

Secretary General delivers a speech before H.E. President of Iran in Tehran



At the kind invitation of the World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought and under the patronage of H.E. Ayatollah Sayyed Ebrahim Raisi, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, participated in the opening session of the Thirty-Seventh Conference of Islamic Unity on Sunday, 16th Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to 1st October 2023, in Tehran. His Excellency delivered a speech before the Iranian President in which he spoke about Islamic unity as a concept, its types, core values, and foundations, beginning his speech by expressing his sincere thanks and great gratitude to the Islamic Republic of Iran, the presidency, the government, and the people for the warm welcome, and hospitality, and congratulating the President of the Republic and the Ummah on the return of lovely fraternal relations between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in order to enhance joint Islamic action and consolidate Islamic solidarity, praying to Allah The Almighty to strengthen the relations of cooperation and integration between the OIC Member states. His Excellency explained that the major challenges facing the Ummah today, both states and peoples, require the Ummah's scholars and wise men to enhance people's awareness of the Islamic unity in this era. This unity, in our view, is represented by the unity of feeling through strengthening our relation with the Ummah, being loyal to it and concerned with it. It is also represented in the unity of rites through adherence to the eternal rituals of Islam in worship,

transactions, marriages, and all areas of life. His Excellency explained that the unity that we aspire to achieve is unity in diversity, and diversity in unity, and unity in diversity means enhancing awareness that the existence of diversity and pluralism among Muslim countries, peoples and communities does not conflict with the desired unity, but rather diversity and pluralism are a reason for integration, solidarity, and support. As for diversity in unity, there is a need for intellectual, cultural, social, economic, and political unities. These patterns and forms are fertile and important areas that require



strengthening cooperation, coordination and communication between Muslim countries, communities, and institutions in the fields of education, culture, economics and politics. His Excellency spoke about the importance of adhering to values that he called the values of desired Islamic unity. Today, more than ever before, the Ummah needs to enhance the awareness of its members about the importance of moderation and balance in thought and behavior by rejecting extremism, intolerance and violence, and to consolidate the values of tolerance, coexistence and acceptance of others among its peoples,

countries and societies through openness and flexibility, as the magnitude of the challenges, the succession of developments and the pursuit of changes all require the necessity of deepening cooperation and consolidating work towards fighting extremist ideologies, and sectarianism. His Excellency emphasized that the Almighty's saying in the Quran (Indeed, this Ummah of yours is one nation, and I am your Lord, so worship me) is a declarative sentence, which refers to construction, and that we must be one nation in our sentiments, feelings, and practices. Unity is an obligation, a necessity, and an unavoidable interest if we desire to survive. This noble prophetic message includes an accurate clarification of the most important manifestations of Islamic unity sought in every time and place, which are love, compassion, and sympathy between Muslim countries, peoples, and Muslim societies. His Excellency concluded his speech by praying and supplicating to the Noble Lord to preserve and bless the Islamic Republic of Iran's leadership and people, and to perpetuate upon it the blessing of security, and stability, and to protect Muslim countries from all evil, and to increase the Ummah's solidarity and cooperation.



Iranian Foreign Minister receives Secretary General of the Academy in Tehran



H.E. Prof. Hossein Amir Abdullahian, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, received H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, on the evening of Monday, 17th Rabi' al-Awwal 1445, corresponding to October 2, 2023, in the capital, Tehran. The Minister welcomed His Excellency and thanked him for his participation in the thirty-fourth global conference organized by the World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought (WFPIST), and praised the signing of a cooperation agreement between the two institutions, expressing his gratitude and appreciation of the Republic for IIFA's appreciated efforts in promoting moderation, tolerance and coexistence in general, and in the field of rapprochement between Islamic sects in particular, he took this opportunity to affirm the support of his government and the people, for IIFA in its capacity as one of the leading and distinguished scientific institutions. His Excellency concluded his speech by expressing his aspiration for

further relations of cooperation and partnership between IIFA and Iran-based institutions, organizations, universities and scientific centers in the coming days, God Almighty willing. For his part, His Excellency the Secretary-General expressed his sincere thanks, and utmost appreciation to the government and people of the Islamic Republic for the generous support and hospitality since his arrival with the accompanying delegation to Tehran, expressing his special thanks to H.E. Sheikh Dr. Hamid Al-Shahriari, Secretary-General of WFPIST, for inviting him to participate in the conference. His Excellency congratulated the Minister on his great efforts in restoring relations of love and



brotherhood between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, noting that the credit for this goes to Allah and then to the sincere hard work, skill and wisdom that His Excellency and his team display in diplomatic work. His Excellency took the floor to express his condolences on the death of the late Ayatollah

Al-Tashkhir, a former representative of Iran to the Council of the Academy, praising his contributions to the Academy as the foremost global juristic authority for Muslim countries and communities. His Excellency presented the Academy's vision, mission, and objectives, pointing out the Academy's most important achievements, and aspiration to strengthen relations of cooperation, communication, and partnership with Iranian scientific institutions and centers, especially those active in the field of spreading the values of moderation, tolerance, and coexistence around the world. The two parties exchanged cordial conversations about ways to support IIFA and enable it to carry out its activities, initiatives, and programs with ease, and they exchanged souvenirs. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs, and Mr. Amjad Al-Mansi, Head of the Protocols at the Academy, and by Sayyid Muhammad Reda Mortazavi, representative of WFPIST.



Signing of MoC between IIFA and World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools in Tehran

Aiming to achieve intellectual convergence and integration between the Ummah's jurists and scholars, and to encourage cooperation, integration, and rapprochement between jurists of various schools of law regarding what is necessarily known about religion, out of respect for the commonalities, respect for differences, and commitment to the ethics of juristic debate, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, and H.E. Sheikh Dr. Hamid Shahriari, Secretary-General of World Forum for Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought (WFPIST), signed a cooperation agreement between the two sides, on Monday, 17th Rabi' al-Awwal, 1445 AH corresponding to



October 2, 2023, in the Iranian capital, Tehran. The meeting began with the recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an, then His Eminence Sheikh Al-Shahriari delivered a speech in which he expressed WFPIST's great pride in the participation of H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano in its annual conference this year, and the International Islamic Fiqh Academy's reliable and pioneering authority in the field of spreading the values of moderation, tolerance, and coexistence. He also expressed his great happiness with the signing of a cooperation agreement between the two institutions, hoping that this would be a blessed beginning for close and deep cooperation between the two institutions in various fields of common interest.

For his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for this honorable occasion, which represents a new stage for building a strategic partnership between the two institutions in all the fields in which they are active, especially in the field of spreading moderation, tolerance, coexistence, and the rejection of extremism, violence and extremism in thought, behavior and practice. The two parties then signed the agreement in the presence of members of WFPIST's Executive Council. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Mohamed Al-Fihri, Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs, and Mr. Amjad Al-Mansi, Head of the Protocols at the Academy.



Jordan's Consul General and Permanent Representative to OIC visits the Academy

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, received Ambassador Muhammad Salah Sobhi Hamid, Consul General and the new Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), on Thursday, 13 Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to 28 September 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency began the meeting by congratulating his guest on his appointment as Consul General and the new permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the organization, praying to God for his success in his duties. His Excellency then expressed the Academy's sincere thanks and great appreciation to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, its King, government, and people, for the continuous support and care that the Academy has received since its founding to the present day, praising the invaluable efforts of his predecessor, His Excellency Ambassador Jaafar Al-Shishani, in strengthening communication relations, cooperation and coordination between the Academy, and Jordan's scientific and religious institutions and centers during his work period. His Excellency took the opportunity to



pay homage to the late Prof. Abdul Salam Al-Abbadi, the righteous son of Jordan and the former Secretary General of the Academy, for the great services he provided to the Academy as a member and as a Secretary General, May Allah have mercy on him, and may he rest in peace. His Excellency gave his guest a comprehensive overview of the Academy's vision, mission, objectives, activities, initiatives, and various programs through which it seeks to strengthen the unity of the Ummah, the integration of its peoples, and the solidarity of its countries. For his part, the Consul General expressed his great pleasure and honor to visit the Academy, and meet His Excellency, and know various programs and activities that the Academy

organizes, stressing Jordan's continued support of the Academy's worthy efforts, especially in promoting the values of moderation, tolerance, coexistence and dialogue, and consolidating the bonds of cooperation, coordination and communication between the Academy and the Jordanian scientific and religious institutions and centers. He also thanked His Excellency for his distinguished efforts in promoting the Academy and for paying homage to the late Prof Al-Abbadi, may Allah shower his soul with his vast mercy. The meeting was attended by Mr. Muhammad Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocols, Ms. Sarah Amjad Hussein, Director of Family and Women, and Mr. Amjad Mustafa, Head of the Protocols at the Academy.



Delegation from U.S State Department visits the Academy



A delegation of the United States of America's State Department visited the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in Jeddah on 12th Rabiul Awal 1445, corresponding to Thursday 28th September 2023. The delegation was composed of Mr. Hady Elneil, Deputy Political-Economic Section Chief of the Consulate General of the United States of America in Jeddah, Mr. Oliver Wileox Senior Advisor of OIC-USA at Department of State and Mr. Steve D. Leu Regional China Officer Embassy of the United States in UAE. The delegation was received by the Secretary General of the Academy, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano who expressed his delight with the visit and added: "This is manifestation

of the existing relationship between the US Consulate General and the Academy and with other organs of OIC in Jeddah." Professor Sano gave the guests an overview of the Academy with regards to its vision, philosophy and activities it is embarking on, in order to promote a balanced intellectual discourse, combating extremist ideologies, culture of comprehensive citizenship and social cohesion. He welcomed the idea of collaboration and partnership with relevant USA educational institutions to advocate for core values of freedom of religion, interfaith dialogue, acceptance of difference, defence of rights of people to education and dignity. On their part, the USA delegation thanked the Secretary General HE Professor Sano for the warm welcome and hospitality. The delegation concurred with Professor Sano on the issues he raised as there are core values that America shares with the Academy. Mr Hady Elneil assured His Excellency of the need to work collaboratively in developing practical steps for implementing the shared values across the board. Emphasis was particularly made on female education, rights of minorities, youth engagement and

response to humanitarian and social cries around the world and the role Muslim states can play through and under the umbrella of Organization of Islamic Cooperation. Mr. Steve Leu and Mr. Oliver Wileox of the USA delegation echoed the importance of partnership and collaboration in developing practical activities to respond to the challenges and issues discussed as a follow-up on earlier meetings that the Academy and USA officials had held in Jeddah and Washington. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocols, Mrs. Sarah Badewi, Director of Family, Woman, Childhood and Elderly Affairs, and Dr. Alhagi Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations at the Academy.



President of King Saud University receives Secretary General of Academy



H.E. Prof. Badran bin Abdulrahman Al-Omar, President of King Saud University, received H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, on Monday 24 Rabi al-Awal 1445, corresponding to October 9, 2023, at the University's headquarters in Riyadh. The President of the University began his speech by welcoming his guest and the accompanying delegation, and expressing his pleasure at this visit, which confirms the appreciation and respect of the Secretary-General of the Academy for the university in which he studied, and the role model he has been for distinguished and exemplary students. In this respect, the President noted that King Saud University follows the careers of its alumni and celebrates their achievements and contributions to their countries and communities' development and prosperity. He also emphasized that the distinction and excellence of its graduates in the fields of education, scientific research and community

service, represent a source of pride and joy for the leaders and people of the Kingdom Saudi Arabia. For his part, H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General, expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to the President of the University for his warm welcome, as well as his pride in being one of the alumni of this prestigious university, which has given him everything and made him what he is today in terms of success, leadership and willpower – thanks to Allah the Almighty – then thanks to distinguished education of this university, emphasizing that he will remain loyal and grateful to this university



and to the leadership and people of Saudi Arabia for the great care and attention he has received. His Excellency presented an overview of the Academy's history, vision, mission, as well as its objectives, means and membership, underlining the Academy's intellectual status as the highest and leading jurisprudential reference to which OIC Member states refer for Shariah provisions on calamities, developments and current issues of

concern to Muslims worldwide. His Excellency then praised the continued support and great attention that the Academy receives from the leadership and people of the headquarters country, headed by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, may Allah bless them. At the end, His Excellency expressed his aspiration to sign a cooperation agreement between the two institutions aimed at developing a complementary approach that would enable both parties to benefit from each other's potentials in scientific research and academic cooperation. His Excellency concluded his speech by inviting the President of the University to visit the Academy in Jeddah to discuss ways of strengthening cooperation and coordination between the two institutions. The meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Monder Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocols, Mr. Muhammad Walid Al-Idrisi, Director of Media and Public Relations, and Mr. Amjad Al-Mansi, Head of Protocols.



Delegations from Finnish Church Aid and Peacemakers Network visit the Academy



HE Profesor Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of International Islamic Fiqh Academy received high level delegation from Finnish Church Aid and Peacemakers Network on Sunday 30 Rabi Awal 1445 corresponding to 15th October 2023 at its headquarters in Jeddah the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Head of the delegation and Executive Director of Finn Church Aid Dr Tomi Järvinen expressed of their delight at the hospitality and warm reception at the Academy. He added that their organisation FCA is one of the biggest NGOs in Finland active in humanitarian work around the world. Their work revolves around the themes of peace, quality education and sustainable livelihoods. Speaking

at the meeting, Dr. Muhamed Executive Director of the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers expressed his gratitude for meeting Professor Sano in his capacity as the new Secretary General of the Academy, especially his efforts at promoting moderation and peaceful coexistence. He added: "It is extremely important to partner with religious organisations due to the importance of religion to inculcating the values of mutual respect, diversity and peaceful co-existence".



On his part, the Secretary General of the Academy welcomed the delegation and thanked them for the visit to the Academy in order to explore areas of collaboration, then gave an overview of the vision of the Academy anchored in nurturing the ideals

of peace, moderation and compassion as taught by the teachings of Islam. His Excellency added: "We need to embrace principles of citizenship, diversity and shared human values, and stress that religions are meant to promote dialogue and co-existence and not conflicts and clashes ". Finally, the delegation thanked the Secretary General for the hospitality and warm welcome reiterating the willingness for collaboration with the Academy. The Meeting was attended by Mr. Mohamed Chouk, Director of Cabinet and Protocols, Ms. Sarah Amjad Badewi, Director of the Family, Woman, Childhood and Elderly Affairs and Dr. Alhagi Manta Drammeh, Head of International Cooperation and External Relations Division.



Secretary General of Academy Calls to Extend Support for Bioprinting Research



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy, participated in the online international symposium entitled Bioprinting: Opportunities and Challenges from an Islamic Perspective, on Sunday morning 9 Rabi al-Awal 1445, corresponding to 24 September 2023. His Excellency delivered a speech at the opening session in which he expressed his sincere thanks for organizing this international scientific symposium on an important biomedical issue that is witnessing developments day after day and achieving remarkable progress, based on the use of special biological materials instead of plastic and metal materials to treat a number of chronic and incurable diseases, such as joint roughness, liver and kidney damage, and damaged parts of the body as a result of some diseases. Bioprinting aims to replace damaged bones and dispense with artificial joints by treating their roughness with biomaterials, as well as manufacturing some surgical tools and medical electronics, indicating that the greatest goal of this type of regenerative medicine is to return man to the state in which God created him, as Allah said in the Quran: “We have certainly created man in the best of stature”. This is in no way intended to clone or imitate Allah’s creation, but rather it is considered a blessed qualitative development in field of medicine called regenerative medicine. His Excellency explained the importance of embracing these medical developments that will enable humanity to treat many chronicle diseases and talked about the importance of dealing with them in a wise manner, starting from the general principles of Sharia, which calls for medical treatment. Hence, dealing with calamities and medical developments such as bioprinting and others should be based on considering them as one of the means of preserving the five necessary objectives of protecting life, religion, mind, offspring, and wealth. Every scientific and medical discovery through which the Sharia objectives are maintained is governed by the same ruling as the objectives themselves, based on the famous Fiqh maxim that stipulates

that “means take the rulings of objectives”, which means the necessity of being open to these developments, and carefully understanding them well before issuing a ruling about them. One should also make maximum use of the jurisprudential maxims when dealing with calamities and medical developments, especially the maxim of “the basis of treatment is being obligatory”, and “the basis of medicines being permissibility”, which means the necessity to stay away from rushing to prohibit anything new and be wary of every scientific discovery. In fact, it should be praised and cherished while ensuring that it does not contain clear, permanent evils. His Excellency pointed out that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, since its inception, has been seeking the assistance of specialized experts in various scientific fields, especially medical ones, in order to provide a complete and comprehensive vision of the medical calamity or the new incident in preparation for clarifying the appropriate Sharia rulings for it. His Excellency praised the efforts of the Islamic Organization for

Medical Sciences in this field, stressing that it has been the Academy’s strategic partner and even a full member of the Council of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy. The Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences is almost the only member of the Council of the Academy in terms of medical fields, in appreciation of its efforts in following up on medical developments and calamities. At the conclusion of his brief speech, His Excellency renewed the call to support research and scientific efforts in universities, colleges, and institutes with moral and material support, to enable participation in scientific discoveries, and to formulate standards capable of preserving the well-known Sharia objectives. A number of contemporary jurists and a number of doctors specializing in this medical field participated in the conference, highlighting to the scholars’ accurate facts regarding bioprinting and the rapid developments it is witnessing, and assuring them that there is no point in apprehension and fear, but rather it is necessary to contribute to its advancement.

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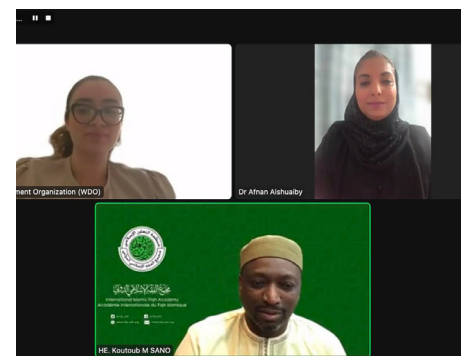


PROF. KOUTOUB MOUSTAPHA SANO
IIFA – SECRETARY GENERAL

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, participated with H.E. Dr. Afnan Al-Shuaibi, Executive Director of the Women's Development Organization (WDO), on Wednesday, 26th Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to 11 October 2023, in the final session of WDO's online seminar series, entitled "Islam and Wrong Social Customs". At the beginning of his intervention, His Excellency congratulated the Executive WDO Director and her team for the organization of this successful series, as it is a means of enlightenment, education, and correction of many women's issues and Islam's clear and firm position on those issues, far from the distorted or mistaken understandings that are often attributed to Islam. His Excellency emphasized that many of these concepts and practices that attack women's dignity, confiscate their rights, and attempt to exclude them from life have absolutely nothing to do with Islam, pointing out that Islam gives women the right to full financial independence by enabling them to control and dispose of their money in the way they want without guardianship, or authority from someone, and therefore, any understanding or practice that affects this right, and attempts to undermine it, that understanding, and practice

has nothing to do with Islam. His Excellency stressed that there is no difference in Islam between men and women regarding the issue of financial independence, as they both have the absolute right to dispose of their money by managing it in the way each of them wants. He also stressed that women's work in Islam for the sake of earning and gaining is not only permitted, but she is commanded to do it just like her male counterpart, because work in Islam is a form of worship, and both men and women are commanded to worship equally. His Excellency clarified that Islam never differentiated between a man and a woman. It establishes that her dowry is her right. (And give the women [upon marriage] their [bridal] gifts graciously. But if they give up willingly to you anything of it, then take it in satisfaction and ease) and among those texts is the Almighty's saying "Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer – We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do." An-Nahl: 97, and "And say, "Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He will inform

you of what you used to do." Al-Tawbah: 105 and "And for all, We have made heirs to what is left by parents and relatives. And to those whom your oaths have bound [to you] – give them their share. Indeed, Allah is ever, over all things, a Witness." An-Nisa: 32. These sacred texts are clear in declaring a woman's right to own and dispose of her money just like her male counterpart. Therefore, differentiating between them is considered a blatant violation of Sharia. The session discussed a number of societal ideas that have led and continue to lead to compromising women established financial rights in Islam. It also discussed the importance of working for equal work and employment opportunities for women to enable them to own and own property, as well as the challenges facing women's financial independence in this age. His Excellency concluded with a careful analysis of the issue of inheritance in Islam, and the confusion that arises around it regarding the disparity in shares between males and females, noting that the basis of inheritance in Islam is justice and not equality as many people think, and there is a difference between justice and equality, because justice requires giving each of the heirs what he deserves from the estate and what he needs based on the responsibilities and duties assigned to him towards the family members. This is not considered a preference, but rather considering the circumstances of each heir. As long as the male is obligated in Islam to spend on his sister and support her if she needs that, then whatever share he is given is given in exchange for this responsibility that falls on him alone and not his sister. The meeting concluded with participants asking questions and the guests answering them. It is worth noting that WDO's series of online seminars was successful and witnessed great reception, and therefore, the WDO decided to upload it to their website and YouTube channel.



35th Monthly Meeting of Academy's Personnel

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, chaired the thirty-fifth monthly meeting of the Academy's personnel, at the headquarters of the Academy in Jeddah, on Sunday 23rd Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to October 8, 2023. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming the attendees, thanking them for their presence, then proceeded to speak about his participation in the activities of the 37th International Conference for Islamic Unity, held in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in the presence of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Secretary-General of the World Council for the Rapprochement of Islamic Schools of Law. His Excellency delivered a speech at the opening session, in which he presented



the Academy and its role in promoting unity, and its necessity in this era in which the Ummah faces critical challenges, and facing them requires solidarity, sympathy, compassion, between Muslim peoples worldwide. His Excellency also spoke about the values of unity which are based on moderation, balance, coexistence, and tolerance. His Excellency called to spread the Academy's message and present it to

the world in a clear and focused manner. His Excellency paved the floor for the Academy's employees to express their opinions and remarks about workflow of the Academy, and listened with great interest and focus to the remarks and proposals. The meeting took several decisions, the most important of which are:

- Adding biographies of the Academy's employees to the book of the Academy's distinguished members.
- Posting the Academy's documentary film directly on the website, and dubbing it into the three languages.
- All employees shall submit their annual work reports.

108th Weekly Meeting of Departments



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, chaired the 108th weekly meeting of the departments'

directors, on Monday, 11 Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to 25 September 2023, at the Secretariat General in Jeddah. After welcoming the attendees and thanking them for regularly attending the meetings, His Excellency spoke about the importance of saving electricity, and ensuring that the lights and air conditioners in the offices are turned off at the end of work and when leaving the offices. His Excellency instructed the financial department to study and find out the reasons for the steady increase in the electricity bill during recent months.

The meeting discussed decisions of the previous meeting, and several new decisions were issued, notably:

- Preparing a plan to publish a number of simplified encyclopedias and dictionaries that serve Islam and Muslims.
- Preparing a concept for the review of IIFA Journal, Issue 24, and submitting it for printing in the same way as Issues 21, 22, and 23.
- Search for companies specializing in library organization and classification to reorganize the Academy's library.

109th Weekly Meeting of Departments

The Secretariat General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy held its 109th weekly meeting of departments' directors on Wednesday 19 Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to October 4, 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. It was chaired by H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the Academy. His Excellency welcomed the participants and spoke about his official visit to the Islamic Republic of Iran, which aims to strengthen cooperation with the country's leading scientific and religious institutions. His Excellency met the Iranian Foreign Minister, Amir Hossein Abdollahian, and the Secretary General of the World Forum for the Rapprochement of Islamic Schools, Dr. Hamid Shahriari. During the visit, an MoC

was signed between the Iran's Forum and IIFA. The visit falls within the framework of the Academy's strategic plan and objectives, particularly with regard to combating extremism, fanaticism, and terrorism, and promoting a culture of openness and coexistence among followers of religions and sects, in the hope of closing ranks, bringing people closer, eliminating temptations in all their forms, and strengthening cooperation for the progress of the Ummah. The meeting discussed the decisions of the previous meeting and new decisions were taken, notably:

- Periodic review of the Academy's website's news and preparing a weekly report in this regard.
- Searching for companies specialized

in libraries management, in order to develop the Academy's library.

- The Gifts Committee to continue sending the Academy's publications to various universities, libraries and other relevant organizations.



110th Weekly Meeting of Departments

H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary-General of the Academy, chaired the 110th weekly meeting of departments' directors on Tuesday, 25 Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to 10 October 2023. His Excellency welcomed the attendees, then spoke about his visit and the delegation accompanying him to King Saud University in Riyadh. His Excellency expressed his thanks, appreciations to the President of the University for the welcome and of his happiness and delight at the development and renaissance at the University from which he graduated thirty years ago, which has expanded, especially in its programs related to caring for people

with special needs, empowering women and promoting them to participate in promoting the University and actively participate in its development, asking Allah the Almighty to preserve it and all the scientific institutions in the headquarters country. His Excellency also spoke about his meeting with the President of the Academy, H.E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Humaid in Riyadh, and updated him of the latest activities of the Academy. The meeting discussed the previous decisions, and new decisions were issued, namely:

- Sending a letter of thanks to King Saud University's President, and a draft proposal of an MoC between



the Academy and the University.

- Preparing a plan to publish a number of plain encyclopedias and dictionaries that serve all Muslims.
- Sending a periodic report every three months on the Academy's activities to the President of the Academy.

51st Periodic Meeting of Divisions



H.E. Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano, Secretary General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, chaired the fifty-first periodic meeting of Heads of Division, on Thursday 27 Rabi' al-Awal 1445, corresponding to October 12, 2023, at

the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. His Excellency began the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their commitment to taking part in the meetings, then spoke of strengthening communication and coordination between the various departments and employees of the Academy, with the aim of reinforcing bonds of fraternity, exchanging opinions and proposals, monitoring new work, and seeking to identify obstacles to work and enable certain departments to complete this work, so that the Academy can remove them. The participants then discussed the

items on the meeting's agenda, and new decisions were taken, notably:

- Distribute all newsletters from the last two years to embassies, consulates and universities.
- Renew communication and organize the symposium "The Family Foundation: Challenges and Perspectives", proposed to be held in Istanbul in cooperation with the Islamic Youth Forum in Turkey, and review research and ensure that researchers adhere strictly to the themes.
- Calling researchers and experts for the symposium on violence against women.

111th Weekly Meeting of Departments

The Secretariat General of the Academy held its 111th weekly meeting for departments' directors on Monday 1 Rabi' Al-Akhir 1445, corresponding to October 16, 2023, at the Academy's headquarters in Jeddah. H.E. Prof. Koutoub Sano Moustapha, Secretary General of the Academy, welcomed the participants and thanked them for attending the meetings, then spoke of the progress made by the Academy in recent years and reminded them that development is one of Allah's universal laws, and that we are therefore obliged to benefit from it, notably by developing ourselves, our businesses and the institutions in which we work. His Excellency

also demonstrated the flexibility and breadth of the teachings of the Islamic religion, and their ability to keep pace with development within a framework of legal control. His Excellency also spoke of the Academy's importance as the religious wing of the OIC, in the women's conference scheduled to take place in Saudi Arabia, in coordination with the OIC Secretariat General, during the coming month. The meeting reviewed previous decisions, and several new decisions were made, including:

- Complete the final revision of the recordings for the twenty-fifth session and to transmit the final format to the print.

- Submit a project proposal and estimate for fitting out and organizing the Academy's library.
- Call on researchers and experts for the symposium on violence against women.



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