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Unity in Diversity: Source of Power

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“5th Think Tanks Forum of the OIC Countries” will be organized and hosted by **Iraqi Prime Group for Strategic Studies** in cooperation with **TASAM** (Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies) **on 21-22 February 2014 in Baghdad**, the capital city of the Republic of Iraq.

Today the social, economic and political situation of the OIC member countries tenders a scenery full of problems. Regarding the issues such as freedoms, welfare, justice, education, environment; it is visible that OIC countries have fallen behind accepted international criterions. Ideological and sectarian confrontations have grown into external and internal problem piles. On the other hand, the developments in the fields of communication and transportation; democratization and globalization have made all kinds of discrepancies more visible and have paved the way for the show up of the identities never heard before. Under the pressure of urbanization and thanks to technological developments and increasing possibilities in education, communication and transformation, interaction among civilizations, countries and social groups has intensified and has made developing of a culture of co-existence mandatory.

As a sociological obligation, there have been disagreements and divisions in Islamic World. However the words of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) “Diversity of my people (Ummah) is a blessing from God” manifests that this diversity might be sustained with unity, mutual tolerance and dialogue. Unlike traditional periods of the past, today’s political, sociological and technological opportunities and difficulties force people from different religious and ethnic backgrounds to live together. Also advancement in modern transportation, communication and trade not only bind different religious and ethnic groups in a country but also affect all countries in the world. Therefore ending disputes, tensions and conflicts between different groups and prevalence of peaceful co-existence at individual, territorial and international level should be made dominant at both national and international levels.

In this perspective, “5th Think Tanks Forum of the OIC Countries” aims **to construct a field of consciousness peculiar to the OIC countries** in terms of **unity in diversity**.

Participation of senior bureaucrats, members of media, academicians and opinion leaders from the OIC member and observer countries and representatives from Muslim think tanks from Western countries is expected to this Forum. We believe that sharing of your knowledge and experience with us will contribute to the success of the meeting and to manage the strategic process in the OIC countries. It would be highly appreciated if you could confirm your participation to the Forum. The following participation form should be duly filled in and returned by the deadline of **09.12.2013** at web link <http://www.tasam.org/tr-TR/Form/KatilimciFormu/501?k=true>

Best regards,

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Attachments

- Information Note to the Participant
- Vision Document of the Forum