



Be Part of an Exceptional Experience

Join the Second Edition of the Emerging Peacemakers Forum

To Be Held in Geneva, Switzerland This Summer

📍 Geneva, Switzerland ⌚ July 6 - July 14, 2023

After a long wait, careful planning, and unextinguished enthusiasm since the closing ceremony of the 1st edition of the Emerging Peacemakers Forum in July 2018, we are pleased to announce that the Muslim Council of Elders, in partnership with the Rose Castle Foundation and the World Council of Churches, decided to launch this form to receive applications for participation in the 2nd edition of the Emerging Peacemakers Forum (EPF), scheduled to be held from July 6 to July 14, 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland. The forum aims to prepare young leaders in the field of peace-making and to establish the principles of peaceful coexistence among societies.

The 2nd edition will focus on honing the skills of the participants and building and developing their capacities in the field of peacemaking, interfaith dialogue, peaceful coexistence and disseminating human fraternity. This training aims to empower the institutions and bodies for which the participants work and provide them with young talents who are able to implement goals related to these topics in their communities within influential projects or initiatives.

The training has been designed to match the basic knowledge and experiences of the participants in the peace-making field and to refine and develop them by specialized international experts and influential figures. The training also provides a real opportunity for its participants to acquire skills and experiences enhanced by basic applied lessons and necessary tools in the areas of managing difference, and the ability to create dialogue in which various conflicts are resolved by peaceful means.

The training also constitutes a broad space for discovering ways to propose, design and implement both field and digital initiatives, among which the most effective ones will be selected to be supported through the EPF program to support initiatives.

This edition will be held at the Ecumenical Institute in Chateau de Bossey in Geneva, Switzerland. All participants must remain in the place designated for training throughout the training period and commit to attending all parts of the program. The Muslim Council of Elders will bear all expenses (transportation and plane tickets to and from the place of training in addition to accommodation and subsistence allowances). Since the participants come from different countries and have diverse cultural backgrounds, English will be the language of training and communication throughout the training period.

To achieve the stated goals, the young peacemaking participants will return to their home countries after the end of the main program, to start the implementation of their proposed projects and initiatives.

Key dates:

activity/event	date
Opening submissions to participate in the forum	March 2023 ,19. Time: 23:00 GMT
Organizing an introductory session about the forum and answering inquiries	March 2023 ,25, registration and meeting links will be announced
Closing submissions to participate in the forum	April 2023 ,9
Screening and conducting personal interviews for those selected in the first stage	April10 to April, 2023 ,25
Notifying those who are accepted in the final stage	April 26 to April, 2023 ,30
A preparatory training before traveling	End of June 2023
Launching the EPF proceedings (2nd edition)	July 2023

Who can participate?

If you are one of the young men and women working in civil society and international organizations, or one of the influential people in their societies; or if you have previous experiences in peace-making, conflict resolution or conflict management; or if you are just interested in spreading the values of peace where you live; and you are looking forward to learning more skills on how to do this, you are welcome to participate in the forum.

What to expect at the end of the forum:

- **Contributing** to achieving the seventeenth goal of the sustainable development goals: partnership for development.
- **Opening** a platform for dialogue between young people and working on developing innovative and sustainable solutions and recommendations to achieve peace in societies.
- **Equipping** (50) young men and women with the necessary knowledge and skills for conflict resolution, mediation, managing and facilitating dialogue.
- **Empowering** young men and women to launch national and regional initiatives and projects related to peacemaking and disseminating human fraternity principles.
- **Supporting** and launching 5-8 initiatives led by young people who work on issues selected to be topics in the Forum and of interest to the Muslim Council of Elders and its partners.
- **Expansion** of the “Emerging Peacemakers Network”, which will serve as a platform for youth dialogue that brings together young people from all over the world.

Cost / Financing:

Participation in the forum is fully funded and there are no participation fees. The Muslim Council of Elders bears all costs, including economical airline tickets, accommodation, visas and internal transportation.

Participation criteria:

General specifications: The forum aims to bring together young leaders, entrepreneurs, researchers, and representatives of civil society organizations of different races, religions and ethnicities.

Social Inclusion Policies: The final selection of the Emerging Peacemakers Forum relies on ensuring balance in terms of gender, geographical and religious representation, and includes young people who have the least access to opportunities, from disadvantaged social backgrounds and the most vulnerable in economic, social and geographical terms.

Language: Priority will be given to participants with an English language level (B2) according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Age: The applicant must be between 18 and 30 years old on May 1, 2023.





Commitment: The applicant must be 100% committed to attending the program fully and a commitment form will be signed.

Previous experience: General knowledge of issues of peaceful conflict resolution, peace building and dialogue management. Experience in a related field such as mediation - peace building - interfaith dialogue - conflict resolution is preferred.

Admission: The applicant must pass the interview with the Personal Interviews Committee after completing the registration form. The applicant must also submit a topic worksheet for one of the topics on the agenda of the Forum, as a mandatory requirement to apply for admission and fulfill the program.



Notes

While selecting the final list of participants, consideration will be given to geographical balance and fair representation of youth of both sexes. The organizers welcome applications from all candidates who meet the admission requirements, regardless of gender, disability, social status, race, color, religion or belief. The organizers also encourage young men and women with fewer opportunities, such as those living in rural, border or unidentified areas that face social, geographical, or economic challenges to apply.

To learn more about the Emerging Peacemakers Forum, please visit:

<https://ep-forum.org>

We are looking forward for your participation!



How to apply: (attached)

Those wishing to participate must complete the participation form below. Please note that applications received through other methods will not be considered. We also recommend that you apply as soon as possible, as applications are reviewed as soon as they are recieved. It takes 20-30 minutes to fill out the application form, and the following documents must be prepared before applying:

1- Curriculum Vitae: It should be in English and not exceed four pages.

2- Travel Document/ Passport: It must be valid until at least December 31, 2023.

The registration form contains four main sections:

First: : Personal data (this section contains basic personal data about the applicants)

Second: Academic qualifications (this section includes information about educational background and academic grades)

Third: Community Engagements (This section covers previous community engagements in the areas of youth exchange, peace, etc.)

Fourth: Specialized Questions (This section contains specialized essay-type questions)

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**Get in
Touch**

If you have any inquiries about things not listed above, do not hesitate to contact us.

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The deadline for the submissions is April 9, 2023

