Umer Farooq informed about International Civil Society Academy (USTA), Dr Ghulam Nabi Fai explained Kashmir issue and the 2nd International Kashmir Conference, which we will hold online and finally our Humanitarian Aid Platform (HAP) President Hakan Musab Aydın also gave information about the latest developments regarding the HAP.

Finally, Young UNIW General Coordinator Abdulfettah İsmail Şenbaş made a short presentation on the latest activities of Young UNIW and the 15. International Youth Meeting: The Digital World After Covid-19. He also gave information about the "Online Ramadan" program held during the pandemic period.

After the presentations, the participants shared their opinions. All of the participants expressed their satisfaction with the meetings and activities held by the UNIW during the pandemic period. In addition, it was decided to hold the next meetings on 1-2 main topics in order to focus on the subjects in more detail.

The meeting ended with the Secretary General thanking all the participants and a wishes.



UNIW International Family Institute (IFI) Family Fiqh Desk & International Agreements and Public Policy Desk Consultation Meeting, 20th July 2020



The first meeting was held online with the Family Fiqh and International Agreements and Public Policy Desk within the scope of the meetings with the IFI Working Desks, which will be held periodically with the decision taken at the last High Consultation Meeting (HCM). These two table members, other table heads and some experts also attended the meeting.

The meeting started with the opening speech of UNIW Secretary General, Atty. Ali Kurt, and sharing information about the table meetings.

Later, KAGE Co-Chair Dr Rabiye Yılmaz made a short speech. In his speech, Yılmaz said, "We want to make work desks functional with online meetings. We want to take concrete steps. On July 17, we held a meeting with academics working on women, families and youth at various universities in Turkey.

Our aim was to establish an academic basis for IFI studies and to enrich it with academic studies.

At that meeting, it was emphasized that statistical data, new studies in the field of concept and fiqh were needed, and that a special communication language should be developed in order to communicate with young people. As a result, we think that further and concrete steps should be taken for the Family Agreement, which we prepared with great effort," she said.

In the continuation of his speech, Dr Yılmaz evaluated the latest developments in Turkey and the world, based on family, within the framework of the evaluation letter sent by these two desks recently.

At the end of the meeting, Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt stated that the meetings with the tables will continue periodically. The Secretary General also added that the desks will work separately and that they will request reports on this axis.

After the wishes and wishes, the meeting ended.

International Family Institute (IFI) International Relations Desk Meeting, 8th September 2020

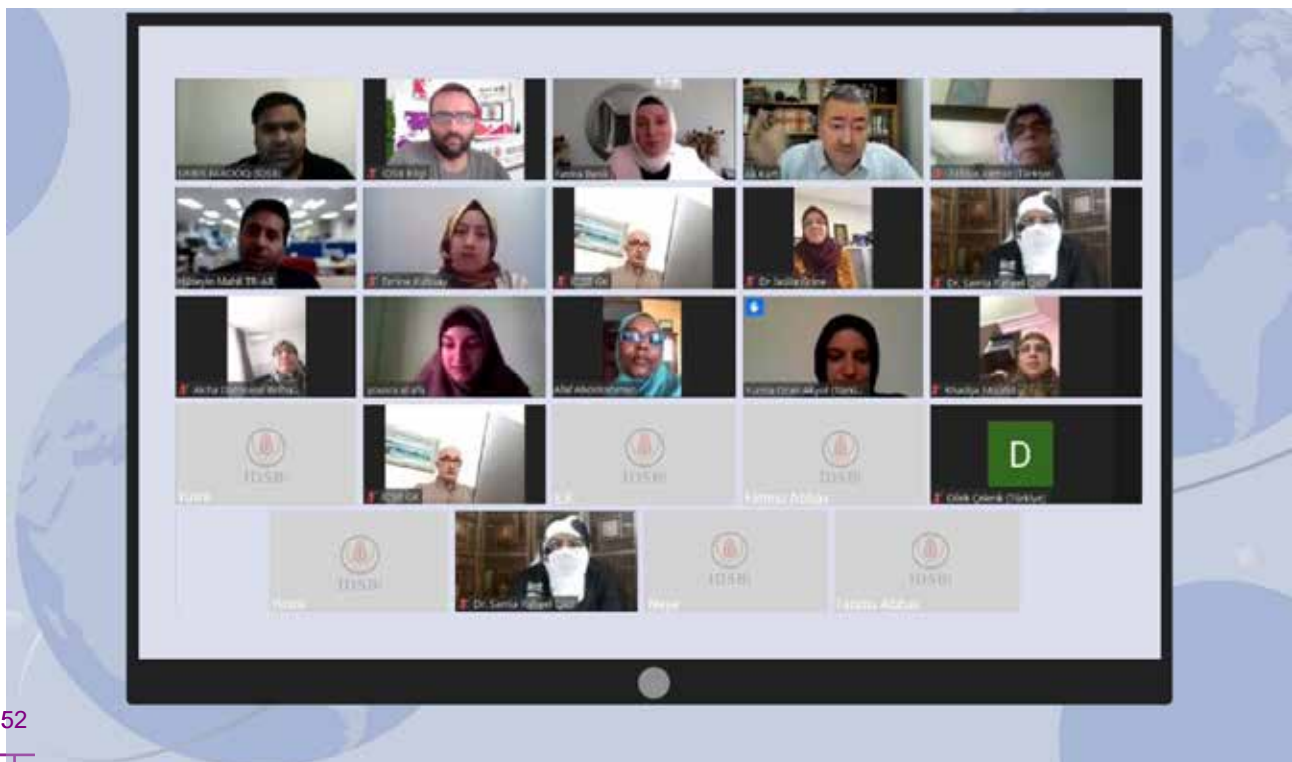
Within the scope of the meetings with the International Family Institute (UAE) Work Desks, the second online meeting was held on September 8, 2020, on the axis of the International Relations Desk chaired by Aicha Bel Hadjar with the participation of members, chairs of other branches and experts. Within the scope of the meetings with the International Family Institute Work Desks, the second online meeting was held on September 8, 2020, on the axis of the International Relations Desk chaired by Aicha Bel Hadjar with the participation of members, chairs of other branches and experts.

The meeting started with the opening speech of UNIW Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt Bey and sharing information about the table meetings. Kurt said, "In the previous desk meeting, Family Law and International Agreements and Public Policies tables came together. We shared the decisions we made at the meeting with you separately. As you know, we have six desks. With these six tables, we will have completed all the tables by coming together with different tables every 15 days. We are planning our next table meeting with the Strategy and Literature Development Desk upon the request of Prof Dr Khadija Mufid and left the floor to Dr Rabiye Yilmaz, the co-chair of the Women's Family and Youth Commission, to briefly summarize what has been done in the past.

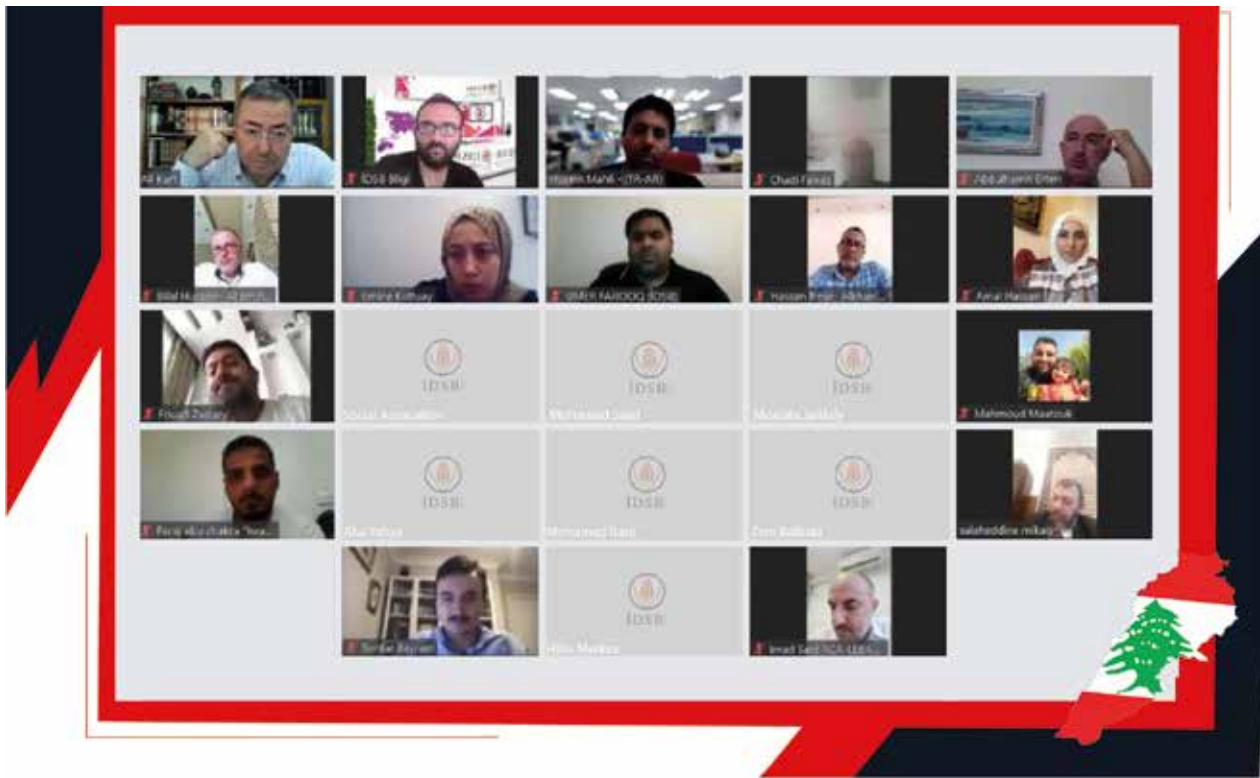
Yilmaz briefly explained the activities carried out within the scope of IFI and underlined that the family is at a much more risk at this point. Yilmaz continued her speech, "For this reason, our international family agreement is of great importance, as stated in every (high advisory board) HAB meeting and in all meetings. And we should aim to work the sub-items and action plan of this as tables. Necessary efforts have begun to be made on this issue. She said God bless you for your participation."

After Yilmaz, the Head of the International Relations Desk, Aicha Bel Hadjar gave a short speech about the activities and targets. In her speech, Hadjar said, "The first and primary goal of the international relations desk is to spread the understanding of family to the whole world. The audience we are targeting is not only Islamic NGOs, but also institutions and organizations that have a solid idea on these issues and protect the family institution, even if they are non-Muslim. Our project transcends these international agreements and local laws. We should protect the family structure according to human values, as it is a humanitarian duty" and stated the work that the table should do.

The meeting continued with participants expressing their opinions and then ended.



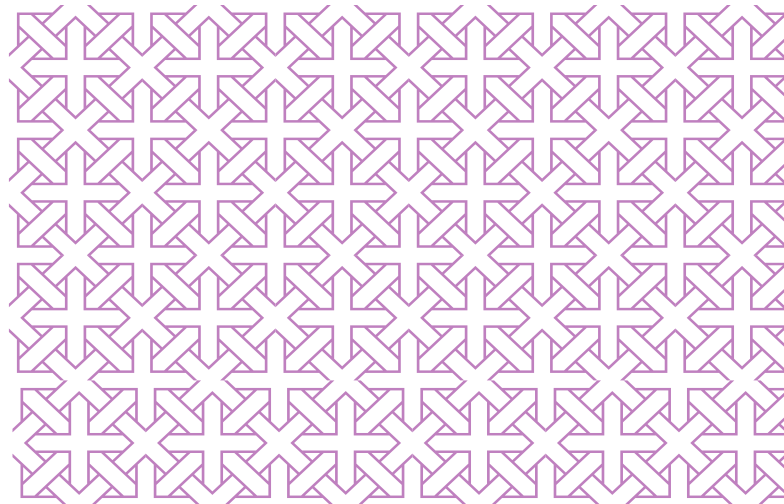
Lebanon Regional Country NGOs Meeting, 9th September 2020



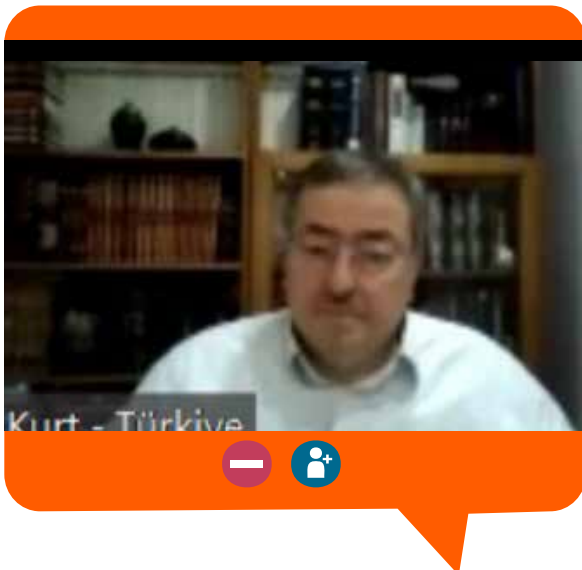
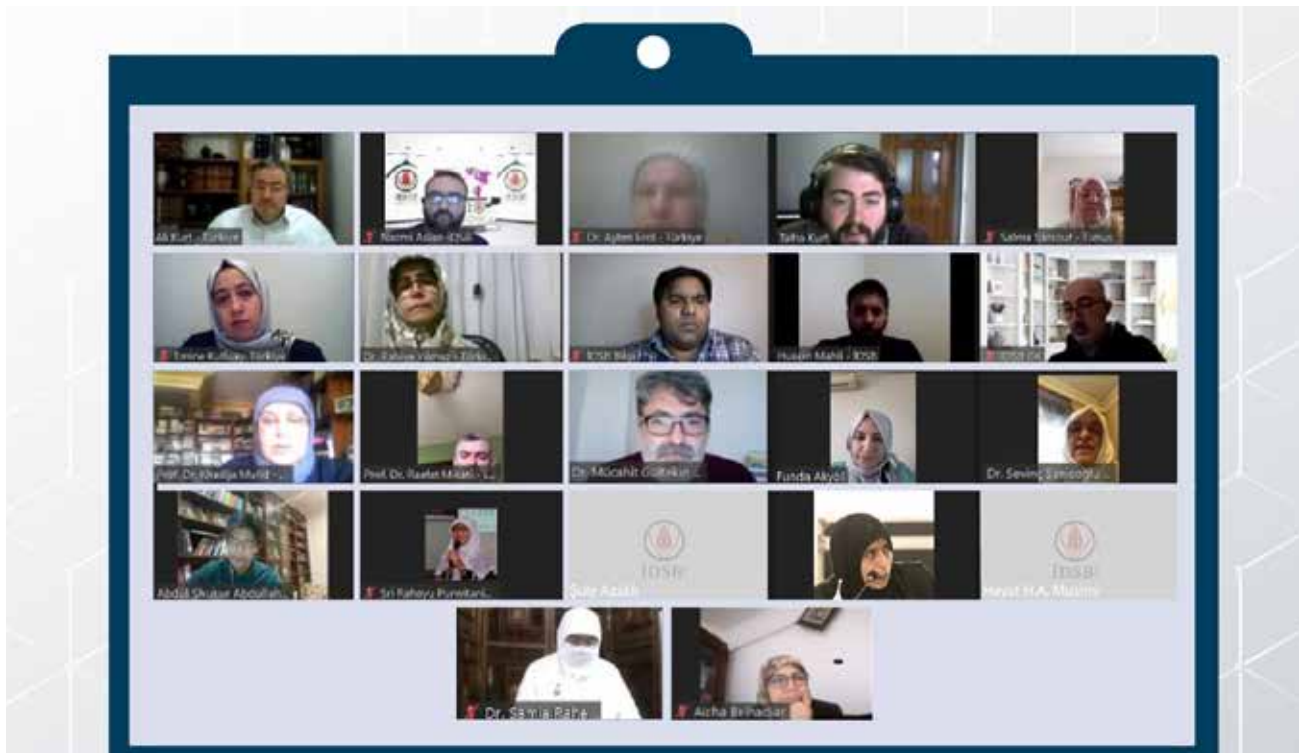
UNIW started its regional NGO meetings with its members in Lebanon in order to strengthen communication and sharing with its members from 66 countries. Our members in Lebanon and the UNIW secretariat attended the meeting held online.

The meeting started with the opening speech of UNIW Secretary General, Attorney Ali Kurt. Ali Kurt briefly summarized the activities of UNIW. Referring to the explosion in Beirut, the Secretary General said, "I wish mercy from Allah to those who died and recovery to the injured. Lebanon was also experiencing some economic difficulties before this explosion, now this picture has become a little more severe. It also had political repercussions. Especially western countries and France have re-emerging ambitions. We pray for you, may Allah be with you. We announced to our NGOs in Turkey and all our member organizations around the world that we would start a campaign about Lebanon, and within this framework, we made calls for help in the context of how sustainable support can be provided" he said.

Afterwards, the participants voiced their opinions. They gave detailed information about the latest developments in Lebanon. They expressed their satisfaction with the UNIW's handling of regional problems in this way. The meeting ended with the wishes.



Strategy and Literature Development Desk Meeting, 30th October 2020



Within the framework of meetings with the International Family Institute (UAE) desks, the online meeting of the Strategy and Literature Development Desk chaired by Prof Khadija Mufid was held with the participation of desk members, heads of other desks and experts.

The meeting started with the opening speech of UNIW Secretary General, Atty. Ali Kurt, and giving information about the two previous table meetings. Evaluating briefly the developments in the Islamic geography, Kurt said, "Previously, we held the International Agreements and Public Policies and Family Fiqh Desk meeting, and then the International Relations Desk, chaired by Aicha Bel Hadjar. Next Friday, November 13, we will hold the meeting of the Field Research and Inventory desk and the Press, Publication and Publicity desks." said. Later, he gave detailed information about the UNIW's work and left the floor to KAGE Co-Chair Dr Rabiye Yılmaz for a brief greeting.

Dr Rabiye Yılmaz said, "We looked forward to meeting you again after our last meeting. On this occasion, I would like to convey to you the work on the IFI axis that has been carried out since our last meeting. Ms. Funda had a very beautiful and important work within the scope of the family. We introduced this work together at a nice meeting.

The promotional program was held with the participation of Ms. Emine Erdogan, the wife of our



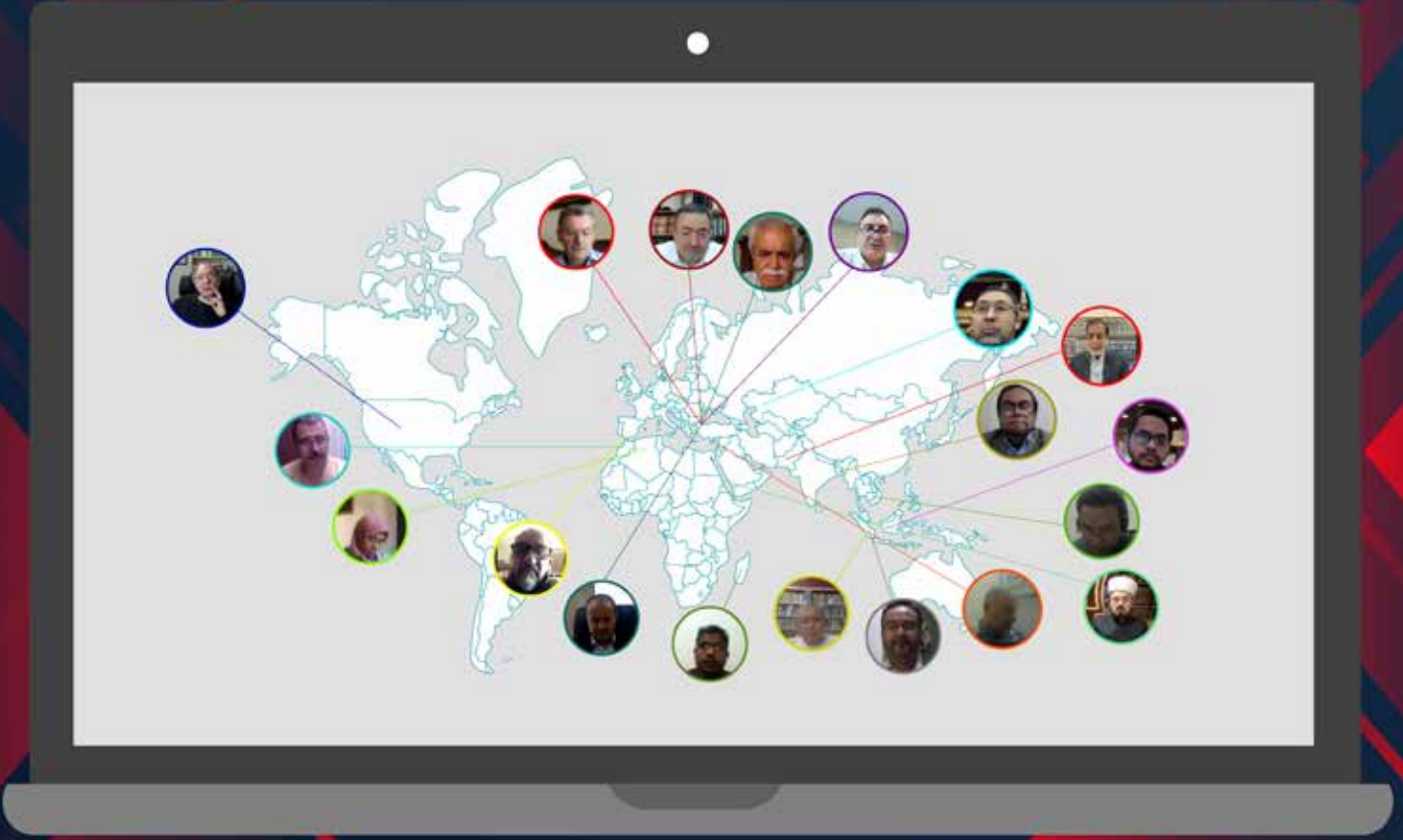
President, and Ms. Zehra Zümrüt Selçuk, Minister of Family, Labor and Social Services. At this event, we had the opportunity to talk about our own projects and the International Family Convention. We presented our International Family Agreements and International Family Institute workbooks that we prepared to them. It was a very productive meeting. Ms. Funda's work is comprehensive and can be a concrete example for us as a methodology that primarily concerns our country. Hopefully it will be translated into English and Arabic as soon as possible. We can put this into practice as a similar study" and left the floor to Prof Khadija Mufid.



In her speech, Khadija Mufid said, "My presentation is inspired by the main and strategic goals set by the International Family Institute. Since the UNIW is an umbrella organization that covers almost the entire Islamic world and includes Islamic organizations in non-Muslim countries, I tried to define the strategic foundations on which the International Family Institute should establish institutions with a common vision and on which their functioning programs should be built. The family issue is a special issue for some Islamic researchers. Therefore, when researchers try to develop strategies and innovative ideas to build Islamic society, they usually focus on the family, which is one of the main components of mental thinking, politics and economy, and in this way they see the family as a special area. Our importation of family legislation and visions from non-Islamic systems caused our legal loss and disintegration. I will present my proposal based on eight strategic axes regarding the family, because all plans to destroy the Islamic community begin and end with the family."

- Checking the definition of family from an Islamic perspective
- Strengthening the regional and international family network
- Setting the framework of knowledge and scientific standards for the completion of strategic reports and to control monitoring of the family in the Islamic world.
- Identifying the stages that control identity and development in accordance with the Islamic values of decision makers
- Preparing an international advocacy team on the family in the Islamic world
- Producing ideas that serve the family within the framework of a unified perception and an integrative approach
- Organizing training programs for Islamic civil society leaders active in the family field
- Creating an Islamic public opinion about the family by increasing communication and interaction
- The meeting ended after the detailed presentation of Khadija Mufid and the discussions of the participants.

UNIW Meeting of Rising Islamophobia in the West, 9th November 2020

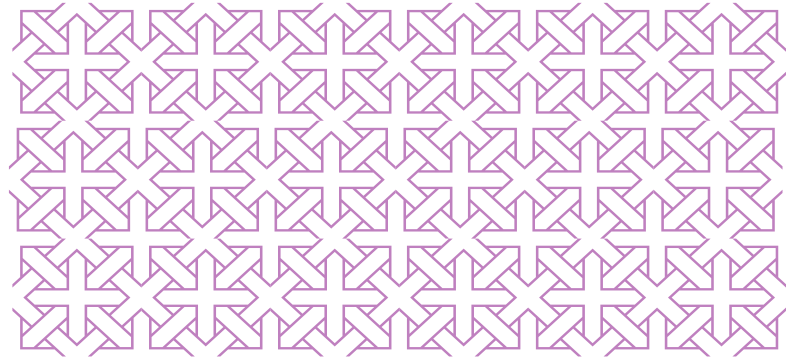


Recently, the statements of French President Emanuel Macron, which have been rising in the Western world and containing Islamophobia, have caused a great reaction in the Islamic geography. Expressing its reaction on this issue by making a press statement with its 354 members from 66 countries, the UNIW brought together opinion leaders from all over the world in an online meeting titled "Meeting to Condemn the Rising Islamophobia in the West" to emphasize that Islamophobia is not a freedom of thought.

UNIW Honorary President Necmi Sadıkoğlu, UNIW Deputy Secretary General Eyüp Akbal, TGTV Management and Executive Board Chairman Atty. Hamza Akbulut, Secretary General of the International Union of Lawyers (UHUB), Atty. Necati Ceylan and Istanbul Women and Women's Organizations Association (İKADDER) President Funda Akyol, Yemen Friendship and Solidarity Association President Dr Abdurraqeb Abdullah Hussein Obad participated as speakers.

Prof Ali Karadagi, Secretary General of the World Union of Muslim Scholars, Ahmad Azam Ab Rahman, President of Global Peace Mission Malaysia (GPM) from Malaysia, Dr Ghulam Nabi Fai, Secretary General of the Kashmiri American Council from the USA, Cemiyetu'l Wayi vel Muvasi Chairman Imad Said from Lebanon, Et Tecemmu'ul İktisadiyi'l Cezairi Chairman Aicha Bel Hadjar from Algeria, Muntede'z Zehra li'l Mer'eti'l Maghribiyye Director Dr Soumaia Ben Khaldoun from Morocco, Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) Chief Counselor Dr Fadila Grine and Head of Social Agency for Welfare and Advancement in Bangladesh (SAWAB) SM Rasheduzzaman from Bangladesh made speeches.

With the declaration published in three languages at the end of the meeting, the rising Islamophobia in the West was condemned together.



30th Council Meeting, 9th November 2020

UNIW 30th Council Meeting was held online with the participation of council members.

Meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Dr Abdulraheb Abdullah Hussein Obad. After UNIW Secretary General Atty. Ali Kurt shared the agenda topics.

In the continuation of his speech, Kurt gave information about the action plan of the 29th Council meeting and the developments done after the meeting. Then, he gave detailed information about the 4th International NGO Fair that we will organize online. Mr. Kurt said, "It is clear that face-to-face meetings cannot be held during the pandemic period". We have completed our working to organize the 4th International NGO Fair online. We believe that we can organize a more effective, interactive and sustainable fair by providing individual stands to everyone. Later UNIW General Coordinator Abdulhamit Erten made a presentation about the activities of the International Family Institute.

Erten presented a detailed report on the desk meetings held within the scope of International Family Institute and also shared the action plans of the meetings.

In the continuation of the meeting, Mr. Hakan Musab Aydın president of Humanitarian Aid Platform informed the participants about the platform activities and presented the report of visits to the institutions.

Young UNIW President Serdar Bayram said that we will organize an International Youth Gathering under the title of "Digital World After Covid-19" and shared the details of the program.

Afterwards, the participants shared their opinions about the agenda topics and the 4th NGO Fair. They stated that holding the fair online would be the first in this field and they appreciated.

The meeting ended with receiving of the suggestions and closing prayer.



4th International ASSAM Islamic Union Congress, 12th December 2020

4th International ASSAM Islamic Union Congress jointly organized online by the Association of Justice Defenders Strategic Studies Center, The Union of NGOs of The Islamic World (UNIOW), Kütahya Dumlupınar University and The Association of Justice Defenders, hosted by Üsküdar University.

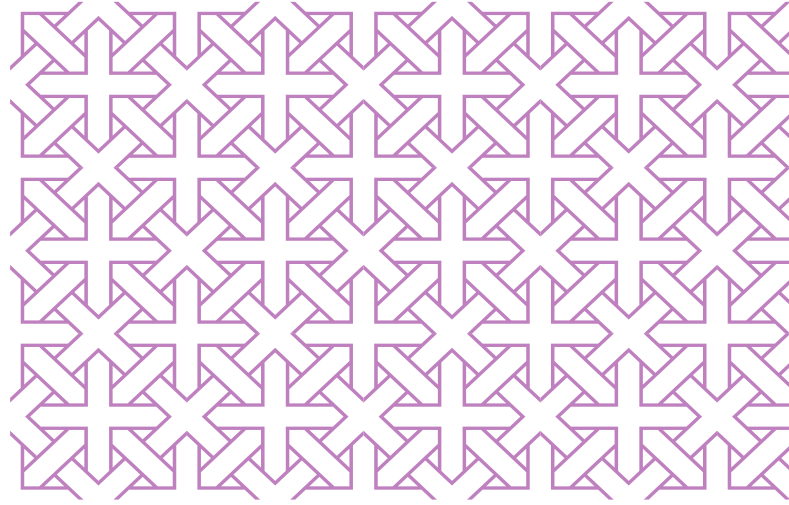
Congress started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Hafız Mustafa Kızılcaoğlu, the imam of the Bakırköy Ataköy Ömer Duruk Mosque and the winner of 2004 World Quran Recitation Competition. He recited the 102nd, 103rd and 160th Verses of Ali Imran Surah.

General (R) Adnan Tanrıverdi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of ASSAM made the opening speech.

From the congress stakeholders, Prof. Dr Nevzat Tarhan Founder and Chairman of the Executive Board of Üsküdar University, Prof. Dr Mehmet Zelka Acting Rector of Üsküdar University, Prof. Dr Kazım Uysal Rector of Kütahya Dumlupınar University, Atty. Ali Kurt Secretary General of the Union of NGOs of the Islamic World (UNIOW) made greeting speeches on behalf of their institutions.

28 academicians from 14 countries presented papers on various topics during the congress.

The unity and necessity of Islam was emphasized by all participants in the conclusion and evaluation session of the congress chaired by Prof. Dr Mehmet Zelka ASSAM Administrative Vice President and Acting Rector of Üsküdar University.



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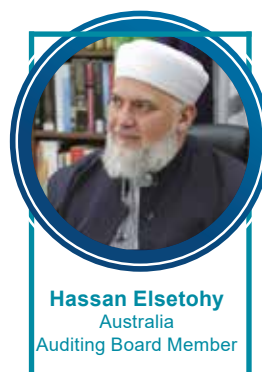
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UNI World and Membership Terms

Our History

The establishment of the Union of Non-Governmental Organizations of the Islamic World (UNI World) was agreed upon the Conference titled "The International Conference of Non-governmental Organizations of the Islamic World: Searching for a New Vision in a Changing World" which was organized with the participation of more than three hundred non-governmental organizations from 40 countries, on the date of May 1, 2005 in Istanbul. UNI World has completed its foundation process with the Cabinet Decree dated December 31, 2005.

What Are Our Activities?

2006: (Earthquake Relief Campaign in Kashmir-Pakistan, Jakarta/Indonesia and Khartoum/Sudan Council Meetings, General Assembly Meeting of the International Union of Muslim Scholars),

2007: (Sudan Flood Relief, Rotterdam/Netherlands Council Meeting)

2008: (1st International Youth Gathering, International Holy Birth Symposium),

2009: (International Palestine Symposium, 2nd Inah Gathering),

2010: (The International Conference of Corporate Governance in Islamic World, 3rd and 4th International Youth Gathering),

2011: (5th and 6th International Youth Gathering, 1st International Kashmir Conference, International Family Conference, The International Andalusia Symposium),

2012: (7th and 8th International Youth Gathering),

2013: (International Syria Conference, 9th and 10th International Youth Gathering),

2014: (Islamic World Cooperation

and Development Conference between NGOs-Yemen, 11th International Youth Gathering),

2015: (2nd International Family Conference, 12th International Youth Gathering).

2016: (1st International Imam and Preacher Conference, UN World Humanitarian Summit, 21st Council Meeting, International Press Conference "Islamic World Stands by Turkey" against the Coup Attempt on 15 July and Ankara Visit from 50 Countries to Give Message "Islamic World Stands by Turkey", 13th International Youth Gathering, "Education Starts in Family" Workshop, Education on "International Family Charters").

2017: International Jurists Meeting, 14th Gathering Of Development of African NGOs, International Family Institute 2nd High Advisory Board Meeting, First Brotherhood Meeting, 1st International ASSAM Islamic Union Congress, 2nd International NGO Fair,

2018: (Sudan and Somalia Region Countries Member NGOs Meeting-Khartoum-Hargeisa-Mogadishu, ICNA-MAS Congress Baltimore-USA, Social Security and the Impact of Ummah Union-Jordan, 23rd Council Meeting Colombo-Sri Lanka, Pakistan Region Countries Member NGOs Coordination Meeting-Islamabad/Lahore, North African Region Countries NGO Meetings-Rabat/Casablanca-Morocco, 24th Council Meeting Dusseldorf-Germany, XIV. International Youth Gathering, Lahore/Islamabad-Pakistan, 3rd International NGO Fair-Istanbul, 25th Council Meeting),

Council

The UNI World Council is composed of representatives from twenty different countries and meets at least twice a year. By now UNI World council meetings have been held in Indonesia, Sudan, Ethiopia, Netherlands, Kuwait, Morocco, Kosovo, Malaysia, Pakistan, Albania, Yemen, Kazakhstan and Saudi Arabia. Currently UNI World has 354 NGOs members from 66 countries which works in diversified fields.

Who Can Become a Member?

Adoption of Islamic Culture and adherence to the purposes of the UNI World, Having not been involved in any form of violent activity, Having the characteristics of a non-profit organization, Not receiving directives from any external authority, Having legal entity under the law of the relevant country, Having been established for at least 1 year prior to application for membership, Not being a political party or a subsidiary organisation of a political party, Any NGOs that obtain a reference from two member organizations may apply for membership of the UNI World.

How to Apply for Membership?

Each and every NGO on the condition of having application qualities for membership may apply for membership in writing by the agency of its representative to the UNI World after rendering such a decision through the competent organs thereof. In the decision of the competent organ, the full name of the representative to the UNI World shall be expressly mentioned.

Application for the membership shall be submitted to the Council through a fully filled-out Application Form comprising the organization's application decision and references of two current member organizations of the UNI World appended.

Procedures pertaining to membership applications will be followed by the secretariat to be submitted at the next first Council Meeting.

Documents Required for Membership

1. Application form for UNI World Membership (Must be filled out online)
2. Resolution taken by the Board of Directors of your Organization for becoming a member in the UNI World and Appointing one representative for the UNI World. The resolution must be written in decision book of your organization and signed by all Board Members with their names.
3. By the legal person's current authorized signatory / signatories to be written "I have read, I understood, I agree" at the last page of the UNI World statute and to be sent to UNI World with other documents.
4. Statute of Your Organization signed the representative assigned (each page must be signed and the last page signed and sealed with date).
5. Reference Letters from two UNI World Member Organizations. (Please refer to the members page on our website)
6. Activity Report of your Organization
7. Formal Certificate of Enrollment by the State
8. Logo of your organization (vectorial and jpeg)
9. First Year Membership Fee 1200\$ (Can be paid cash or through bank)

Note: Please note that the membership fee is USD 1200 per each year and you are required to pay the first year fee in advance for your application to be taken into evaluation in the next council meeting of the UNI World.

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