

The Dubai International Conference for Awqaf The Endowment.... The Real Need of the Societies and Countries [24/25 April 2012]

Synopsis

In the light of the old experience of the Awqaf [endowments] in development of the Arab and Islamic societies on all life levels and fields and in light of the historical testimonial that the endowment system is distinguished and more advanced than other social and economic systems experienced by the societies and the countries, the persons in charge of such institutions should reconsider the grounds and criteria which guarantee the continuance of such advancement and its capability to fill the increasing social and economic gaps which are ignored by some. Such same can take place by examining the Endowment Funds.

The modern endowment institutions face a big challenge in identification of the payment mechanisms and grounds although the policies and trends of payment to the needy or the endowment beneficiaries are almost similar. In spite of the research revolution and the abundant number of the events and conferences on the Islamic endowments during the last two decades, the issues of payment to the endowment beneficiaries are still controversial and engulfed by Sharia, legal and material problems. In addition, there are no ideal experiences in the field of the endowment funds.

Therefore, the AWQAF & Minors Affairs Foundation decides that its fourth conference will be a place at which the best practices in the field of funds will be examined and studied. The standards and grounds are to be set. The practical experiences, making distinguished additions to their societies, are to be examined. A frame work and methodology are to be set to facilitate the endowment institutions to perform and develop their work.

Based on that, the AWQAF & Minors Affairs Foundation, Government of Dubai, does, in cooperation with the Awqaf Secretariat General of the State of Kuwait and the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah, organize an international conference entitled:

Dubai International Conference for Awqaf..... the Best Practices & Experiences in the field of Endowment Funds

This conference will take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, with participation of the Arab and international endowment and charity organizations and economists and institutional work experts on 24/25 April 2012.

Objectives of the Conference

One of the objectives of the Islamic endowment is to develop the society with its all categories and classes and to enhance its capabilities and potentialities through the commitment to the strength or the conditions of the endower on the payment for the endowment beneficiaries. To achieve the same, the conference seeks to materialize the following objectives:

- To identify the Sharia, legal and customary vision of the concept of the Endowment Funds or the Endowment Beneficiaries.
- To identify the strategies, plans, processes and procedures approved by the modern endowment institutions in the field of payment to the endowment beneficiaries.
- To spread the awareness of the charitable endowment culture and the extent of the endowment relevance to the needs of the nations and peoples.
- To enhance the cooperation, communication and partnership between the endowment institutions worldwide and exchange of experience and successes in the field of the endowment funds.
- To encourage the philanthropists to contribute to the success of the endowment funds and projects in their societies through the individual and institutional initiatives.
- To encourage the endowment officers for creativity and innovation to serve the societies through the creation and invention of funds suitable with their societies and countries.
- To open the filed of cooperation between the endowment institutions and social institutions for the purpose of enhancement of the role of the endowments in the societies.

Axes of the Conference

Axis 1: Endowment Funds, the Window of the Endowments to the Societies:

- To identify the concept of “Endowment Beneficiaries or Endowment Funds” and the Sharia and legal implications.
- The historical experiences and the development thereof in the field of endowment funds.
- The most important social sectors which are interrelated to the endowment funds.

Axis 2: Grounds & Standards of Payment to the Endowment Beneficiaries:

- The Sharia, legal and economic grounds of the endowment funds.
- The processes and procedures used at the work of endowment funds.
- The study of models of endowment strength in the field of payment to the endowment beneficiaries.
- Samples of indexes of performance and measurement of the success of the endowment payment process.
- The relationship of payment from the endowment funds with the investment of endowment and the increase of the proceeds thereof.

Axis 3: Institutional Experiences in the field of Endowment Funds:

- The experiences in the field of the social and economic sector.
- The experiences in the field of the educational and cultural sector.
- The experiences in the field of technology and information sector.

The Institutions & Persons nominated for Discussion



- ⇔ The officers of the local, Arab and international endowment and charitable institutions.
- ⇔ The experts and researchers in the field of the Sharia studies, economics, law, finance and investment at the local, Arab and international universities.
- ⇔ The officers of the Islamic banking sector and the financial and investment institutions.
- ⇔ The officers of the Arab and international institutions and organizations concerned in the society development.

Important Notes:

- ⇨ The Foundation should be advised of the participation no later than 30 August 2011. an abstract of the research should be sent in one page at maximum subject to the following conditions:
- ⇨ The deadline for submission of the full research is 01 December 2011.
- ⇨ The research may be submitted in Arabic or English. The scientific research rules are to be followed regarding the documentation, quotation, linguistic accuracy and objectivity of study.
- ⇨ The researches in Arabic should not exceed 30 pages and should not be less than 15 pages, A4 size, Arabic Traditional, size 18 point font whilst the English researches should not be more than 25 pages and less than 15 pages, Times New Roman, size 12 point font.
- ⇨ The scientific committee of the conference shall receive the abstracts, researches and CVs. Of the researchers by email of the Foundation: conference@amaf.gov.ae
- ⇨ The Awqaf & Minors' Affairs Foundation shall bear the expenses of the participants such as the air fares, meals, transport and hotel residence for three to four days during the time of the conference and it shall obtain the entry visas.
- ⇨ All researches shall be subject to the evaluation of the scientific committee. The resolutions of the committee are final.
- ⇨ All correspondence and follow-ups shall be on the following address:

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