

May Allah have Mercy on our Beloved and Venerable Sheikh Prof. Ali Al-Salous



“Among the believers are men true to what they promised Allah. Among them is are those who have fulfilled their vow [to the death], and among them are those who await. And they did not alter [the terms of their commitment] by any alteration” Al-Ahzaab, 23. It is with hearts full of faith in Allah’s fate and destiny, that submit to His judgment and command, that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy has received the news of the passing of our honorable Sheikh, the revered scholar, the sincere preacher, Professor Shaikh Ali bin Ahmed bin Ali Al-Salous, on Tuesday evening, 7 Muharam 1445, at the age of 90. He has spent his life in the service of religion, scholarship and the Ummah, as a dedicated teacher, diligent educator, refined author and sincere preacher to Allah with insight, wisdom and sophistication. His Eminence – may Allah have mercy on him – was one of the Academy’s distinguished and loyal designated members, accompanying it

from its inception and contributing to its development four decades ago. His Eminence participated in its sessions and symposia as a serious scholar, energetic and tactful commentator. I bear testimony – and this testimony is for Allah and for history – that his concern for the future of Islamic finance and banking was great, guiding its path, its activities, and streamlining its new transactions and contracts. His Eminence never hesitated to warn against new transactions and contracts that did not adhere to legal controls in terms of structure and content, and he never tired of warning against the disastrous consequences of usurious transactions. I attest that he was very attached to the methodology of the Companions and their followers. He defended that methodology with sincerity! How much effort and money he spent in the service of Allah and defending Islam in all parts of the world! Our venerable Sheikh leaves our mortal world after a blessed life. He has

bequeathed us and the Ummah useful knowledge through his books and lectures. May Allah weigh them in the balance of his good deeds, reward him in our name, in that of his students and admirers, and reunite us with him and those who preceded him among our venerable sheikhs, and our honorable masters among the scholars, in the gardens of bliss, in a seat of sincerity with our Lord. The Presidency of the Council, the Secretariat General, members, and experts mourn His Eminence, may Allah shower him with His forgiveness and grace, and we implore Him to shower him with mercy, to forgive him and grant him His vast gardens, and to gather him with the prophets, the truthful, the martyrs, the righteous and the best of them as companions, and to give his family and loved ones patience and consolation, for we belong to Allah and it is to Him that we shall return.

Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano
Secretary General
of the International Islamic
Fiqh Academy

S.G. offers condolences to Cote d'Ivoire on death of former President Mr. Konan

On Thursday, 20 Muharram 1445, corresponding to 7 August 2023, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, accompanied by a delegation from the Academy, presented the condolences of the Secretariat General of the Academy to the Consulate General of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire in Jeddah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on the passing of Mr. Henri Konan Bidier, former President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, on August 1, 2023. Moreover, His Excellency recorded his condolences in the register designated, saying: "In the name of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy emanating from the



Organization of Islamic Cooperation, its presidency, general secretariat, members, experts, and employees, we present, on this sad occasion, to His Excellency Mr. Alassane Ouattara, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, may Allah protect him, and the honorable people of Ivory Coast, and the family of the deceased, offer our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences, asking God Almighty to bestow His mercy on the deceased, pardon him, and grant his family and relatives patience and solace. It is worth noting that President Henri Mr. Konan had ruled the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire during the period from 1993 to 1999.

Secretary General receives Rector of International Islamic University Malaysia



As part of the cooperation agreement between the Academy and the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM), H.E. Prof. Emeritus Tan Sri Dzulkifli Abdul Razaq, Rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia, visited the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, accompanied by Dato Sri Syed Hussain Abdul Qadir, member of the IIUM Board of Governors, on Sunday 04 Safar 1445, corresponding to August 20, 2023, and were received at the Academy by H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy.

At the start of the meeting, he expressed his deep thanks and appreciation to the Secretary General for the warm welcome, good reception and generous hospitality, praising the Academy's distinguished intellectual efforts in promoting the values of moderation, tolerance, openness, and coexistence among OIC member states. He also expressed his desire to strengthen relations of cooperation

For his part, H.E. Prof. Sano expressed his great pleasure and thanks to Tan Sri and the accompanying delegation, noting that this was a sincere expression of IIUM's desire to consolidate the ties of communication and cooperation between the two parties. He presented the Academy as a place for meeting and exchanging ideas, and also emphasized the Academy's status as the supreme and primary jurisprudential reference to which OIC member states refer to clarify legal rulings on calamities, developments, and issues of concern to Muslims worldwide, making it a living model for the institution of collective ijtehad. Achieving intellectual convergence and cognitive integration between the jurists and thinkers of the Ummah who represent fifty-seven (57) Muslim countries in addition to Muslim communities worldwide. He also explained that the Academy organizes sessions and seminars to study contemporary issues and developments, as well as to carry out Ijtehad in these fields, with the aim of clarifying appropriate legal rulings by issuing Shariah resolutions. It is accepted by the scholars of the Ummah in the present age. He stressed that the participation of IIUM members in the various activities, programs, conferences and seminars organized by the Academy was most welcome. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdelfattah Mahmoud Abnauf, Director of the Planning, International Cooperation and External Relations Department, Mr. Muhammad Al-Idrisi, Director of the Media and Public Relations Department, and Mr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations Department.



and partnership between the Academy and the IIUM in many areas, including inviting IIUM members to participate in scientific activities, programs, conferences and seminars organized by the Academy on emerging issues and developments.

Deputy Secretary General of the Muslim World League visits IIFA



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received on Thursday 01 Safar 1445, corresponding to August 17, 2023, H.E. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Abdullah Al Zaid, Deputy Secretary General of the Muslim World League at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. Abdul Rahman Al-Zaid expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to the Secretary General for the warm welcome extended to him. He also conveyed the greetings of the MWL Secretary General, H.E. Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdelkarim Al-Issa, underlining the MWL's willingness to support and strengthen cooperative ties. He underlined the MWL's willingness to support and strengthen the ties of cooperation and coordination with the Academy on issues and topics of concern to Muslims worldwide and appreciated the Academy's considerable efforts to spread the values of moderation, coexistence and tolerance. He also referred to the great importance

attached to the Makkah document, which is the most important, comprehensive, and approved contemporary document, having been published by over 1,200 Muslim personalities representing the Muslim world, including muftis, leading scholars, noting that the Academy is ready to cooperate with the MWL Fiqh Council to implement activities, programs and initiatives. The scientific work contained in this document, through the activation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the OIC and the MWL.



For his part, His Excellency welcomed his honorable guest, thanking him for the visit and expressing his appreciation for the valuable efforts and major achievements undertaken by the Muslim World League under the leadership of H.E. Sheikh Al-Issa – may Allah protect him -, particularly in highlighting the tolerant teachings of Islam based on moderation and restraint. He also stressed the importance of the World League for

Human Rights in promoting dialogue and understanding between peoples in international forums, and welcomed the League's distinguished presence, as well as its valuable contribution to correcting misconceptions about the pure values of Islam and its great teachings. He noted that there is agreement between the noble aims of the OIC and the MWL, on the one hand, and between the latter and the IIFA, on the other. He looked forward to strengthening cooperative ties on issues of interest to the Ummah, particularly in the implementation of the scientific activities contained in the Makkah document, beginning with its adoption as part of the Academy's resolutions at the next session. He concluded by expressing the hope that the two organizations would jointly organize specialized scientific symposia on calamities and developments. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdel-Fattah Abnauf, Director of Planning and Mr. Mohamed Al-Idrisi, Director of Media and Public Relations.



Afghanistan's Permanent Representative to the OIC visits the Academy

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, received Ambassador H.E. Dr. Shafiq Samim, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the OIC, on Monday 06 Muharram 1445 corresponding to 24 July 2023, at the headquarters of IIFA in Jeddah. The Ambassador expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome and his honor to visit the Academy. He appreciated the considerable efforts under His Excellency's leadership in the service of Islam and Muslims, particularly with regard to the unification of the Ummah, the dissemination of correct concepts about Islam and the promotion of the values of moderation and peaceful coexistence, welcoming the Academy and the Muslim scholars delegation headed by the Secretary General to Afghanistan and efforts to enhance cooperation between the Academy and the current Afghan government. For his part, His Excellency welcomed and thanked him for his role



in the success of the Ummah scholars' first visit to Afghanistan to dialogue and communicate with Afghan scholars and the ruling authority on a number of current issues. He also spoke of the Ummah scholars' delegation's second visit to Afghanistan in the coming days to continue dialogue and discussion with Afghan scholars and the ruling authority. This aims to continue discussions and dialogue with the incumbent authority on the latest developments related to the topics previously addressed by the delegation, in particular with regard to the issue of girl's education, the participation

of women in efforts to build and progress, and the promotion of integration between all segments of Afghan people. Finally, he renewed his great hope that the objectives of the forthcoming visit by the delegation of Muslim scholars would be achieved, stressing that he was fully prepared to provide all the facilities necessary for the success of the visit. The meeting was attended by Mr. Muhammad Chouk, Director of Legal Affairs and Protocols, and Mr. Muhammad Al-Idrisi, Director of the Media and Public Relations.



At Open Dialogue, S.G. calls for relying on Three Foundations of Islamic Action

At the invitation from the Canadian Academy of Dawah Arts in Canada, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy delivered an online lecture entitled the Fiqh of the Ummah and its Impact on Islamic Action, through the Canadian Academy's famous program titled the Open Dialogue Forum, on Saturday evening 11 Muharram 1445, corresponding to 29 July 2023. At the opening of the lecture, he explained that the term Ummah or nation, has two concepts, a general concept, and a specific concept. As for the general concept, it is used to refer to all the inhabitants of a country living together in harmony on a piece of land, regardless of their beliefs and affiliation. As for the special concept, it is used to refer to a group of people belonging to a specific religion, regardless of their place of residence and presence. He pointed out the existence of rights and obligations for individuals who live within a state or share a particular belief, stressing that the strength and weakness of nations depend on the extent of their individuals' commitment to the foundations of their existence and stability. No nation throughout history has adhered to its foundations except that it has been happy, elevated, exalted, and prevailed, and no nation has neglected its foundations except that it has become weak and collapse has become her fate. He noted in the meantime that what is meant by Ummah in this lecture is the general concept, and this is true today of two billion people who believe in one religion, turn their prayers to one qibla, fast one



month, and their richest among them pay zakat once a year, and perform the Hajj every year to one house, and this nation is characterized by its benevolence and witnesses over other nations of the earth, as indicated by the Almighty's sayings "You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind." And "Thus we have made you a just community that you will be witnesses over the people and the Messenger will be a witness over you." He explained that the success of Islamic action in place and time depends on the extent of the Ummah's commitment, and on three foundations, which are explained by the hadith reported by Imam Muslim and said: "The example of the believers in their love, compassion, and sympathy is like the body. If one organ complains, the rest of the body responds with sleeplessness and fever." These foundations are represented by the affection, the compassion, and the sympathy. These foundations share the fact that they are deeply connected and linked to the heart, which is their source and place. This means that if they are established in the heart, their effects will be evident in behavior and the same

is true of their weakness, and instability. He called on those involved in Islamic action everywhere, especially outside the Muslim world, to remember, adhere to, and cling to these foundations while completely staying away from sterile, destructive competitions, fragmented repetition of efforts, and the frantic race towards self-destruction, as well as rivalry, envy, quarreling, hatred, and deception. All of this prevents the success of Islamic action, which means that the success of contemporary Islamic work is always and forever dependent on the constant evocation of these foundations, and the continuous adherence to them in every activity or behavior that a Muslim person undertakes. To achieve this, he called for a positive outlook, positive interaction, and responsible dealing with difference, whether in the field of faith, jurisprudence, or education. He concluded by emphasizing the importance of optimism, not despairing of the current reality, and working hard to change the reality into a more solidaristic, supportive, and synergistic reality. At the end of the lecture, His Excellency answered a number of questions posed by the attendees, and the lecture received great acclaim from the followers. The session was moderated by Dr. Moaz Al-Bayyouni. The Academy is a Canadian non-profit institution specializing in the science of Islamic advocacy (Dawah) that offers a variety of programs that develop professional and social skills related to the art of Dawah, and is headquartered in Ontario, Canada.

Director of Brunei's Shafi'i Madhab Research Center visits IIFA



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, received H.E. Dr Mas Noorani bint Haji Mohiuddin, Director of the Shafi'i Madhab Research Center, and Dr Amni Suhaila Abrahan, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Islamic Finance at Sultan Sharif Ali University, on Thursday 01 Safar 1445, corresponding to August 17, 2023, at the Academy's headquarters. The Secretary General welcomed his guests and thanked

them for their visit, and presented the Academy's vision and mission, as well as its willingness to cooperate with Brunei's universities and other scientific and religious institutions. For her part, Dr. Mas Noorani thanked His Excellency for his warm welcome and for the honor of visiting the Academy, which is considered the supreme authority on Fiqh in the Islamic world. Dr. Noorani underlined the good reputation enjoyed by the Academy thanks to the great services it renders to the Ummah through its rulings, recommendations, and declarations, and looked forward to developing cooperative relations between the Academy, the university, and the center, particularly with regard to scientific visits by university and center staff, as well as participation in joint conferences and seminars on issues of common interest. Her Excellency concluded her speech by inviting the

Secretary General of the Academy to visit the university and its center, which is dedicated to the study of the Shafi'i school of law. The meeting was attended by Mr. Muhammad Walid Al-Idrisi, Director of the Department of Media and Public Relations, Ms. Sara Bedwi Director of Family, Women and Children and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations at the Academy.



S.G. participates in Marrakesh International Symposium on Fatwa in African Context

At the kind invitation of the Mohammed VI Foundation of African Ulemas, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, participated in the international scientific symposium organized by the Foundation during Saturday and Sunday 20-21 Dhul-Hijjah 1444, corresponding to 8-9 2023, in the city of Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco. He expressed to the Moroccan media his great pleasure in participating in this timely scientific symposium, which is being held in an important historical period in which the institution of legal fatwas in the countries of the continent is going through a difficult historical turning point, as a result of those individuals who dared to resort to the fatwa before they were able to its tools, etiquette, and conditions, and the result of the distortion of the extremists who claim to have knowledge of Sharia, while they have no knowledge of the rules of inference and deduction,



and are ignorant of the purposes and virtues of the Sharia, which calls for the importance of intensifying scientific and intellectual efforts in order to formulate clear, coherent, and comprehensive Sharia provisions that illuminate the path for those who qualify for the fatwa, in the African context, transcends passive isolation under the attacks on constants at the hands of those who have no relation with the qualified institutions of fatwa and opens up with a responsible and strict openness to the changes and developments witnessed by the world in general, and the African continent in particular, especially in the field of employing all modern means of communication and through official scientific fatwa institutions that adhere to the general principles of Sharia law, are based on overall objectives, are accompanied by jurisprudential foundations, and take into account the

consequences of actions, when issuing fatwas on public issues. He also stressed that there is an urgent need today to hold more such seminars and scientific conferences in order to protect people's faith from whoever prone deviant fatwas that contradict the principles of religion, incite violence and exclusion, discord, and disdain customs and traditions, as he called for. He sought to formulate legislation that criminalizes anyone who submits to a Sharia-based fatwa before mastering its tools and etiquette and prohibits individuals from issuing fatwas on public matters without authorization from the legal fatwa institutions authorized by law and law to address fatwas in those matters. He also called for the necessity of referring to solid jurisprudential academies regarding the appropriate legal rulings for calamities, as they are general fatwa institutions whose members consist of the Ummah's best, established and distinguished scholars. He concluded his speech by expressing his sincere thanks and great gratitude to His Majesty the Commander of the Faithful, His Majesty King Mohammed VI, may Allah protect him, for the great care and generous care he gives to science and scientists in general, and African scientists in particular, in emphasis on strengthening the deep-rooted relations of love, communication, support and support.



Dr. Abnauf participates in Training Course of Permanent Committee on IHL

Dr. Abdel Fattah Abnaouf, Director of the Department of Planning, International Cooperation and External Relations, participated as a representative of the Academy in the training course organized by the Standing Committee on International Humanitarian Law in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia entitled: Preventive measures to protect humanitarian aid and health services during armed conflicts, with the participation of various military and civilian sectors and representatives of the OIC Member States during the period between 5-8 Muharram 1445 AH, corresponding to 23-26 July 2023 in Jeddah. The course included a set of valuable specialized scientific lectures from specialists and experts in the field of international humanitarian law, which are specific to the concept of international humanitarian law, its sources, principles, scope of application and implementation mechanisms, with reference to its most important terms, as well as rights and duties of health care workers and journalists during armed conflict, preventive

measures to protect humanitarian action in areas of military operations, protection of emblems of humanitarian organizations in armed conflict, and the role of national strategic leaders in promoting international law. The course also dealt with the statement of criminal responsibility and the accountability mechanism for violations against health, media and humanitarian personnel during armed conflicts, and the supervisory role of humanitarian organizations in protecting violations of international humanitarian law during armed conflicts. The course concluded with sessions that included a presentation of the most important contemporary models of applications of international humanitarian law in the Arab Republic of Egypt and in the Kingdom of Morocco with scientific and practical discussions from military leaders, civilians, volunteers, judges and experts practicing humanitarian work in areas of armed conflict. It is noteworthy that the approval of the establishment of the Permanent Committee for International



Humanitarian Law was by Resolution of the Council of Ministers on 14/5/2007, and was formed under the chairmanship of the Saudi Red Crescent Authority, and the committee is concerned with international humanitarian law and its conventions, with recommendations on the conventions and creating awareness about it. It also aims to contribute to the development of international humanitarian law through national studies and research, and to strive for the Standing Committee to be the first national reference in consultations in the field of international humanitarian law.

IIFA participates in 5th session of IC-OIC Islamic Committee Consultative Meeting

Dr. Abdel Fattah Mahmoud Abnaouf, Director of the Department of Planning, International Cooperation and External Relations, representing His Excellency the Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the fifth session of the consultative meeting of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent and the National Societies of the Red Crescent of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, which was held in Jeddah between 5-8 of Muharram 1445 AH, corresponding to 23-26 July 2023. The session on the first day included opening speeches by the Turkish Red Crescent, followed by a speech by His Excellency the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, then a speech by the Chairman of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent, then a speech by the President of the Saudi Red Crescent Authority, and the handover ceremony of the consultative meeting from the presidency of the Turkish Red Crescent to the presidency of the Saudi Red Crescent Authority. The meeting, through various scientific working papers



and practical experiences presented to the OIC countries in the field of charitable and humanitarian work, aimed to unify the efforts of humanitarian organizations and charitable bodies working in the field of humanitarian work to serve international business to reflect the exchange of expertise and practical experiences for the digital transformation of National Societies in the fields of humanitarian work. After deliberations over four days, the meeting

concluded several recommendations that contribute to the development of joint humanitarian action, most notably: The importance of holding the periodic consultative meeting between the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent and the national bodies and societies of the Red Crescent and Red Cross in the OIC countries and considering it a platform within the framework of the Organization and the need for bilateral and multilateral partnerships between National Societies and with the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent to enhance joint cooperation in the areas of developing human and developmental capacities in all the basic tasks of National Societies related to humanitarian work. It is worth mentioning that the fifth session of the consultative meeting was attended by representatives of the relevant national societies of more than fifty (50) countries, OIC Member States, as well as senior officials of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Crescent and the Arab Red Cross and Red Crescent Organization.

IIFA takes part in United Nations Children's Fund meeting in Sri Lanka

At the kind invitation of UNICEF's regional office in Nepal, Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations, represented the Academy at the "Regional Workshop on Religious Organizations Advocating for Child Rights and Protection" between 26 and 28 Muharam 1445, corresponding to August 13-15, 2023, in Colombo, Sri Lanka. This meeting follows the South Asia Regional Consultative Group for the Faith and Positive Change for Children, Families and Communities (FPCC) initiative, which was organized by the Nepal Regional Forum for Religious Participation in Kathmandu in 2022, and brought together religious leaders,



stakeholders, and UNICEF representatives from eight countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh delivered a speech in which he expressed his appreciation and thanks on behalf of the Secretary General of the Academy for the kind invitation and conveyed to them His Excellency's greetings and best wishes. He also gave them an overview of the Academy, one of the most important bodies of the OIC, established in 1981 to be the main reference for OIC member states and Muslim communities regarding Sharia rulings on emerging issues and matters of concern to Muslims worldwide. He also spoke about the Academy's important resolutions and declarations concerning women in Islam, peaceful coexistence, and education. The opening remarks were followed by workshops focusing on the national context, highlighting the role that religious actors can play in promoting the rights and well-being of children through child-centered counseling and educational programs, and the establishment of psychosocial service systems. Over sixty delegates from eight South Asian

countries and UNICEF representatives attended the meeting. It should be noted that this event was organized by UNICEF in partnership with Religions for Peace and the Mutual Learning Initiative on Beliefs and local Communities.



33rd Monthly Meeting of the Academy's Personnel



The Secretariat General of the Academy held the thirty-third periodic monthly meeting of the Academy's staff, chaired by H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General, on Sunday 19 Muharam 1445, corresponding to 06

August 2023, at the Secretariat General's headquarters in Jeddah. At the start of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the participants and thanked them for attending, recalling the importance of such meetings to improve communication

and coordination between the various departments and divisions, benefit from suggestions and identify difficulties. He then spoke of his recent visit to the Kingdom of Morocco and his meeting with a number of officials to discuss the possibility of hosting the twenty-sixth session in Rabat. His Excellency gave the floor to the staff to express their opinions and observations on the progress of the Academy. His Excellency listened with interest to the comments and proposals. The meeting took a number of decisions, the most important of which are as follows:

- Prepare and equip the meeting room so that staff can attend meetings remotely when required.
- Submit a full report on the latest developments in translating the Academy's resolutions into various languages.
- Drafting names of researchers for the next symposium on genetically modified meat.

104th Weekly Departments Meeting

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, chaired the 104th weekly meeting of departments on Monday 27 Muharram 1445, corresponding to 15 August 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency welcomed the participants and thanked them for their regular attendance at the weekly meetings, reiterating the importance of these meetings, during which consultation and coordination on urgent issues and problems are pursued in order to take collective decisions that involve all departments. His Excellency emphasized that these meetings are an opportunity to familiarize oneself with the latest updates on the Academy, its events, activities, and issues, and how to implement and monitor the Academy's activities and programs. His Excellency then spoke about his participation in the international conference organized by Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Daawa and Guidance, entitled Communication with the Departments of Religious Affairs and Ifta' around the World: Communication and Integration, under the auspices of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of Saudi Arabia, may Allah protect him. Some 85 countries took part, represented by ministers and heads of religious affairs, ifta and Islamic organizations. On the sidelines of the conference, His Excellency met with the Minister of Islamic Affairs, Sheikh Dr

Abdullatif bin Abdulaziz Al Sheikh, and the Undersecretary of the Ministry, Dr Awad Al-Enezi, and they discussed ways of strengthening cooperation between the Academy and the Ministry by organizing joint programs and activities. His Excellency also congratulated Sheikh Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sudais on renewing the royal trust in his honorable person, by appointing him head of religious affairs at the Grand Mosque and the Prophet's Mosque and wished him every success. The meeting reviewed the decisions of the previous meeting, and several new decisions were taken, including the following:

- To prepare a list of universities, which are affiliated with the Association

of Islamic Universities in the Muslim World and the International Federation of Universities in OIC member states, in order to gift them the Academy's publications.

- Submit proposals for joint programs and activities that the Academy can organize in partnership with the Ministry of Islamic Affairs and the General Presidency of Religious Affairs at the Grand Mosque and the Prophet's Mosque.
- Prepare a letter of congratulations to His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sudais and H.E. Dr. Tawfiq Al-Rabiah for the renewal of their positions.



105th Weekly Meeting of Departments



The IIFA Secretariat General held its 105th weekly meeting of departments on Thursday 08 Safar 1445, corresponding to 24 August 2023, at the Secretariat General in Jeddah. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of IIFA, chaired the meeting and welcomed the participants,

then spoke of his meeting with the delegation from the Islamic Economics Institute of King Abdulaziz University during their visit to IIFA. The meeting provided an opportunity to examine ways of strengthening relations between the Institute and IIFA on economic topics of

common interest to the Ummah. As part of the activities and programs that IIFA intends to implement, His Excellency asked the departments to present a vision for holding a scientific symposium on The Calamities of Hajj and its Novelties to study some important calamities that did not exist in past times, and to invite high-level scholars and muftis from Muslim world countries to participate in this symposium. The meeting reviewed the decisions taken in the previous meeting and several new decisions were taken, notably:

- Prepare a vision for joint activities and programs to strengthen relations between IIFA, Al-Haramain General Presidency of Religious Affairs, and the Ministry of Islamic Affairs, Call and Guidance.
- Final revision of the transcripts of the audio recordings of the twenty-fifth session and delivery of the final format to the printer.
- Coordinate visits to a number of major universities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and discuss ways of cooperating with them.

48th Periodic Meeting of Divisions

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of IIFA, chaired the forty-eighth ordinary meeting of divisions heads, on Wednesday 07 Safar 1445, corresponding to 23 August 2023, at the Secretariat General in Jeddah. At the start of the meeting, His Excellency welcomed the heads of division and thanked them for their regular participation in these periodic meetings. His Excellency then spoke about the second visit of the Ummah scholars' delegation to Afghanistan, under the supervision of IIFA, scheduled in the coming days to continue dialogue and discussion with Afghan scholars and representatives of the current authority. The purpose of the visit is to continue discussions and dialogue with them on the latest issues discussed in the previous visit, in particular with regard to the issue of women's education, the participation of women in development, and the strengthening of cooperation, communication and integration between all components of the Afghan people. The participants then discussed the decisions of the previous meeting and

new decisions were taken, notably: Review and coordinate research paper of the symposium "Family Foundation: Challenges and Perspectives" and deliver it in its final form for print. Completing the translation of the "Dictionary of the Academy's

Personalities" and reviewing the entire translation for printing. Prepare a weekly statistical report on the number of visitors to the IIFA website by day, week and month. Printing of cooperation agreements in all three languages.



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