

Muslim World League  
General Department for Studies & Conferences



# World Conference for Dialogue

Madrid – Spain  
16-18/7/2008

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**IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MERCIFUL COMPASSIONATE**

***“O mankind! We created you from a single " pair" of a male and female, and made you into nations and tribes, that ye may know each other" not that ye may despise (each other )" Verily the most honored of you in the sight of Allah is " he who is' the most righteous of you. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted (with all things)” (Qur'an 49:13.)***



**H.M. King Juan Carlos I**



**Custodian of the Two Holy Mosque King  
Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz Al-Saud**

## Introduction

**Praise be to Allah; benediction and peace be upon all Messengers of Allah.**

**The world today is unfortunately witnessing painful phenomena that make sleepless the sagacious people of all religions, sects and creeds. This is clearly seen in many aspects. In fact, mankind suffers from family disintegration and moral decay, environmental pollution, wars and conflicts that made the hearts of wise men bleed and constitute an extremely disturbing incident that urges all people to seek salvation of mankind from its excruciating pains.**

**The whole world looks forward to the followers and leaders of religions and cultures to make substantial contribution in the salvation of mankind from the dangers that surround it and threaten its future as well as presentation of effective solutions.**

**In fact, religions and considerable cultures possess a joint viewpoint in detecting the danger of contemporary challenges. In consideration of the keenness for cooperation in whatever makes man happy, the Heavenly revealed Message sent to achieve a great objective represented in the Hadith ( Prophets are like brothers belonging to one father but to different mothers; their Lord is one but their particular legislatures are different ).**

**Furthermore, religions have agreed with considerable philosophies on certain areas that can be exploited for making further advancement in wider horizons in the fight of vices, moral decay, family disintegration, and spread of atheism as well as other conflicts.**

**Dialogue among sagacious people of all nations is the most effective way for pinpointing the areas of agreement, the seeking for their exploitation, promotion as well as formulating of common programs of action. The fruitful dialogue is one that is based on common human aspects and seeks to achieve the best types of acquaintance, coexistence and cooperation with others despite the difference with them in religions and cultures. With the dialogue that aims at deepening the culture of coexistence, we can marginalize the forces that still instigate actively hatred and call for inflaming dispute, malice, selfishness, and conceitedness.**

**The UN has adopted 2001 as Dialogue Year among civilizations as well as for confrontation of the campaigns for promoting hatred and inflaming conflicts. Hence, the General Assembly of the UN has issued an (International Document for Dialogue among Civilizations). This confirms the fact that the nations all over the world desire the process of holding and supporting dialogue as well as rejecting the calls for conflict and clash of civilizations.**

**Today the Muslim World League (MWL) holds the (World Conference on Dialogue) under the direction of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz Al-Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in confirmation to the significance of the world dialogue and in following up of the Appeal of Makkah Al-Mukarramah adopted by the (International Islamic Conference for Dialogue) convened at the vicinity of the Holy Mosque in Makkah Al-Mukarramah under his direct patronage.**

**Furthermore, the International Islamic Conference for Dialogue has confirmed that dialogue does neither aim at uniting religions nor mixing them up , as difference is destined by the will and wisdom of Allah, and that such difference necessitates due cooperation and acquaintance that target achieving positive coexistence.**

**In fact, this august World Conference on Dialogue is hopefully anticipated to answer adequately certain pressing questions pertaining to the significance of dialogue as well as making it an essential means for understanding and solution of problems as well as confrontation of challenges that threaten the world today and removal of impediments that obstruct its promotion and exploitation among mankind for alleviating the tense of the world problems. However, failure to establish truth and justice is rightly considered a major cause for inflaming conflict and threatening world peace. Therefore, it is essential for mankind today, if they really desire salvation, to follow the way of positive dialogue among followers revealed Messages, cultures and civilizations with a view to achieving interest of all mankind.**

## The Muslim World League (MWL) in Brief

**The Muslim World League (MWL) is an international non-governmental Islamic organization based in the Holy City of Makkah and represents all Muslim nations and peoples.**

**It has more than 40 Branch Offices that are scattered all over the six continent and carries out cultural as well as relief activities in numerous parts of the world. The MWL was founded in accordance with a resolution adopted during the meeting of the General Islamic Conference, which was held in Holy Makkah on the 14th of Dhul Hijjah 1381 Hijra corresponding to 18 May 1962. The said meeting was attended by prominent Muslim scholars, intellectuals and leaders of the Muslim World who agreed on the inception of an Islamic body that brings together all Muslim peoples and minorities and named it “Muslim World League ” so as to be one of the most significant and prominent international organizations working in the field of establishing world peace.**

**The MWL is active in achieving its objectives via a number of its international Councils that emanated from it, such as the General Islamic Conference, Constituent Council, and World Supreme Council for Mosques and Islamic Figh Council.**

**The members of the MWL’s Councils and affiliate organizations comprise prominent scholars, intellectuals and thinkers belonging to various Muslim peoples and communities, with a view to**

**studying the means for introducing Islam so that all mankind enjoys benevolence, peace and prosperity.**

**Since its inception, the MWL has been persistently striving to achieve happiness for all mankind, authentication as well as establishment of human rights according to tolerant Islamic principles and promotion of the spirit of cooperation , coexistence and dialogue among mankind.**

**The MWL is a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and has representatives in cities of New York, Geneva and Vienna. It also enjoys the membership of both UNESCO and UNICEF as well as it is an observer member of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC).**

**Additionally, the MWL participates actively at international forums and calls for application of its objectives that aim at dissemination of the culture of tolerance, coexistence and noble values among mankind , as well as rejection of violence and terrorism as well as arrogance with all its types and images.**

**In appreciation of its international impact and constructive contribution in establishing world peace, the MWL was selected by the UN in 1987 as a “Messenger of Peace”.**

## Efforts of the MWL in the Dissemination of Dialogue Culture

Since its inception, the MWL has been paying particular attention to the issues of dialogue and has been developing practical programs that are feasible and can be implemented. We will present in brief the most significant academic as well as practical efforts made by the MWL in encouraging dialogue culture as follows:

### **Firstly: Resolution of the Constituent Council of MWL on dialogue:**

The Constituent Council of MWL, which is the highest authority after the General Conference at MWL, a number of resolutions on dialogue. The details are as follows:

- At its 18th Session, the Constituent Council of MWL (1976) adopted a resolution for participation in the dialogue conferences called to by the World Church Council and named fourteen prominent Muslim personalities to participate in said conferences or forums.
- At its 29th Session, the Constituent Council of MWL (1989) issued a recommendation that the MWL participates with bodies calling for in the dialogue in the official dialogue forums and sessions that tackle issues and matters concerning mankind in general such as world peace, fight of

crimes, drug dependency and launching of illiteracy campaigns as well as caring for child's and the handicapped.

- At 33rd Session, the Constituent Council of MWL (1994) issued resolution no. 19 thanking the MWL for its participation in the various dialogue conferences with the followers of religions.
- At its extraordinary session of 2001 the Council has confirmed the necessity of formulating a mechanism for the principles and themes of dialogue as well as passed a recommendation urging the secretariat general of the Muslim World League to convene a meeting for specialized and experienced personnel with a view to studying the issue of dialogue among the followers of religions.

## **Secondly: Conferences and Symposiums:**

The MWL organized in 2005 the 5th Makkah Al-Mukarramah Conference on the theme "Cultural & Civilizational Dialogue: Its Objectives & Fields".

It also organized a number of conferences such as the Conference of ( Unity of Muslim Ummah), Conference of " Muslim Ummah & Globalization" and Conference of " Islamic Discourse and Contemporary Problems" whose focal points comprised the issues of dialogue.

Based on the principles of Islam that confirm diversity of mankind and encourage mutual understanding, the MWL has convened a series of international conferences for civilizational dialogue in Thailand, Grghisistan, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Argentine in order to solve the issue of peaceful coexistence and its impediments in the age of Globalization.

**All these conferences have recommended that the door should always remain open for Dialogue irrespective of the obstacles they face it, as the alternative for dialogue is violence and conflicts as well as their unfortunate consequent catastrophes and disasters that negatively affect all people. Theses conferences have underlined that the meeting gathering of sagacious elite for dialogue will abolish a lot of the accumulated hatred and mistrust as well as erroneous inherited thoughts. This will assist in the determination the practical means for dissemination of the spirit of coexistence among peoples on decision makers with a view to helping them respond interact with the international current that desires the establishment of peace and stability.**

### **Thirdly: International Islamic Conference for Dialogue**

**The International Islamic Conference for Dialogue was organized in Makkah Al-Mukarramah between 30/5-2/6/1429H, corresponding to 4-6/6/2008 under the kind patronage of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz Al-Saud an was attended by more than seven hundred prominent and renowned Muslim leaders and intellectuals. This conference came as crowning for the efforts of the MWL in encouraging dialogue culture on international level in order to promote cooperation among religions and secure common peace and security.**

## Glimpses of the inaugural session of the conference

**At his comprehensive speech delivered before the participants he addressed, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King ABDULLAH Ibn Abdul Aziz Al-Saud said, “Your are meeting to say to the world with dignity with which Allah honored us that we are a voice of justice, ethical humane values, coexistence, as well as just sagacious dialogue, wisdom, exhortation and argument with what is best in compliance with the following Qur'anic verse:**

**“Invite (all) to the way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious” Qur'an 16:125, and that we will what is embodied in the unique voice.**

**The Monarch also applauded the significance of dialogue in Islam and that he stressed the fact that all the revealed Messages called for the good of man, safeguard of his dignity, enhancement of the values of as well as those of the family, its coherence and its ties that were disintegrated in this era in which man kept away from his Creator , His guidance and religion.**

**H. E. President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Chairman of Expediency Discernment Council of the System in the Islamic Republic of Iran commended the significance of the conference, the place and time at which it is organized and that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has launched through it a new appeal and presented a great message to all mankind.**

**Likewise, His Eminence Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ibn Abdullah Al-Alshaikh Grand Mufti of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Chairman of Commission of Senior Scholars has confirmed that dialogue among mankind is one of life necessities and that it is a means for acquaintance, coexistence, exchange of benefit among nations and that difference of people in their nature and ethics is something natural as they differ in their tongues, colors, nature and intellects.**

**H.EMENENCE Sheikh Muhammad Sayed Tantawi , the Grand Shaikh of Azhar considered dialogue one of Allah's methods in his creatures and that it is the best means for finding out truth, and lessening disputes among peoples as the Holy Qur'an is replete with various types of the Prophets' dialogue with their respective peoples.**

**Moreover, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Al-Turki , Secretary General of the Muslim World League emphasized the fact that in Islam there are effective solutions for the crises mankind faces and the MUSLIM Ummah is called upon to positively contribute with the followers of other religions in the confrontation of theses challenges represented the common human aspects that all agree upon and that call for the strict abidance by the good ethics and outright rejection of all aspects of injustice, aggression , moral decay, family integration, serious harm on human environment and imbalance of climatic equilibrium.**

## **GLIMPSES OF THE Appeal of Makkah Al-Mukarramah issued by the International Islamic Conference for Dialogue**

**In consideration of the fact that Muslim Leaders that gathered at the International Islamic Conference for Dialogue convened in Makkah Al-Mukarramah between 30/5-2/6/1429H , corresponding to (4-6/6/2008 ) have deeply felt the many challenges and their consequences that confront the world, threaten the future of mankind and serve as warning for moral , social and environmental disasters; And in guidance with the noble Islamic values pertaining to world dialogue, common security, peace , justice , equality among mankind and dignity of man , the Appeal of Makkah Al-Mukarramah was issued and comprising briefly the following most significant principles:**

- The cause of the differences between nations and peoples, as well as their religious and cultural distinction is the will lo-f Allah, the Most Exalted and His profound wisdom. This requires that they know one another and cooperate in order to serve their interests, solve their problems and cause them to live under good manners and vie with one another in constructing the earth and performing good deeds. Allah says: {To each among you have We prescribed a law and**

**an open way. If Allah had so willed, He would have made you a single people, but(His plan is) to test you in what He hath given you: so strive as in a race in all virtues. The goal of you all is to Allah.} (Qur'an 5:49)**

- **Dialogue is a Qur'anic methodology and a Prophetic Sunnah, and that the Madinah society established by Prophet Muhammad (BPUH) in Madina was the best model for positive coexistence among followers of various religions.**
- **It is essential that we observe Islamic ethics in dialogue, and that dialogue should be objective and with good wisdom and good exhortation and argue with other in the best manners without insulting or reviling the beliefs of other people, an act which is neither accepted by Islam nor necessitated by the objectivity of dialogue.**
- **Objective dialogue and peaceful coexistence mean cooperation on what is good for man and what preserves his dignity, protects his rights, addresses injustice inflicted on him, repels aggression befalling on him, solves his problems, secures decent living for him. These elements are represented in the protection of values and ethics, rejection of phenomena of terrorism. Injustice, pollution of environment and its components, solution of the family problems and collapse that targeted its established systems, as well as international cooperation for protection of family, securing its basic components, direction of media to reform moral ethics and refrain from instigating dissension or promote moral deviation, crime and addiction.**
- **Islam has firmly established the general principles of coexistence and dialogue, the most significant which is that people belong to the same origin and that they are equal in humanity.**

**Furthermore, Islam rejects fanaticism, racism and denounces strongly the calls of obnoxious hegemony and that Allah Almighty has created man loving good and hating evil, tending to justice and keeping away from injustice, and that the deviation of mankind from the guidance of Allah Almighty and Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (Blessing and peace be upon him) is the major source for the wretchedness from which mankind suffers and threatens his future.**

**The Conference's recommendations: The most significant of which  
are follows:**

**--Establish (King Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz's International Center for Civilization Interaction) with a view to disseminating dialogue culture, training people as well as developing their skills according to specific academic foundations.**

**-Create (King Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz's Award for Civilization Dialogue) so as to be granted to international personalities and organizations that contribute effectively in promoting dialogue in a manner that helps achieve its desired objectives.**

**-Conduct conferences and symposiums and meetings of research groups on dialogue among followers of revealed Messages, civilizations and cultures as well as considerable philosophies to which academic, and media personnel as well as religious leaders representing various international cultures are invited to participate in.-- Open dialogue and contact channels with followers of revealed religions and earthy philosophies as well as considerable intellectual tendencies with a view to achieving common human interests.- Request countries and international organizations, the top most of which is the United Nations, to undertake their duties in confronting both hatred culture among people and sectarian corrupt calls that instigate those embracing them to exercise hatred against others and to feel conceited before them. However such calls will destroy**

**world peace and security as well as contradict heavenly messages and international conventions and should be considered as a crime that threaten peaceful co-existence.**

**The Conference issued an appeal to peoples, governments and organizations urging them to do the following:**

- **Observe understanding among all people that we belief in Allah Almighty, the Creator; we worship Him alone, and seek from Him guidance He revealed to His Prophets and Messengers.**
- **Face collectively phenomena of injustice, and despotism, help each other in terminating wars , armed conflicts , disputes and international problems, work together in disseminating the culture of tolerance and dialogue , as well as support dialogue's establishments, promote its horizons, adopt it as a means for understanding, cooperation, establish foundations of world peace, desist from wasting human resources and talents in the production of mass destructive weapons that threaten with destruction the future of earth .**
- **Cooperate with each other o dissemination of sublime values, construct a universal ethical set that stand to the onslaught of moral decay and confront extra-marital relations, addresses, in a manner that safeguards the right of all people to live within happy families, the danger posing the family.**
- **To strive hard to live and work constructively earth observing the guidance of Allah who authorized our father Adam and his progeny to inhabit and reform earth, halt aggression on the**

**right of next generation for living in an environment devoid of various types of pollution, limiting its dangers by common work intended for lessening its impact, and guides technological as well as industrial advancement.**

**Cooperate for the reformation of universal factuality which is characterized by rampant corruption and wretchedness and make it a concern under the umbrella of Allah's mercy , which is the essence of what Allah has sent our Prophet Muhammad (Benediction and peace be upon Him )  
“We sent thee not, but as a mercy for all creatures ”(Qur'an 21:107)**

## Objectives of the World Conference on Dialogue

**The MWL seeks through this great gathering of the followers of religions, creeds and civilizations to achieve the following objectives:**

- **Confirm the significance of religion as a basic rectifier for human communities.**
- **Highlight both successes and failures of dialogue experiments, as well as commence effort from united viewpoints that enhance and promote the future of dialogue.**
- **Study thoroughly the obstacles that impediments that stands in the way of those promoting and prevents them from achieving the desired results of dialogue.**
- **Coordinate internationally world attitudes as well as confront positions contradicting sharply with mankind districts and social norms as well as values.**
- **Inculcate in the minds of people the noble ethical values and desired social practices as well as confront immorality and various vices as well as family disintegration.**  
**Confront the conflict calls that promote the clash among nations and peoples.**



# World Conference on Dialogue

## Program

Organized by  
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Between 13-15/7/1429H

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Corresponding 16-18/7/2008

## Day One

Wednesday 13 Rajab 1429H corresponding to 16 July 2008

Inauguration Ceremony

1: 00 -2:00pm

- **Address of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques  
King Abdullah Ibn Abdul Al-Aziz , Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**
- **Speech of His Majesty  
King Juan Carlos 1 , Kingdom of Spain.**
- **Address of H.E. Dr. Abdullah Ibn Abdul Mohsin Al-Turki  
Secretary General of the Muslim World League**

# Day One

Wednesday 13 Rajab 1429H corresponding to 16 July 2008

First Plenary Session 5: 00 -7:00 pm

First Focal Point

Dialogue: Its Religious & Civilizational Foundations

**Session Chairman: H.E.Dr. Salih Ibn Abdullah Ibn Humaid**  
**The Speaker, Shura Council, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

**Speakers:**

- **((Dialogue in Islam))**  
**Dr. Hussain Hamid Hassan**  
**(Islamic Legal Supervisor, Dubai Islamic Bank)**

- **((Dialogue in Christianity))**

**Dr. Tariq Mirti**

**(Minister of Culture, Lebanon & Member of World Council for Churches , Lebanon)**

- **((Dialogue in Judaism))**

**Rabbi Yisroel Dovid Weiss**

**(Associate Director, Neturei Karata International, New York, USA)**

**Dialogue in Oriental Creeds (Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism, Confucianism)**

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**Dr. M. M. Verma**

**(Director, Interfaith Foundation, India )**

**Tea Break 7:00- 7:30 pm**

# Day One

Wednesday 13 Rajab 1429H corresponding to 16 July 2008

Second Plenary Session 7:30 -9:30 pm

## Second Focal Point

Dialogue: Its Importance in Human Society

**Session Chairman: Dr. Bawa Jain**

**Secretary General, Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders**

**Speakers:**

- **((Dialogue Versus Interaction of Cultures & Civilizations))**  
**Rev. Nichiko Niwano,**  
**(President, Japan Committee, World Parliament for Religion & Peace)**

- **((Dialogue: Its Impact on Peaceful Coexistence))**  
**Prof. Federico Mayor Zaragoza**  
(President, Cultural Foundation for Peace & Member, European Parliament, Spain)
- **((Dialogue: Its Impact on International Relations))**  
**Dr. Abdul Hadi Tazi**  
(Member of Moroccan Academic, Morocco)
- **((Dialogue Versus Confrontation of Calls for Clash of Civilization and End of History))**  
**Dr. Redwan Naef Al-Sayyed**  
(Chairman, International Institute for Islamic Studies, Lebanon)

## Day Two

Thursday 14 Rajab 1429H corresponding to 17 July 2008

Third Plenary Session 10: 00 -12:00 am

### Third Focal Point

#### The Common Human Aspects in Dialogue Fields

**Session Chairman: Dr. William F. Vendley**  
(Secretary General, Word Conference of Religions for Peace, USA)

**Speakers:**

- ((Ethical Factuality in Contemporary Human Society))  
**Dr. Nihad Awad**  
(Executive Director , Council on American –Islamic Relations(CAIR))

- **((Significance of Religion and Values in Combating Crimes, Drugs and Corruption))**  
**Shaikh Muhammad Ali Taskheeri**  
(Secretary General, International Council for Bringing Together Islamic Schools of Thought, Iran)
- **((Religion & Family: Their Role in the Stability of Society ))**  
**Shankaracharya Onkaranand Saraswati ji Maharaji**  
(Leader of Sanatan Derham , India)
- **((Protection of Environment is a Human Duty))**  
**Rev. Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot**  
( Rector, Pontifical Council for Inter- Religious Dialogue-Vatican)

**Tea Break (12:00-12:30 noon)**

## Day Two

Thursday 14 Rajab 1429H corresponding to 17 July 2008

Fourth Plenary Session 12:30 - 2:30 am

### Fourth Focal Point

#### Evaluation & Promotion of Dialogue

**Session Chairman: Rabbi Cudio Epelman**

**(Secretary General, Jewish Congress in Latin American & the Caribbean, Argentine)**

**Speakers:**

- **((Muslim-Christian-Jewish Dialogue: Its Future & Horizons))**  
**Dr. Izudeen Ibrahim Mustafa**  
**(Adviser to President of United Arab Emirates for Cultural Affairs, UAE)**

- **((Dialogue with Oriental Creeds: Its Future & Horizons))**  
**Xue Cheng**  
(Vice-Chairman Buddhist Association of China, China)
- **((Efforts of States and International Organizations in Augmenting Dialogue and Overcoming its Obstacles))**  
**Father Econos Nabbel Haddad**  
( Executive` Director, Jordanian Centre for Religious Co-Existence Researches, Jordan.)
- **((Media: Its Impact on the Dissemination of the Culture of Dialogue and Coexistence))**  
**Dr. Nabil Luka Bibawi**  
(Member of Shura Council, Egypt)

# Day Three

## Concluding Session

Friday 15 Rajab 1429H corresponding to 18 July 2008

10: 00 - 11:00 am

- **Final Communiqué to be read out by Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdullah Al-Zaid  
Muslim World League's Assistant Secretary for Mosques & Dawah Affairs**
- **Address of Conference's participants to delivered on their behalf by  
H.E. Cardinal Jean-Louis Pierre Tauran  
President, Pontifical Council for Inter –Religious Dialogue**
- **Speech of H. E. Dr. Abdullah Ibn Abdul Mohsin Al-Turki  
Secretary General, Muslim World League.**

## Islamic Cultural Center of Madrid

**The relationship of Madrid with Islam is as old as its name; as Muslims built the city in the eighth century and named it (Magrait) in reference to the water runlets, then the changed gradually to Madrid.**

**In consideration of the fact that, this relation was ancient and significant, came the establishment of the Islamic Center of Madrid, which is considered the largest Islamic cultural institution in Spain. It was opened on 21 September 1992 in the presence of both King Juan Carlos 1 of the Kingdom of Spain and Prince Salman Ibn Abdul Aziz Al-Saud, Governor of Riyadh Region, and representative of late King Fahad Ibn Abdul Aziz Al-Saud (May Allah rest his soul in Paradise). The Center was established on a piece of land donated by the Municipality of Madrid to the Muslim World League, hence setting a good example for the possibility of coexistence among civilizations.**

## Facilities of the Center Premises:

**They comprise the following:**

- **Mosque:** This was built on the style of Cordoba mosque, marrying modern architecture and original Islamic architrave
- **School:** This educational institution, which is officially recognized by the Spanish Ministry of Education, consists of classes ranging from kindergarten to secondary stage.
- **Library:** This is replete with a number of Islamic reference books and journals in Arabic, Spanish, French, and English.
- **Assembly Hall:** This is a modern style-conference hall, furnished with advanced interpretation system for live languages, and having a seating capacity for more than 500 individuals.
- **Exhibition hall:** This is a hall which furnished with the means required for display of various art works.
- **Zahra Restaurant:** It is a luxurious Arabic restaurant that serves its customers with daily distinctive Arabic meals at reasonable prices.
- **Cafeteria:** This is situated at an appropriate site and serves customers with tea, coffee and Arabic confectionery.
- **Gymnasium hall:** It is furnished with training apparatus for physical fitness and muscle building.

## Centre Objectives:

These comprise the following:

- **Concern with the affairs of Muslim community**
- **Acquaint the Spanish community with the tolerance of Islamic religion via organizing cultural participations , conducting of symposiums and delivering of lectures that expound the teachings of Islam as well as making active and constructive media contribution at Spanish newspapers, radio and TV channels with a view to rectifying the distorted image of Islam.**

**Center's Activities:** This is composed of various aspects of Dawah, cultural, educational, and social and media activities as per programs and strategies developed and applied by the centers and detailed as follows:

## Educational Activities:

These are as follows:

- **The Saudi School:** It is an official educational institution recognized by the government of Spain and comprises the three stages of general education- elementary, intermediate and secondary.
- **School for Non-Arabic Speakers:** This accommodates 50 enrolled students at either evening or weekend classes.
- **Weekend School:** This teaches Arabic language and Islamic education to the children of Muslim community who study at the Spanish schools.
- **A weekly two-hour class for the Spanish new converts** comprising training courses that are intended to teach them principles of Islam with specific emphasis on creed and jurisprudence.

## Cultural Activities:

They include:

- **Deliverance of special classes to Spanish Muslims for elevating their level of knowing Islamic religion and refuting allegations and suspicions leveled against it.**

- **Giving Juma Khotba (Friday Congregation ceremony) and ceremonies of the two Eids (Greater Barium and lesser Barium) in Spanish language.**
- **Fostering close cooperation with the Spanish universities for provision of researchers and students with correct information about Islam and Muslims.**
- **Promoting cooperation with center's library and the Spanish academic institutions and universities for making available for researchers and students the required research service.**
- **Distributing Islamic literature and publications as well as copies of the Holy Qur'an in Arabic and Spanish languages.**
- **Conducting series of symposiums as well as cultural and literal lectures that concern the Muslim community for the public Spanish as well as for those concerned with the Arabic culture.**
- **Attending and participating at symposiums, lectures and conferences that serve the objectives of the center whether inside or outside Madrid.**

### **Religious and Dawah Activities:**

**Among the first duties of the center are the regular observance of the five prescribed daily prayers as well as celebrating religious rituals, memorization of the Holy Qur'an and teaching Muslim children and adult principles of Islam.**

## **Social Activities:**

**These are represented in rendering of material assistance to needy families; the elderly, widowed and divorced as food stuff are distributed over more than 200 families.**

**Other social activities are as follows:**

- **Woman activities:** These include sewing, qualification of woman, organizing of social symposiums as well as Qur'anic recitation and memorization circles.
- **Exhibition:** The Center organizes a number of various exhibitions at the rate four ones per annum.
- **Sports Activities:** The Centers organizes training courses on Karate and taikundo under the supervision of highly qualified trainees.
- **Media Activities:** The Center makes regular contacts with both Spanish and international media apparatus for clarification of the correct image of Islam and Muslims as well as the questions that frequently crop up about Islam and reception of individual and group visits.

## High Conference Committee

- 1- H.E. Dr. Abdullah Ibn Abdul Mohsin Al-Turki- Chairman
- 2- Dr. Abdul Rahman Ibn Abdullah Al-Zaid -Vice-Chairman
- 3- Dr. Saad Ibn Humaid Al-Subaei -Member
- 4- Dr. Hassan Ibn Ali Al-Ahdal - Member
- 5- Mr. Rahmatullah Ibn Enayatullah Ahmed -Member

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## Hotel Auditorium Allocation

It is considered one of the biggest hotels in Europe; and it is only 2 km from International Airport of Madrid-Barajas( Aeropuerto Internacional Madrid-Barajas) and located in a prestigious business hub. The hotel allows for easy access to Juan Carlos 1's Fairgrounds ( Recinto Ferial "Juan Carlos Primero"). The hotel, which is 15 minutes ride from the city center, is conveniently linked with the highways and arterial roads in the Capital city of Spain.

