

## Resolution of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Zakat Forum International Conference and Annual Meeting 2021

### ***Strengthening Zakat and Waqf Synergy in the Post Covid-19 Economic Recovery*** 4<sup>th</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

The World Zakat Forum, as an international platform of the zakat movement, has a role in synergizing global zakat stakeholders in improving the welfare of the ummah and alleviating poverty. Therefore, with the mercy of Allah, the World Zakat Forum has conducted the 10<sup>th</sup> World Zakat Forum International Conference and Annual Meeting 2021 (Online) on 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 under the theme of “***Strengthening Zakat and Waqf Synergy in the Post Covid-19 Economic Recovery***”.

This conference has discussed various current topics on global zakat and waqf development particularly regarding the World Zakat Forum’s response and activities in synergizing zakat and waqf for post COVID-19 economic recovery. These points are regarded as the following, (1) **Integration of Zakat and Waqf in Alleviating Poverty and Increasing Social Welfare**; (2) **Innovation of Zakat and Waqf Programs for Economic Recovery**; (3) **Global Benchmark for Zakat and Waqf Operation**; and (4) **The Future Direction of World Zakat and Waqf Forum: Strengthening Global Cooperation Among Member Countries**. This year’s conference marks the establishment and conversion of the World Zakat Forum to the World Zakat and Waqf Forum as support in synergizing the global Zakat and Waqf movement.

Based on the 2 (two) days discussion, the World Zakat Forum:

1. *Notes* with great concern the threat to human health, safety and well-being caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, which continues to spread globally,
2. *Recognizes* the unprecedented effects of the pandemic, including the severe disruption to societies and economies and the devastating impact on the livelihood of people,
3. *Recognizes* further the role of global Zakat and Waqf institutions in supporting the development of the global economic system in creating economic and social welfare as a response towards the economic recovery post COVID-19,

4. *Fully aware* towards the significance of collaboration and synergy of both global and local zakat and waqf institutions in managing social impact and economic measures and for a sustainable and inclusive recovery,
5. *Encourages* All Zakat and Waqf Institutions in WZF member countries that have achieved Upper Middle Income, especially High Income, to continuously increase their zakat and waqf collections in their respective countries to improve the welfare of the people in their respective countries and be able to provide zakat and waqf funding assistance to member countries that are still in a lower Middle Income level, especially those in the Lower Income level in order to increase the income of people in these countries and achieve SDGs particularly on goals number 1 and 2,
6. *Reaffirms its full commitment towards* the conversion and establishment of the World Zakat Forum to be renamed as the World Zakat and Waqf Forum as a supporting initiative towards global zakat and waqf synergy,
7. *Authorizes* the World Zakat and Waqf Forum Secretariat to further manage the administrative documents and actions necessary in legalizing and finalizing the establishment of the World Zakat and Waqf Forum Secretariat,
8. *Encourages* all member states to collaborate and support the establishment of the World Zakat and Waqf Forum through strengthening and innovating zakat and waqf technology and programs,
9. *Calls upon* all member countries to strengthen their collaboration with all strategic stakeholders to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic through optimization of zakat and waqf instruments,
10. As the literacy level and socialization of Zakat and Waqf are still low and the limited funding for SMEs to increase their income and contribute to economic growth in member countries and globally, therefore BAZNAS and BWI collaborate to launch a pilot project in establishing Zakat Waqf Online University and Waqf Bank in Indonesia,
11. *Further requests* for the World Zakat and Waqf Research and Development Unit to implement the World Zakat Performance Indicators in 2022,
12. *Encourages* relevant Ministers in member countries to become advisors on the Advisory Board of the World Zakat and Waqf Forum to enhance the role of the forum in collaboration between Zakat and Waqf Institutions as well as in global activities,
13. *Encourages* all member countries to actively support the World Zakat Performance Indicators and requests WZWF RnD to produce World Waqf Performance Index in 2022.

The members of the Forum have agreed to appoint the following members of Advisory Board and Deputy Secretary General representing waqf sector:

Advisory Board:

1. Prof. Murat Cizakca

Deputy Secretary General:

1. Br. Zeinoul Abedien Cajee
2. Dr. Imam Teguh Saptano
3. Dr. Ghazali

The World Zakat Forum agrees to conduct the 11th World Zakat and Waqf Forum International Conference and Annual Meeting 2022 in London, United Kingdom and will be hosted by NZF Worldwide.

May Allah SWT bless our endeavours in upholding global zakat and waqf movement for a better future of the Ummah.

December 5, 2021

The World Zakat and Waqf Forum