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International Interfaith Peace Corps

IIPC is nonprofit FBO devoted to safeguarding the sanctity and dignity of human life and facilitating the actualization of its fullest potential, by employing religious diplomacy and working with religious and traditional leaders in various communities.

OUR ORGANIZATION

Vision

"Compassionate Coexistence"

Mission

"Facilitating Compassionate Coexistence by Promoting the Sanctity and Dignity of Life through Religious Diplomacy".

IIPC Core Values

Our core values are centered on the moral imperative of promoting the natural and legal right, freedom, and security to preserve, protect, and develop one's intellect, religion, progeny and property without any undue hindrances from any individual, group, or authority; exemplified in the following list:

- ▶ **Truth (Al-Haq)** – we seek, acknowledge, practice and promote beliefs, speeches and deeds which conform with reality; a meta-virtue without which nothing is real – the source of everything good which prevents everything harmful.
- ▶ **Purification (Tazkiah)** – we practice and promote individual self-purification to transform from ego-centrality to selfless moral and material (mutual charity) purity.
- ▶ **Compassion (Rahma)** – we practice and promote the showing of mercy and kindness, by words and action, to everyone in society, regardless of the person's economic or social status.

- ▶ **Justice (Adl)** – we practice and promote individual and collective fairness and equity to everyone in society, regardless of the person's economic or social status.
- ▶ **Peace (Salaam)** – we seek, practice and promote ethical soundness, freedom from moral conflict and disquiet, and security from all forms of evil and fear in society.
- ▶ **Development (Imran)** – we practice and advocate a holistic, comprehensive and balanced material, intellectual, spiritual, and socio-political approach to development, which together contribute to a Quality of Life that is sacred and dignified.

Target beneficiaries

IIPC primary target beneficiaries include:

- ▶ Muslim Religious Leaders and Scholars.
- ▶ Non-Muslim Religious leaders through interfaith activities.
- ▶ Secular Civil Society Organization leaders.

The secondary targets are the communities, families and individuals in target project areas.





Why – To Facilitate Trust and Coexistence

IIPC is founded on the realization that global coexistence is being threatened by gross mistrust and differences between entrenched traditional values, mostly defined by different spiritual beliefs and practices, and modern secular leanings. People differ in their attitudes towards religion and religious practices, in viewpoints about the extent to which religion should play a role in organizing and regulating civil society and in all endeavors of their daily lives. People differ in viewpoints about whether religion should even have a role in moral and practical laws and to what extent, if any. This divide is what led historians and political scientists, like Basil Mathews, Bernard

Lewis and Samuel P. Huntington, to theorize and express their views about what they call “The Clash of Civilizations”, with specific reference to Western and Islamic cultures.

Recent violent socio-political events around the world involving Muslims have amplified this notion and aggravated the mistrust that already exists between the West and the Muslim world. However, Muslims in the West are generally in a unique position to change this prevailing, dominant, albeit false, narrative of violent Islam in ideology and practice, into something which reflects the true teachings and practices of both Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) and traditional Islam.

What – Our Offer Religious Diplomacy Advocacy Framework

Religious Diplomacy-based Advocacy Framework for facilitating summits and conferences, capacity building, and research and education. The IIPC advocacy framework is designed to support FBOs and CSOs working with community faith leaders, who have access to, influence over, and trust of their people, and the resulting obedience to effect behavior change.

IIPC's advocacy approach is based on Maqasid Al-Shari'ah and Fiqh-ul-Ihya using Religious Diplomacy to improve the interpretation and understanding of the religious texts within contexts. It ties religion to the Sanctity and Dignity of Life issues in areas related to education, governance, health and socio-economic development.

The IIPC Advocacy Framework consist of the following:

1. **Religious Model:** The Islamic Jurisprudence of Life model highlights 4 principles of the preservation, promotion and development of Property, Intellect, Religion and Progeny, which provide support to a 5th and central

principle, of the preservation, promotion and development of the Sanctity and Dignity of Life.

2. **Development Model:** IIPC advocates a holistic, comprehensive and balanced development scorecard with four perspectives of Material, Intellectual, Spiritual, and Socio-political development, which together contribute to a Quality of Life development index.
3. **Intervention Domains:** IIPC has four service domains of Development, Education, Governance and Health, which again support the Quality of Life index.
4. Finally, the SDGs are mapped on to the framework.



Mapping the Concept to Application & SDGs

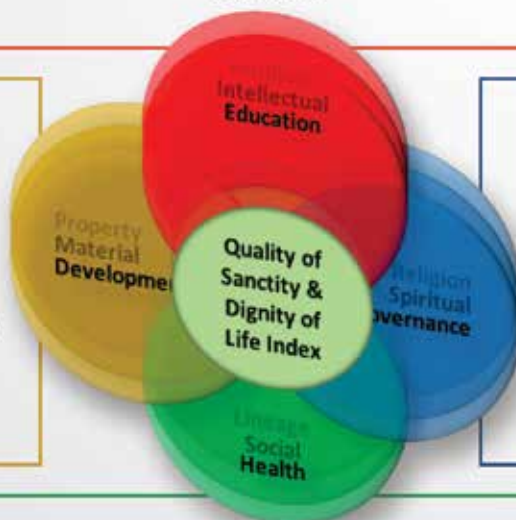
INTELLECT | INTELLECTUAL | EDUCATION

The natural and legal right, freedom, and security to preserve, protect, and develop one's God-given intellect – the mind, senses, thoughts, opinions – and the capacity to reason and choose between alternatives without any undue hindrances from any individual, group, or authority.

SDG 4 & 9

PROPERTY | MATERIAL | DEVELOPMENT

The natural and legal right, freedom, and security to preserve, protect, and develop one's property and wealth, by acquiring, owning, controlling and passing it on to progeny, any individual or group of choice without any undue hindrances from any individual, group, or authority. SDG 1, 2, 7, & 8



RELIGION | SPIRITUAL | GOVERNANCE

The natural and legal right, freedom, and security to preserve, protect, and develop one's religion, faith and beliefs – willfully choosing the object, form, place, and time of worship without any undue hindrances from any individual, group, or authority. SDG 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17

LINEAGE | SOCIAL | HEALTH

Islam identifies and emphasizes the natural and legal right, freedom, and security to preserve, protect, and develop one's lineage by procreating, raising a family and providing it with identity, integrity, legitimacy, continuity and well-being without any undue hindrances from any individual, group, or authority. Through progeny emerges the individual, family, society and a socio-political system. SDG 3, 5, 6, & 11

How - Our Process

Our process is designed to (1) **create understanding** by exposing the religious leaders to new environments, thereby creating vulnerability and removing fear; (2) **create possibilities** by exposing them to unfamiliar concepts, tools and processes and introducing them to new ideas and ways of thinking; (3) **create action** by appealing to their imagination based on their frame of reference, which is the

Islamic legal principles and practices. The framework is being used to mobilize Muslim religious leaders to address different issues related to development, governance, health, and education. This unique and innovative framework for "Facilitating the Promotion of the Sanctity and Dignity of Life", which is based on Maqasid Al-Shari'ah and Fiqh-ul-hya supports and guides all our activities.

Relationships

IIPC has developed strong working and collaborative relationships with Gates Foundation, UNDP, WHO, USAID, The Sultan Foundation for Peace and Development, Forum for Peace in Muslim Societies, Union of African Scholars,

Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, URI Africa, among others; all of whom recognize the vital role of religion and FBOs in making progress on the SDGs.



Figure 2: Steps in Change Process

Create Understanding – Ta'aruf (Know each other)

Exposure → Awareness
→ Familiarity

Explore the past and present fears and accomplishments of each what has made the past and present a success of failure

Create Possibilities – Ta'awun (Collaborate with each other)

Thought → Desire → Aspiration

Explore the present and the future hopes and opportunities/ promises of each and how to fight fears together → what will make the future a success or could lead to failures

Create Action – Takamul (Complement each other's action)

Action → Habit

Exploit the hopes and opportunities and fight fears together



Where – Application Domains and Issues

IIPC's religious diplomacy-based advocacy involves mobilizing influential religious leaders to support various development causes. It ties religion to the Sanctity and Dignity of Life issues in areas related to:

- ▶ Education - Revitalization of Quranic Schools, Female Child Education, Curriculum Reform, Imam Training, etc.
- ▶ Governance - Inequity, Prevention of Violent Extremism,

Domestic Violence, Accountability and Transparency, Promotion of Religious Freedom, etc.

- ▶ Health - Immunization, FGM, Water and Sanitation, Non-communicable Diseases, Mother and Child Health, etc.
- ▶ Socio-economic Development - Poverty Reduction, Women's Economic Empowerment, etc.

IIPC Services

We use our Advocacy Framework to deliver the following services:

- ▶ **Convening:** Facilitate and organize events in the form of summits and conferences to create understanding and possibilities.
- ▶ **Capacity building:** Partnerships development; Organizational capacity development; and Training workshops and courses to create capacity for action.

- ▶ **Educational Services:** Resources Toolkits; research on narratives development; Publications; and online resources centers.
- ▶ **Consultancy:** IIPC provides a unique offering and solutions for engagement, capacity building and empowering both religious leaders and CSOs in NGOs, donors, governments and private sector through Religious Diplomacy consultancy services.

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