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# Membership

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**WORLD CONGRESS**  
of Muslim Philanthropists  
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## World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists

The World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists is a global network of affluent individuals, foundations, and socially responsible corporations dedicated to advance efficient and accountable giving. WCMP is a unique catalyst for partnership across public, private, and social sectors, offering information and resources to link donors with social investment opportunities. As a trusted broker of collaborative relationships, WCMP mobilizes financial and human resources to confront social needs and advance strategic philanthropy.

Once a year, the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists convenes social investors, government and business leaders, experts and visionaries from across the world to offer pragmatic insight and constructive response to pressing global challenges. The annual convening of WCMP is widely recognized as the premier worldwide forum on Muslim Philanthropy. The annual meeting serves as a marketplace for ideas, a platform for sharing knowledge and forging partnerships, a safe space for leading rational debate on issues unique to Muslim societies, and a launching pad for high-impact collaborative activities.

### Mission

The World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists is committed to advancing strategic giving by leveraging the most effective use of knowledge, wealth, and influence among Muslim philanthropists. It aims to build a culture of enduring engagement where Muslim donors collaborate with each other and emerge as a significant, distinctive and vital component of the global philanthropic community.

### Vision

The World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists envisions a peaceful, equitable, and sustainable world, generously endowed by ethical, inclusive, and effective philanthropy.

### Philosophy

Driven by the compassion that is intrinsic in Islamic values, Muslims should reach out to the destitute and oppressed, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, or religious belief.

### Focus

- Strategic Social Investment
- Endowment (waqf) Revitalization
- Entrepreneurial Advancement
- Knowledge and Capacity Building
- Next Generation Philanthropists
- Public Policy and Advocacy
- Muslim Giving Stewardship

### Values and Ethics

Membership in the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists is open to the worldwide community of donors, irrespective of religion, national origin, color or gender. Members pledge adherence to the values of the organization, and deliver their benevolent deeds in an ethical manner and according to the highest professional standards of the philanthropic sector.

The World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, a not-for-profit corporation, aspires to exemplify three values that serve as a compass to guide its planning, decisions, actions, and dealings with stakeholders and donors: Accountability, Collaboration and Performance.

## Member Value Proposition

There are at least six compelling reasons to join and actively engage in the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists.

### 1. Networking and Collaboration

The chance to build and expand relationships with other key players in the philanthropic sector is a very real benefit for WCMP members. Membership in WCMP offers the opportunity to participate in a community of highly effective people who share many common pursuits and goals. Networking events and the organization's community working groups will allow you to expand your operational universe, gain visibility and collaborate for enhanced results.

### 2. Social Investment Opportunities

Recent research points to heightened interest in the development of funds created by groups of individuals or institutions for the purpose of “pooling” resources and targeting them toward a common interest and purpose. These pooled funds, or giving networks, allow for greater leverage of an individual's resources, generating higher impact on a particular issue or concern. WCMP believes that “pooling” is a creative and promising trend, and has launched its own Hasanah Fund as a concrete example. These networks diversify risk while maximizing opportunities for impact and shared learning in grantmaking activities. They will contribute to the resolution of challenging societal issues and problems, and may be country-specific or international so as to target their giving locally, regionally, or globally.

### 3. Philanthropic Advisory Services

WCMP facilitates idea generation and catalyzes change by transforming new ideas into action. WCMP's culturally diverse talent pool, available through its “Global Advisory Group,” can provide strategic advice based on thorough market research tailored to the specific needs of high net worth individuals, foundations, companies and young entrepreneurs dedicated to pursuing social justice concerns. These consulting services can help the Muslim philanthropic community refine its agenda and improve its results.

### 4. Professional Development

WCMP's Academy of Philanthropy will provide educational services that promote the professional development and leadership capacity of foundation board members, managers, and young philanthropists. The services will include formal classroom instruction, workshops, apprenticeships and distance learning opportunities. The educational content will incorporate the best of both traditional and contemporary philanthropic practices, including the intersection between faith and social responsibility. The establishment of this Academy creates a unique opportunity to foster international understanding and cooperation across various communities, cultures and philanthropic organizations addressing societal issues and concerns. WCMP believes that professional development of Muslims engaged in philanthropic activities is essential to ensure the future vitality of the Muslim world and its relations with its neighbors.

## 5. Corporate Social Strategy

WCMP defines corporate social strategy as a coordinated set of actions by which companies synchronize their financial performance with the wellbeing of citizens and communities. It allows businesses to recognize growth opportunities even as they address societal concerns. WCMP synthesizes advice from the top business leaders and social investors in its global network and advises member companies on how to implement social strategies to drive improved business performance. WCMP can also help corporations develop practical and effective programs to address local, regional, and global issues that impact their viability, image, performance and growth.

## 6. Clearinghouse

Muslim foundations and high net worth individuals need high quality technical assistance to become more strategic in distributing their charitable resources for the betterment of society. Further, philanthropists must ensure that their funds go to worthy and well-managed organizations which deliver measurable results. Consequently, charitable organizations need to practice due diligence and guarantee compliance with relevant laws and tax requirements. WCMP offers clearinghouse services to its members that include proposal assessments, program reviews, monitoring and evaluation, and grants management. In addition, WCMP offers donor-funded training to NGOs in the areas of governance, management, operations, fundraising and programming to enhance their performance and impact.

As the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists grows, new ideas and sectors for value creation will emerge through the creativity and interests of its members. We encourage our members to bring their needs and ideas to our attention so that we can expand the Member Value Proposition accordingly.

Membership Type	Sign-up	Annual Renewal
<b>Founders Circle</b>	\$100,000*	Lifetime
<b>Leaders Circle</b>	\$10,000	\$5,000
<b>Benefactors Circle</b>	\$5,000	\$2,500
<b>Young Entrepreneurs in Philanthropy (YEP) Circle</b> <i>(For entrepreneurs under age 35)</i>	\$2,500	\$1,500
<b>Associate</b>	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Junior Circle</b> <i>(For the ages of 15 and 24 years)</i>	No charge	No charge

\*Contribution may be made in one annual or four quarterly installments. Quoted fees are in USD.

## Founders Circle

- Option to serve on Board of Patrons
- Opportunities to deliver remarks and VIP seating at events
- Invitations to high-levels meetings, delegations and receptions
- Eligible to serve on advisory boards of WCMP lead initiatives
- Complimentary meeting registrations
- Recognition in print material and website
- Acknowledgement in the annual report
- Representation opportunities through media interviews and conferences
- Complimentary publications and research reports

## Leaders Circle

- Eligible to serve on Board of Directors and committees
- VIP seating at events
- Invitations to high-levels meetings, delegations and receptions
- Opportunities to chair or moderate session and roundtables
- Complimentary meeting registrations
- Recognition in print material and website
- Acknowledgement in the annual report
- Representation opportunities through media interviews and conferences
- Complimentary publications and research reports

## Benefactors Circle

- Eligible to serve on Board of Directors and committees
- Preferred seating at events
- Invitations to high-level receptions
- Complimentary meeting registrations
- Opportunities to chair or moderate sessions and roundtables
- Recognition in print material and website
- Acknowledgement in the annual report
- Representation opportunities through media interviews and conferences
- Complimentary publications and research reports

## YEP Circle

- Eligible to serve on Board of Directors and committees
- Preferred seating at events
- Invitations to high-level receptions
- Reduced meeting registration rates
- Opportunities to chair or moderate sessions and roundtables
- Recognition in print material and website
- Acknowledgement in the annual report
- Representation opportunities through media interviews and conferences
- Complimentary publications and research reports

## Associates Circle

- Reduced meeting registration rates
- Recognition in print material and website
- Acknowledgement in the annual report
- Donor networking and partnership opportunities
- Complimentary publications and research reports

## Junior Circle

- Volunteering and internship opportunities
- Mentoring and educational activities
- Option to apply for meeting attendance grants and scholarships



## WCMP Membership Questionnaire

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Corporation/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip

Country

Phone

Fax

Email

Chief of Staff Name

Direct Phone

Email

Please take a moment to fully complete this brief questionnaire so that we may understand your giving priorities. Responses will be kept confidential.

1. Please indicate your primary philanthropic affiliation(s):

Individual Donor

Foundation

Corporation

Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many years have you been engaged in philanthropy?

Less than 2 years

3-5 years

5-10 years

Over 10 years

3. Please select the geographic regions that most interest you:

GCC countries

Middle East and North Africa

South Asia

Sub Saharan Africa

Central Asia

Europe & the Balkans

Asia-Pacific

North America

South America

4. What percentage of your giving goes to your country of residence?

Less than 10%

Less than 50%

More than 50%

100%

5. What are the top three countries that you donate to?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please mark the top three philanthropic channels that you use in your giving:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Through family and friends     | <input type="checkbox"/> Through foundations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Through corporations           | <input type="checkbox"/> Through NGOs        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Through religious institutions | <input type="checkbox"/> Through government  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Through donor circles          | <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____        |

7. What makes up the majority of your annual giving?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Zakat and Sadaqah         | <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment (waqf) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Donations        | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Giving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planned charitable giving | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____     |

8. What is your annual giving range for international causes, on average?

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$50,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000-\$100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Above \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Above \$1 Million  |

9. Please select the philanthropic issue areas that most interest you: (Mark all that apply)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Humanitarian Assistance                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Scholarships        | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care and Disease Prevention     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Leadership                | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Equity                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Development        | <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty Alleviation                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest-free Microfinance      | <input type="checkbox"/> Coexistence & Conflict Prevention      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Entrepreneurship         | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Sustainability           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population and Migration        | <input type="checkbox"/> International Justice and Human Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History and Architecture        | <input type="checkbox"/> Science, Technology and Innovation     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Millennium Development Goals    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training & Job Creation     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports, Arts & Culture          | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Governance and Capacity Building  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable Energy                | <input type="checkbox"/> Land & Water Resource Management       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities and Rehabilitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                            |

10. Please indicate up to four philanthropic strategies that interest you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Institutions by providing general operating support         | <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthening organization by providing capacity trainings and tools                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting social causes by making casual charitable donations         | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Endowment (waqf) by pledging a one-time major contribution                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting commerce and job creation by investing in social enterprises | <input type="checkbox"/> Investing in social funds to promote interest-free micro-credit or micro- enterprise lending |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advancing sound policies by funding advocacy and research              | <input type="checkbox"/> Making faith-based giving accountable by supporting efficient management of Zakat            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investing in science and technology that help low-income populations   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |

11. What do you see as the most critical elements needed in Muslim giving today? (Mark all that apply)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transparency & Accountability     | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good Governance & Professionalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborations     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity Building                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Research           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donor- Friendly Legislations      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____       |

12. What role and services do you expect from WCMP: (Mark all that apply)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Networking and Partnership Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Philanthropic Advisory Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Giving Circles/ Pooled Funds        | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clearinghouse Services              | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy/ Public Relations      |

## Fee and Payment Information

See membership fee table on page 4

- New Membership**       **Membership Renewal**

Please indicate your desired membership level in the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Founders Circle    | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaders Circle                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactors Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Entrepreneurs in Philanthropy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate          | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Circle                       |

What would be your preferred mode of fee payment?

- Electronic Transfer       Credit Card       Bank Draft/Check

## Submission Information

**Online:** [www.thewcmp.org](http://www.thewcmp.org)

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**Fax:** +1 (630) 889 9511

**Post:** WCMP Membership  
P. O. Box 3654  
Oak Brook, IL 60522  
United States

Please includes following additional information with your application:

**Individual:** High-resolution picture and up to 400 words biography

**Organization:** High-resolution logo and up to 400 words introduction and copy of annual report

**Please allow 7-10 business days after the submission of membership application for processing.  
Payment instruction will be conveyed after the successful review of application.**

For inquiries: Call +1 (630) 242 2792 or write [info@thewcmp.org](mailto:info@thewcmp.org)