



## Agenda

# The International Conference on Girls' Education in Muslim Communities: Challenges and Opportunities

Organized by:  
**The Muslim World League**

In collaboration with:  
**The Government of Pakistan**

Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
11–12 Rajab 1446 AH / 11–12 January 2025

Friday, January 10, 2025, corresponding to 10 Rajab 1446 AH

## Scholars' Session

Jinnah Convention Centre – Islamabad

4:00 – 5:30 PM

- **His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa**  
(Secretary-General of the Muslim World League and Chairman of the Organization of Muslim Scholars).
- **His Excellency Prof. Koutoub bin Moustapha Sano**  
(Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia).
- **His Eminence Sheikh Fazl-ul-Rahman bin Mufti Mahmood**  
(Amir of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam – Islamic Republic of Pakistan).
- **His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Nazir Muhammad Ayad**  
(Mufti of the Arab Republic of Egypt).
- **His Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Taqi Usmani**  
(Grand Mufti of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan).
- **His Excellency Prof. Sajid Mir**  
(President of the Ahl-e-Hadith Association and Member of the Senate of Pakistan).
- **His Eminence Sheikh Anwarul Haq Haqqani**  
(President of Darul Uloom Haqqania in Akora Khattak, and Vice President of the Organization of Wifaq-ul-Madaris Al-Arabia in Pakistan).
- **His Eminence Sheikh Mufti Muneeb-ur-Rehman**  
(Secretary-General of the Organization of Tanzeem-ul-Madaris Ahl-e-Sunnat in Pakistan).
- **His Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Hanif Jalandhari**  
(Secretary-General of the Organization of Wifaq-ul-Madaris Al-Arabia in Pakistan).
- **His Eminence Sheikh Bujar Spahiu**  
(Grand Mufti of Albania and President of the Albanian Islamic Community).
- **His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Shaheem Ali Saeed**  
(Minister of Islamic Affairs and President of the Islamic Organization for Culture and Civilization – Republic of Maldives).
- **His Eminence Sheikh Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi**  
(President of Ulema Council of Pakistan, and Secretary-General of the Global Council for the Honor of the Two Holy Mosques).
- **His Eminence Sheikh Syed Arshad Madani**  
(President of the Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind, and Principal of Darul Uloom Deoband).

Day One | Saturday, January 11, 2025, corresponding to 11 Rajab 1446 AH

## Opening Ceremony

Jinnah Convention Centre – Islamabad

10:30 – 11:30 AM

The National Anthem of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

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Recitation of Verses from the Holy Quran

### Illustrative Presentation of the Conference Theme

- **Remarks by His Excellency Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui**  
(Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training– Islamic Republic of Pakistan).
- **Remarks by Her Excellency Ms. Maryam Nawaz Sharif**  
(Chief Minister of Punjab).
- **Remarks by His Excellency Dr. Hussein Ibrahim Taha**  
(Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation).
- **Remarks by His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa**  
(Secretary-General of the Muslim World League and Chairman of the Organization of Muslim Scholars).
- **Remarks by His Excellency Mr. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif**  
(Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan).

### Platform for the Signing of International Partnership Agreements (1)

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| • <b>Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)</b> | • <b>United Nations University for Peace</b>                      |
| • <b>League of Islamic Universities</b>            | • <b>Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic</b> |
| • <b>International Islamic Fiqh Academy</b>        | • <b>Islamic Fiqh Council</b>                                     |

## Ministerial Session on Basic and Higher Education from Participating Countries

Jinnah Convention Centre – Islamabad

12:00 – 1:30 PM

- **His Excellency Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui**  
(Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training– Islamic Republic of Pakistan).
- **His Excellency Senator Dr. Mohd Na'im Mokhtar**  
(Minister of Religious Affairs, Prime Minister's Office – Malaysia).
- **His Excellency Dr. Yusuf Tekin**  
(Minister of National Education – Republic of Türkiye).
- **His Excellency Dr. El-Hadji Abdourahmane Diouf**  
(Minister of Education, Research, and Innovation – Republic of Senegal).
- **Her Excellency Ms. Habbebatu Drammeh**  
(Minister of Basic and Secondary Education – The Gambia).
- **His Excellency Mr. Farah Sheikh Abdulkadir**  
(Minister of Education, Culture, and Higher Education – Federal Republic of Somalia).
- **His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Adeel Naseer**  
(Minister of State for Education - the Republic of Maldives).
- **Her Excellency Ms. Dogdurkul Kendirbaeva**  
(Minister of Education and Science – Kyrgyzstan).



**Session 1**  
**Serena Hotel – Islamabad**

**4:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Theme 1: Women's Education in International and Islamic Charters**

**Chairperson:**

**His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Nazir Muhammad Ayad**  
(Mufti of the Arab Republic of Egypt)

**Speakers:**

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- **His Excellency Prof. Koutoub bin Moustapha Sano**  
(Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia).
- **His Eminence Sheikh Muhammad Al-Hafiz Al-Nahwi**  
(President of the Islamic Cultural Coalition in Mauritania and West Africa – Mauritania).
- **Dr. Mohammed Hamleili Boujemaa Al-Bashari**  
(Secretary-General of the World Muslim Communities Council - United Arab Emirates).
- **His Excellency Professor Anis Ahmad**  
(the Vice-Chancellor of Riphah International University – Islamic Republic of Pakistan).
- **Professor Hina Tayyaba Khalil**  
(Vice Chancellor, PIFD, Lahore).

**Panel Discussion (1)**  
(Concurrently with Session 1)

**4:00 – 5:00 PM**

## **Women's Education and Social Gains**

**Chair of the Panel Discussion:**

**Her Excellency Ms. Jasna Gelesic**  
(European Union Envoy to the Republic of Tajikistan)

### **Speakers:**

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- **Ms. Sharmila Rasool**  
(the Deputy Representative for Programmes at UNICEF Pakistan).
- **Dr. Gulnara Janiyeva**  
(Head of Research Department at the Center for Islamic Civilization – Republic of Uzbekistan).
- **His Excellency Ambassador David Fernández Puyana**  
(Permanent Observer of the University for Peace to the United Nations and UNESCO – Switzerland).
- **Dr. Muhammad Hasbi bin Abu Bakar**  
(President of the Islamic Da'wah Association - Singapore).

**Rapporteur: Dr. Haya Al-Jadoua (Muslim World League).**

Session 2  
Serena Hotel – Islamabad

5:00 – 6:00 PM

## Theme 2: Women's Education.. Obstacles and Solutions

Chairperson:

**The Right Honourable Baroness Sayeeda Warsi**

(Member of the House of Lords – United Kingdom).

### Speakers:

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— **Dr. Khaled Khalifa**

(Adviser to the High Commissioner and Representative of the UNHCR to the Gulf Cooperation Council).

— **Mr. Alexander S. Olchevsky**

(President of the International Chamber for Meetings 2025–2020 – Russia).

— **Her Excellency Ms. Roza Otunbayeva**

(Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)).

— **Dr. Bushra Mirza**

(Vice Chancellor of Fatima Jinnah Women University – Islamic Republic of Pakistan).

— **Her Excellency Ms. Raheela Khan Durrani**

(Education Minister, Balochistan).

— **Mr. Ziauddin Yousafzai**

(Co-founder of the Malala Fund).

**Panel Discussion (2):  
(Concurrently with Session 2)**

**5:00 – 6:00 PM**

## **Inspiring Success: Leading Examples in Girls' Education**

**Chair of the Panel Discussion:**

**Mr. Ahmed Diken**

**Director of the Women, Youth Empowerment, Resilience, and Climate Action  
Division at the Islamic Development Bank – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

### **Speakers:**

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— **Ms. Leslie M. Schweitzer**

(Chair of the Friends of the American University of Afghanistan (FAUAF) – United States).

— **Dr. Mohammed Ali Al-Husseini**

(Secretary-General of the Arab Islamic Council).

— **Mr. Moussa Niang**

(Education Inspector and Coordinator of the Directorate "Dara" at the Ministry of  
National Education – Republic of Senegal).

— **Dr. Tin Aung Myint – Asad bin Ismail**

(Official Member of Interfaith Dialogue and Peace for the Government, and Islamic Advisor  
for the Organization of Muslim Youth of Myanmar).

— **Mr. Diego Solana Jiménez**

(World Law Foundation – Kingdom of Spain).

— **Ms. Aniqa Bano**

(Educationist, Skardu).

**Rapporteur: Ms. Amal Al-Asmari (Muslim World League)**



## Workshop (1)

Serena Hotel – Islamabad

Roundtable Discussion

Concurrently with Session 2

5:00 – 6:00 PM

## Girls and Higher Education: Reality and Prospects

Chairperson:

**His Excellency Prof. Sami Mohammed Rabie Al-Sharif**

(Secretary-General of the League of Islamic Universities – Egypt)

## Speakers:

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- **Dr. Francisco Rojas Aravena**  
(President of the United Nations University for Peace - Costa Rica).
- **Prof. Mohammed Mahmoud Hashem**  
(President of the International University for Islamic and Linguistic Sciences (IUILS) – Arab Republic of Egypt).
- **Ms. Zehra Zümrüt Selçuk**  
(Director General of the Statistical, Economic, and Social Research and Training Centre, affiliated to the OIC– Republic of Turkey).
- **Prof. Jamhari Makruf**  
(Vice Rector of the Indonesian International Islamic University).
- **Prof. Aboubakr Abusweir**  
(Dean of the University of Islamic Call – Libya).
- **Dr. Karima bint Matar Al-Mazrouei**  
(Advisor to the President of Mohamed Bin Zayed University for Humanities – United Arab Emirates).
- **Dr. Mehtap Aybek Dedeoglu**  
(Researcher at the Statistical, Economic, and Social Research and Training Centre, affiliated to the OIC – Republic of Turkey).
- **Prof. Najat Abdulrahman Al-Yazji**  
(General Supervisor of the Intellectual Awareness Unit at the University of Business and Technology – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia).

Rapporteur: Ms. Maram Al-Kharboush (Muslim World League)

End of First-Day Agenda

Day Two | Sunday, January 12, 2025, corresponding to 12 Rajab 1446 AH

**Session 3**  
**Serena Hotel - Islamabad**

**10:00 – 11:00 AM**

**Theme 3: Information Technology and Women's Education –  
Opportunities and Prospects**

**Chairperson:**

**Ambassador Ulrika Sundberg**

(Special Envoy for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Intercultural and Interfaith Dialogue at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden.)

**Speakers:**

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- **His Excellency Mr. Kjell Magne Bondevik**  
(President of the Oslo Center – Kingdom of Norway).
- **Dr. Afnan bint Abdullah Al-Shuaibi**  
(Executive Director of the Women Development Organization (WDO) – Egypt).
- **Dr. Amineh Hoti**  
(Author and scholar - United Kingdom).
- **Ms. Khadija Bakhtiar**  
(CEO, Teach for Pakistan).
- **Prof. Dr Zia Ul-Qayyum**  
(Executive Director of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) – Islamic Republic of Pakistan).

**Workshop (2)**  
**Roundtable Discussion**  
**(Concurrently with Session 3)**  
**Serena Hotel – Islamabad**

**10:00 – 11:00 AM**

**The Role of Media in Achieving Educational Justice for Girls and  
Enhancing the Global Image of Islam**

**Chairperson:**

**Mr. Al-Zubair Al-Ansari**

Media Advisor to the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA)

**Speakers:**

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— **Mr. Mohammed bin Abdrahuh Al-Yami**

(Director General of the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia).

— **Mr. Hamad bin Saleh Al-Mahmoud**

(Director of Sky News Arabia - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia).

— **Mr. Ahmed Abdullah Abdullah Youssef**

(Deputy Chairman of the Middle East News Agency – Arab Republic of Egypt).

— **Mr. Mohammed Abbas Jawad Al-Talibi**

(Iraqi News Agency).

— **Dr. Mohammed Murtaza Noor**

(Media Advisor to COMSTECH – Islamic Republic of Pakistan).

**Professor Mohammed Iqbal Choudhary**

(Coordinator General of COMSTECH 'The Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of the OIC' – Islamic Republic of Pakistan).

— **Mr. Zalmi Nashaat**

(Founder of Mosaic Afghanistan, United Kingdom).

— **Mr. Farid Merabet**

(General Manager of AfrikTV, France).

— **Mr. Muhammad Ilyas Khan**

(Director of International Affairs at the Associated Press of Pakistan, Pakistan).

— **Mr. Mudassir Iqbal**

(Deputy Director of Diplomatic and Global Affairs at the Associated Press of Pakistan, Pakistan).

— **Dr. Zia Batool**

(Chairperson, PEIRA).

— **Dr. Huma Baqai**

(Dean, IBA, Karachi).

**Rapporteur: Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Al-Hafiz Al-Nahwi**  
(Advisor for Scientific and Media Affairs at the Muslim World League)

## Session 4

Serena Hotel – Islamabad

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### The Role of Women in Peacebuilding

#### Chairperson:

**His Excellency Dr. Ibrahim bin Muhammad Al-Sadiq Shaibi**

(Former Minister of Religious Affairs – Republic of Tunisia)

#### Speakers:

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- **His Excellency Ambassador Tariq Ali Bakhit**

(Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian, Cultural, and Women's Affairs at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia).

- **Dr. Huda bint Abdulrahman bin Saleh Al-Halisi**

(Former Member of the Shura Council – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia).

- **Mr. Abdullah Fadil**

(UNICEF Representative in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan).

- **Ms. Baela Jamil**

(CEO of the Center for Education and Consciousness, Islamic Republic of Pakistan).

- **Ms. Amina Rasul Bernardo**

(President of the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy, Republic of the Philippines).

- **Ms. Umbreen Arif**

(Educationist)

**Panel Discussion (3)**  
(Concurrently with Session 4)  
Serena Hotel – Islamabad

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

## **Women and Their Active Role in Media Platforms**

**Chair of the Panel Discussion:**

**Ms. Dina Al-Jamal**

(Private Sector Partnerships Specialist at UNICEF)

### **Speakers:**

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— **Dr. Javier Cremades**

(President of the World Law Foundation – Kingdom of Spain).

— **Mr. Finn Jarle Rode**

(Chairman of the Oslo Center – Kingdom of Norway).

— **Dr. Abdul Hannan Mugarang Tago**

(CEO of the Supreme Council of Organizations of Scholars of the Philippines for Peace and Development).

— **Ms. Kumba Jammeh**

(Senior Research Officer at the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, and Technology – The Gambia).

— **Ms. Farah Khan**

(Principal, Model College & Media Personnel).

**Rapporteur: Mr. Khaled Dagestani (Muslim World League)**

**Biography of Malala Yousafzai (Video)**

**1:00 PM -  
1:30 PM**

**Keynote Lecture of the  
Conference**

**By the Guest of Honor:**

**Ms. Malala Yousafzai**

**(Girls' Education Advocate and  
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate)**

**Jinnah Convention Centre – Islamabad**

**Honoring Malala Yousafzai**

**Platform for the Signing of International Partnership Agreements (2)**

- **The UN Refugees Agency (UNHCR).**
- **International Social Chamber.**
- **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).**
- **Union of News Agencies of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (UNA).**
- **Women Development Organization.**
- **Mohamed bin Zayed University for Humanities – UAE.**
- **University of Islamic Call – Libya.**
- **International Islamic and Linguistic Sciences University – Egypt.**
- **Alexandria University (for students from within Africa).**
- **Al-Qasimia University – UAE.**
- **Islamic Cultural Center University – India.**
- **International Islamic University (Chittagong) – Bangladesh.**
- **Higher Institute of Medical Technology.**
- **University of Business and Technology – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.**
- **The University of Management and Technology (UMT) - Pakistan.**

## Closing Session of the Conference

Jinnah Convention Centre – Islamabad

2:45 PM

- **Remarks by His Excellency Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui**  
(Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training– Islamic Republic of Pakistan).
- **Remarks by His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa**  
(Secretary-General of the Muslim World League and Chairman of the Organization of Muslim Scholars).
- **Remarks by His Excellency Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani**  
(Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan).

Islamabad Declaration on Girls' Education in Muslim Communities

Final Statement of the Conference



