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The first meeting of Think Tanks Platform of the Islamic Countries Wise Persons Board which was suggested to be formed in 1st **Think Tanks Forum of the Islamic Countries** and confirmed to be formed in the second forum; was carried out on 1st March 2012 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The second meeting took place in Cairo; the third meeting took place on 28th October 2013 in Bagdad; also the fourth meeting took place in Bagdad on 20th February 2014. 5th **ISTTP (Think Tanks Platform of the Islamic Countries) Wise Persons Meeting** was held on **8th March 2015 in Islamabad** within the 6th Think Tanks Forum of the Islamic Countries:

A. ISTTP Wise Persons Board and Mutual List of Other Participants

Süleyman ŞENSOY, Chairman of TASAM, Turkey

Ambassador (R) Ömür ORHUN, Advisor to OIC & TASAM, Turkey

Prof. Zaleha KAMARUDDIN, Rector of International Islam University of Malaysia

H.E. Ambassador Dr. Mostafa DOLATYAR, General Director of IPIS, Iran

Senator Mushahid Hussain SYED, IPRI (Islamabad Policy Research Institute)

H.E. Ambassador Humayun KABIR, Director of BEI (Bangladesh Enterprise Institute), Bangladesh

Prof. Shamseldin Zeinal ABDIN, Khartoum University, Sudan

Elnur ASLANOV, Political Analysis and Information Provision Department of Administration of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Dr. Abdulaziz SAGER, President of GRC (Gulf Research Center), UAE

Major General (E.) Muniruzzaman, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS)

Ambassador (R) Murat İLHAN, TASAM, Turkey

Ambassador (R) Prof. Ali Engin OBA, TASAM Turkey

Dr. Muharrem Hilmi ÖZEV, Secretary General of ISTTP (Think Tanks Platform of the Islamic Countries), Turkey

Dr. Hatem EL KADI, President of IDSC, Egypt



B. Agenda of ISTTP 5th Wise Persons Board Meeting

01. Introduction
02. Duties, functions and new members of Wise Persons Board (2015 Action Plan)
03. Negotiations about institutionalization of Think Tanks Forum of the Islamic Countries
04. Function and future of the Forum against the developments in the Islamic World and in the global level
05. Suggestions about strategic contributions of the think tanks for the change and transformation in the Islamic Countries
06. Ideas about the interaction between Think Tanks of the Islamic Countries and their peers in the West
07. Other Issues

C. Summary of Meeting Speech Notes

The priority task of ISTTP Wise Persons Board is to develop suggestions about the functioning of Think Tanks Forum of the Islamic Countries and to monitor the process. In this regard, the development of the Forum, whose 6th is being prepared; then several suggestions were made to increase efficiency of the Forum. In here:

- a. To meet more frequently and with more intense agenda was suggested for Wise Persons Board Meetings,
- b. Islamic World Istanbul Awards, whose 1st was held in Islamabad; was highly welcomed and as being institutionalized to give the awards every year was determined by the aim of encouraging justice, peace and development in the Islamic World,
- c. To continue the Forum, which took a name as Think Tanks of the OIC Countries and then changed it again as Think Tanks of the Islamic Countries in the sixth meeting; with the name of World Islamic Forum (WIF) including the Muslims who have been out of the member countries of OIC was determined because of the institutional demands right after the first meeting organized with the name of **“Think Tanks of the Islamic Countries”**,
- d. To turn the official website of the Forum, which has been broadcasting in four languages (English, French, Arabic and Turkish), more efficient and interactive,
- e. To hold Seventh World Islamic Forum on March 2016, in Tehran was decided by considering persistent demands for hosting the Forum from Iranian representatives,



- f. The necessity of endeavoring more in the direction of the institutionalization of the World Islamic Forum and Think Tanks Platform of the Islamic World; and the necessity of developing an action plan by this aim were mentioned,
- g. To create an executive committee, whose member amount will be maximum five, to follow up the activities of the Forum; besides chairman of TASAM and secretary general of ISTTP, to include previous and the next host institutions in that executive committee with the present institution who is hosting the Forum were suggested,
- h. To increase the broadcasting activities especially the notifications which were presented in Forum and then transformed as a book; to provide those broadcasts to reach wider spaces were suggested,
- i. To prepare a logo and an institutional identity work with the website for World Islamic Forum was demanded,
- j. To continue the secretariat of the Think Tanks Platform of the Islamic Countries in Istanbul with the host of TASAM; in addition, to determine people and institutions who will represent the Platform permanently in different regions and will maintain the mission of the regional secretariat were determined,
- k. The necessity of providing the continuity of the activities of Forum and Platform in communication and coordination with official authorities; also in the civil level as possible was persistently emphasized,
- l. To hold a Muslim Women's Summit, which emphasizes that woman and man are complements for each other, with a large global participation, in the host of Malaysia Islam University in the frame of World Islam Forum and in the capital of Malaysia Kuala Lumpur, on September 16, 2015 was determined,
- m. To hold activities such as Muslim Youth Summit, Muslim Scholars Summit, Muslim Artists Summit in the next periods was suggested,
- n. To change the board name (ISTTP Wise Persons Board) with ISTTP Eminent Persons Group was determined,
- o. To develop representation capability of Wise Persons Board; and to participate appropriate persons from the regions especially Indonesia and Nigeria, where haven't been represented yet, were offered.