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**Resolution of the 9th World Zakat Forum International Conference
and Annual Meeting 2020 (Online):**

Post COVID-19 Economic Recovery: The Role of World Zakat Forum

30 November – 1 December 2020

The World Zakat Forum, as an international platform of the zakat movement, has a role to synergize global zakat stakeholders in improving the welfare of the ummah and alleviating poverty. Therefore, with the mercy of Allah SWT, the World Zakat Forum has conducted the 9th World Zakat Forum International Conference and Annual Meeting 2020 (Online) on 30 November-1 December 2020 with the theme “**Post COVID-19 Economic Recovery: The Role of World Zakat Forum**”.

This conference has discussed various updated topics on global zakat development particularly in the light of the World Zakat Forum response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Those are, but not limited to, (1) the role of World Zakat Forum in the post-COVID-19 economic recovery; (2) post-COVID 19 global economy activation: adoption of technology in zakat administration; (3) the way forward to strengthen the World Zakat Forum; and (4) best practices of zakat management amid the pandemic. The conference has also marked the collaboration of the government sector along with the global zakat movement to recover health and socio-economic situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Based on the discussion for 2 (two) days, the World Zakat Forum set the resolutions as follows:

1. Calling all WZF members to strengthen their collaboration with the government and other strategic stakeholders to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic through optimization of zakat instrument.

2. Calling all WZF members to optimize digital platform and recent technology in conducting promotion, calculation, collection, and distribution of zakat funds in respective member countries.
3. Urging all member countries to re-focusing the zakat distribution program to restore the economy of the respective community which was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. The WZF Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General will set up the action plan to realize the related resolution in managing the severe impacts of COVID-19 for global mustahiks through the proper zakat distribution and empowerment.
5. Considering the development of the COVID-19 vaccine around the globe, all member countries are encouraged to support the respective government to implement halal COVID-19 vaccine program to eliminate the COVID-19 pandemic.
6. Regarding the waqf sector proposal to integrate waqf institutions to become WZF members, the Forum agrees to include waqf institutions to become WZF members started effectively in the year 2021. The World Zakat Forum may be extended to become the World Zakat and Waqf Forum.
7. Acknowledging the importance of the role of youth as the future of global zakat movement, the Forum agrees to approve the establishment of the WZF Youth as subsidiary institution of the Forum.
8. Considering the urgency to increase quantity and quality of research that provides proper direction of global zakat movement, the Forum also agrees to approve the establishment of the WZF Research and Development as subsidiary institution of the Forum.

The Forum also expresses its highest appreciation for the achievement and contribution of WZF administration for the period of 2017-2020 under the leadership of Prof Dr Bambang Sudibyo as Secretary General. His leadership has marked significant progress in the role of the World Zakat Forum. However, continuation of WZF administration to ensure fulfilment of zakat agenda is highly needed.

Therefore, in order to further streamline and broaden the role of the World Zakat Forum, to strengthen global zakat cooperation and work for the achievement of zakat objectives, the participants of the WZF Annual Meeting 2020 agree to appoint the office bearers of the World Zakat Forum for the period of 2020-2023:

1. Secretary General : Dr. Zainulbahar Noor

Deputy Secretary General:

- a. Sheikh Zakaria Othman (representing East Asia, Southeast Asia and Australia)
- b. Dr. Muhammad Ayub Miah (representing South and Central Asia)
- c. Dr. Saleh Ali Alawaji (representing Middle East and West Asia)
- d. Dr. Elnur Salihovic (representing Europe and America)
- e. Ahmed Abdullah (representing East and North Africa)
- f. Muhammad Lawal Maidoki (representing West Africa)
- g. Yasmina Francke (representing Central and South Africa)

2. Head of WZF Research & Development: Dr. Muhammad Hasbi Zaenal

Deputy Head of WZF Research & Development:

- a. Dr. Aishath Muneeza (representing Asia and Australia)
- b. Mufti Farraz Adam (representing Europe and America)
- c. Dr. Aliyu Muhammad Dahiru (representing Africa)

3. Head of WZF Youth: Azim Kidwai

Deputy Head of WZF Youth:

- a. Dr. Faisal Mustaffa (representing East Asia, Southeast Asia and Australia)
- b. Shabeena Nabi (representing South and Central Asia)
- c. Ola Fayez Abu Arida (representing Middle East and West Asia)
- d. Imad El Fadili (representing Europe and America)
- e. Lawal Abdulrahim Maidoki (representing East and North Africa)
- f. Fatimatu Yakubu (representing West Africa)
- g. Hafiz Ariff Shaikh (representing Central and South Africa)

In addition, the Forum also agrees to include former Secretary General, former Deputy Secretary General, and other figures considered to have significant contribution to the zakat movement, in an Advisory Council of the World Zakat Forum. In this regard, the Forum agrees to appoint the following figures to become office bearers of the WZF Advisory Council for the period of 2020-2023:

Chairman of Advisory Council: Prof. Dr. Bambang Sudibyo, MBA, CA

Member of the Advisory Council:

1. Dr. Irfan Syauqi Beik
2. Dr. Syed Zafar Mahmood
3. Prof. Mohammad Kabir Hassan
4. Dr. Mohammed Obaidullah
5. Prof. Dr. Ma'sum Billah
6. Dr. Abdesalam Ballaji
7. Dr. Kamal Mahmoud
8. Dr. Ahmad Juwaini

The headquarter of the Forum shall continue to be in Jakarta, Indonesia. May Allah SWT bless our endeavors in upholding global zakat management for better future of the ummah.

1st December 2020

The World Zakat Forum