



# The International Conference on **Girls' Education in Muslim Communities: Challenges and Opportunities**

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**Overview**

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## The Initiative

The International Conference on "**Girls' Education in Muslim Communities: Challenges and Opportunities**" seeks to draw the attention of the Islamic world to the critical issue of girls' education within Muslim communities and to explore potential solutions.

The conference focuses on the Islamic perspective regarding this critical issue, examining the role of intellectual and physical moderation within Islam in altering perceptions about girls' education and impacting the international community. It seeks to advance girls' education towards its true Islamic concept and identify comprehensive solutions to existing challenges.

Sponsors and participants from various organizations are collaborating on this pivotal event to foster a significant and tangible shift in the field of girls' education in the Islamic world. They assert that challenges in this area are predominantly due to misinterpretations and a general misunderstanding of Islamic teachings particularly within Muslim communities.

This conference is supported by the robust principles of **the Charter of Makkah** and **the Charter of Building Bridges between Islamic Schools of Thought and Sects**. These documents are widely recognized and respected by Muslim scholars across diverse schools of thought and sects.

The conference aims to clarify that Islam mandates women's education as both a right and a duty. It will address the conflation of traditional social norms with religious tenets and related misinterpretations. It will highlight contemporary perspectives on this matter and the urgent necessity for education amidst growing challenges and discuss the pivotal role of educated girls in community development. It will also explore barriers to education in underprivileged communities and seek innovative mechanisms to enhance access to affordable, high-quality education.

The conference is designed to launch initiatives and develop strategies to address challenges and leverage opportunities for enhancing women's education within Muslim communities. It aims to enable women to fully participate in societal development across various sectors. The conference presents a vital opportunity to share and propagate successful experiences in women's education.

**This event is scheduled to take place in Islamabad, the capital of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, from 10 to 14 Rajab 1446 AH, corresponding to January 10 to 14, 2025.**

The conference will encompass several key themes addressing different aspects of women's education:

**1 Women's Education from an Islamic Perspective:**

This theme explores the Islamic view on women's education, supported by Sharia sources, affirming it as a fundamental right and duty.

**2 Girls' Education: Obstacles and Solutions:**

This theme addresses the challenges impeding women's education and practical solutions to these obstacles.

**3 Girls' Education in International Charters:**

This theme explores the alignment of the majority Islamic consensus with international charters to address the minority views opposing girls' education. It advocates for challenges to be addressed through moderated Islamic interpretations that are widely recognized by senior Muslim scholars across various schools of thought and sects. This includes the Charter of Makkah and the Charter of Building Bridges between Islamic Schools of Thought and Sects, which are endorsed by Muslim scholars in the holy city of Makkah, their unifying Qibla. Furthermore, it is supported by resolutions issued by academies of Islamic Fiqh and organizations of senior Muslim scholars.

**4 Information Technology and Girls' Education: Opportunities and Prospects:**

In the era of the digital revolution, information technology plays a critical role in improving the quality of education and enhancing access to it. It has the potential to bring about a radical shift and open broad horizons to overcome barriers to girls' education.

**5 The Role of Women in Peacemaking:**

This theme underscores the crucial roles women fulfill in fostering a culture of peace and moderation within their communities. It highlights how the education of girls contributes to positive change and showcases women's pivotal role in bridging cultural and religious divides, resolving conflicts, and promoting peaceful coexistence. Moreover, it addresses the unique challenges and opportunities of the current era, emphasizing the continuing relevance of these efforts.

**These main areas represent a comprehensive and integrated approach to addressing the multifaceted issue of women's education. This approach begins with a foundation in legitimate Islamic perspectives and extends to a broader global context.**

Additionally, the conference plans to include training workshops aimed at generating qualitative ideas and initiatives that can be adopted internationally to enhance the status of women within Islamic societies.

### **Potential Partners and Participants:**

The conference anticipates extensive participation from various figures and entities interested in girls' education and women's empowerment, including:



## Initiatives and Outcomes:

The conference aims to implement several initiatives to achieve the following outcomes:



Establish a working group to develop a comprehensive strategy for girls' education in under-resourced countries



Launch global awareness campaigns to rectify misconceptions about women's education



Create a platform to register pledges and initiatives supporting women's education, facilitated by a consortium of partners



Launch the MWL's distance learning platform via the MWL's app



Initiate the Muslim World League's project to support girls' education



Issue the Charter of Girls' Education in the Islamic World, which will serve as the voice of relevant scholars and ministers within the Islamic community

**With collective efforts, the conference aspires to create practical steps towards ensuring equitable educational rights for women.**

