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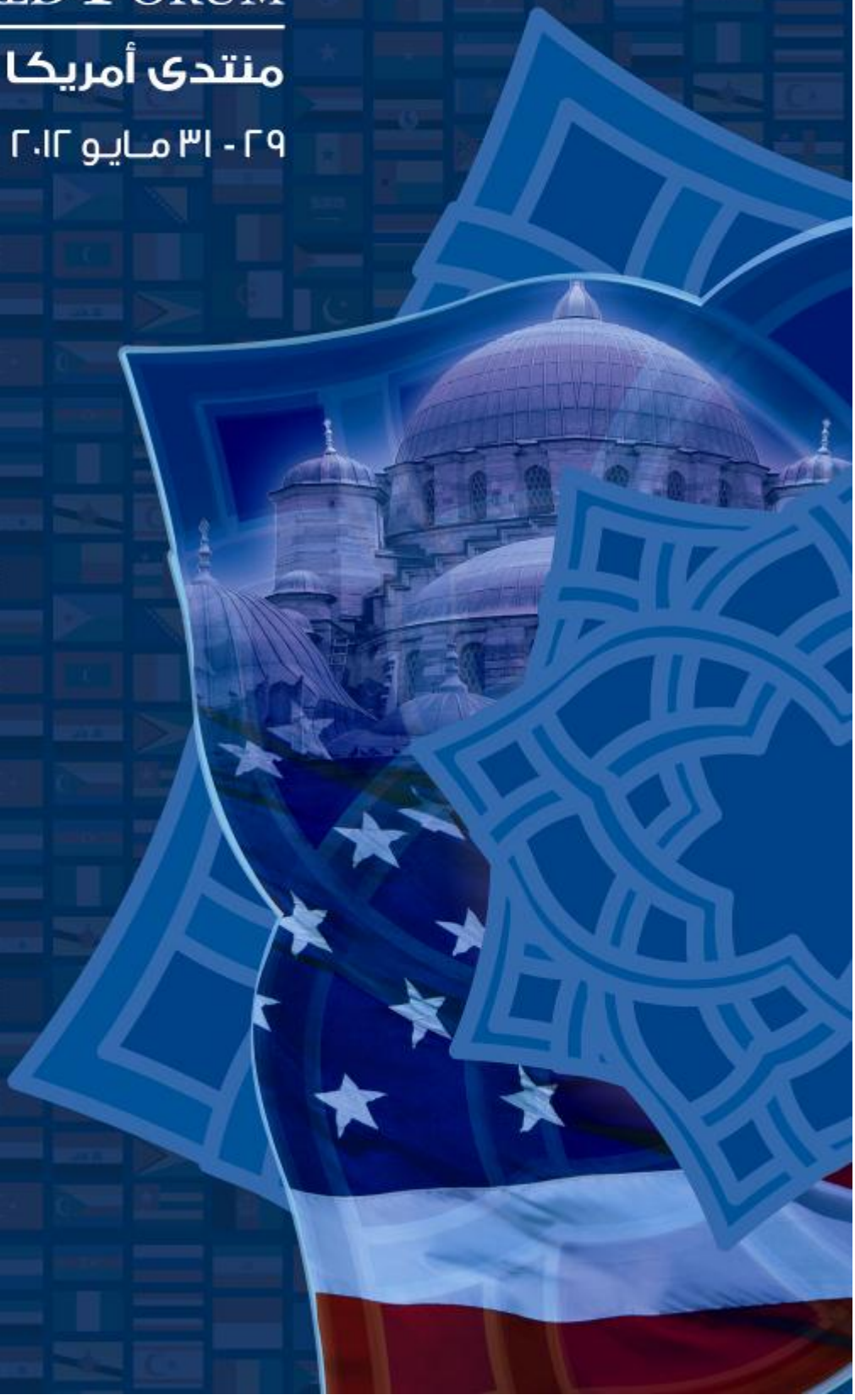

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Time / Hall	Events
MONDAY, MAY 28TH , 2012	
Evening	**Participant Arrivals**
20:00 *Al-Wasail Foyer*	**Welcome Reception hosted by the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation** • **Durriya Badani,** *Deputy Director, Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World at Brookings* • **H.E Mr. Mohamed Abdullah Al-Rumaihi,** *Ambassador of the State of Qatar to The United States of America, Washington* • **Rashad Hussain,** *U.S. Special Envoy to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation* • **Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu**, *Secretary General, Organization for Islamic Cooperation*
TUESDAY, MAY 29TH , 2012	
09:00 – 10:30	**Conference Registration**
10:30 – 11:00 *Al-Wasail Hall*	***Welcoming Remarks****
	Political Change: The Dynamics of Domestic Transformations * This plenary session will examine the ongoing political changes reverberating throughout the Arab world and beyond. Some countries, like Tunisia and Egypt, have begun transitions toward democratic rule, while others, like Syria, are experiencing violent repression and potential civil war, and still others, like Jordan and Morocco, are trying to implement political reforms. What is the nature of the change underway in many Arab countries? Are these political transformations likely to endure and spread or subside? How are they similar or different from changes that have already taken place in other Muslim-majority countries, like Indonesia, and what are the lessons that can be learned from the experiences of such countries?
11:00 – 12:45	Moderator: **Salman Shaikh,** *Senior Fellow and Director, Brookings Doha Center, Qatar* • **H.E. Sheikh Ahmed Bin Mohammed Bin Jabr Al Thani**, *Minister's Assistant For International Cooperation Affairs, Chairman of the Permanent Committee for Organizing Conferences* • **Martin Indyk**, *Vice President of Foreign Policy, The Brookings Institution* Speakers: • **Hossam Bahgat**, *Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR)* • **Anies Baswedan**, *President, Paramadina University* • **Saab Erekat**, *Chief PLO Negotiator* • **Farah Pandith**, *Special Representative to Muslim Communities, U.S. Department of State, United States*
13:00 – 14:00 *Lagoon Restaurant*	***Lunch***
14:15 – 17:30 *Al-Mukhtasar Hall (1)* *Al-Mukhtasar Hall (2)* *Al-Sapia Hall* *Fatah Al-Khair (1)*	**Working Group Sessions (Closed)** 1. **Compassion: A Global Imperative** Convened by: Karen Armstrong, *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* 2. **BDC Democratic Transitions Dialogue** Convened by: Shadi Hamid and Salman Shaikh, Brookings Doha Center 3. **Developing New Mechanisms to Promote the Islamic Charitable Sector: The Role of an Independent Rating Organization** Convened by: Dean Dilley and Elizabeth Ryan, Patton Boggs LLC 4. **Water Security in the MENA Region** Convened by: Amit Pandya, David Michel, and Syed Iqbal Hasnain, The Stimson Center

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19:00 – 21:00 *Al-Wasail Hall*	**Opening Dinner *** **Introductory Remarks** • **Martin Indyk**, *Vice President and Director, Foreign Policy at Brookings, United States* **Keynote Speakers:** • **Hamad bin Jasim bin Jabr Al-Thani**, *Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Qatar* • **Sheikha Hasina,** *Prime Minister of Bangladesh* • **Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu**, *Secretary General, Organization for Islamic Cooperation*
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30TH, 2012	
08:00 – 09:00 *Al-Wasail Hall*	**Arts & Culture Panel *** Recent years have seen significant shifts in the role of arts and culture in daily life. Independent and new media have replaced traditional engines of culture, just as traditional mediums of art are replaced by new, dynamic, and, increasingly, ephemeral ones. This panel will highlight leading forces that are inspiring and shaping cultural development across the Muslim world. Moderator: • **Cynthia Schneider**, *Non-resident Fellow, The Brookings Institution* Speakers: • **Khaled Abol Naga**, *film maker, actor, activist, Team Cairo and Pasha Pictures* • **Saad Mohseni**, *Chairman, Moby Group* • **Walter Parkes**, *Film Producer, CEO Parkes-MacDonald/Image Nation*
09:15 – 11:00 *Al-Wasail Hall* **11:15 – 12:45**	**Working Group Sessions (Closed)** **Social Change: The Power of Non-State Actors** Political instability, extremism, and violence tend to dominate the news, but there are numerous innovative civic and philanthropic initiatives taking place in Muslim communities around the world that warrant greater attention. From large-scale charitable organizations seeking to help those in need, to independent artists and writers who are challenging the status quo, to civic groups and entrepreneurs who are taking the initiative to address problems in their own communities, there is a tremendous amount of dynamism within many of these societies. Who are the people driving change at the societal level? How are they doing it? What kinds of challenges are they facing as they seek to effect change? What are likely to be the long-term consequences of their actions? Moderator: • **Stephen R. Grand**, *Director and Fellow, Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World at Brookings* Speakers: • **Zainah Anwar**, *Founder, Sister in Islam* • **Tawakkul Karman**, *2011 Nobel Peace Prize Winner* • **Rami Nashashibi**, *Executive Director, Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN)* • **Iqbal Noor Ali**, *Senior Advisor, Aga Khan Development Network*
13:00 – 14:00 *Lagoon Restaurant*	***Lunch***

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14:15 – 17:30 *Al-Wasail Hall*	**"The Long Conversation" A Special Session** This year's signature event, "The Long Conversation," is an effort to explore the dynamic relationship between citizen, religion, and the state in a changing world. Moderator: • **Tamara Cofman Wittes**, *Senior Fellow and Director, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings* • **Peter Mandaville**, *Director, Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University* • **Salman Shaikh,** *Senior Fellow and Director, Brookings Doha Center, Qatar*
17:30 – 18:30 *Al-Wasail Hall*	**Keynote Address:** • **Denis McDonough,** *Deputy National Security Advisor, United States*
19:30 – 22:00	***Offsite Dinner*** *(Mamic Restaurant Katara)*
THURSDAY, MAY 31ST, 2012	
08:00 – 09:00 *Al-Wasail Hall*	**2012 U.S. Presidential Elections Panel *** The upcoming 2012 U.S. presidential election stands to influence the course of American foreign policy and, with it, international politics. This session will examine the key differences between the candidates in their foreign policies—particularly the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the violence in Syria, democracy assistance in transitioning countries, and diplomatic engagement with other Muslim-majority countries. Moderator: • **Michael Doran**, *Senior Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at Brookings* Speakers: • **William A. Galston**, *Senior Fellow of Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution* • **Dalia Mogahed**, *Executive Director and Senior Analyst, Gallup Center for Muslim Studies* • **Shibley Telhami**, *Anwar Sadat Chair, University of Maryland*
09:15 – 10:45 *Al-Wasail Hall*	**Working Group Sessions (Closed)**
11:00 – 11:30 *Al-Wasail Hall*	**Keynote Address:** • **Hina Rabbani Khar,** *Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan*
11:30 – 13:15 *Al-Wasail Hall*	**Strategic Change: New Geopolitical Challenges *** **and Closing Remarks *** Dramatic political changes have taken place in North Africa and the Middle East, China and India are on the rise, instability continues to plague Pakistan and Afghanistan, and Iran's neighbors have sought to counter its rising influence. How will all of these factors affect the geopolitics of the Muslim world? What impact will the rise of Asia and a United States that is more resource-constrained have? What are the major geopolitical challenges on the horizon? In particular, how will the violence in Syria have an effect on the country's neighbors and the geopolitical tensions in the region? What are the prospects that Israeli-Palestinian peace talks will resume in the near future? And how will current tensions over the appropriate course of action toward Iran play out? Moderator: • **Martin Indyk**, *Vice President of Foreign Policy, The Brookings Institution* Speakers: • **Endy Bayuni**, *Senior Editor,* The Jakarta Post • **Nabil Fahmy**, *Former Egyptian Ambassador to the U.S.* • **Colin Kahl,** *Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security* • **Hina Rabbani Khar,** *Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan* • **Kori Schake**, *Fellow, Hoover Institution*
13:30 – 14:30 *Lagoon Restaurant*	***Lunch***
Evening	***Participant Check-outs and Departures***