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Cordially invite you to attend the twenty third virtual meeting of the Hiwar Forum for Intra-Regional Dialogue

Hiwar

A KAS-MDC-ICFR Forum for Intra-Regional Dialogue

“BUILDING BRIDGES AND COLLABORATION: THE POWER OF REGIONAL COOPERATION INFRASTRUCTURE”

WITH

DR. ALI AL AWAR (Palestine)

A distinguished scholar specializing in Palestinian-Israeli relations, serving as a research fellow at the Regional Thinking Forum and a lecturer at Tel Aviv University

DR. YAROUP AJLOUNI (Jordan)

A seasoned humanitarian entrepreneur and physician, with extensive experience in regional and international crisis response.

ABDALAZIZ ALKHAMIS (Saudi Arabia)

A prominent Saudi journalist and researcher, acclaimed for his editorial roles in diverse publications, extensive Middle Eastern research.

Moderator: **DR. NIR BOMS**

WEDNESDAY, 06 SEPTEMBER 2023

16:00 - 17:30 (ISRAEL STANDARD TIME)

9:00 - 10:30 (EASTERN STANDARD TIME)

VENUE: ZOOM

PROGRAM:

This meeting will be conducted in English.

16:00-16:05 **Opening remarks and brief introduction from Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung**

16:05-16:10 **Dr. Nir Boms** introduces discussion and speakers

16:10-16:50 **Discussion** between moderator and speakers

16:50-17:30 **Q&A** with the audience

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In the contemporary global landscape, the infrastructure of building regional cooperation stands as a critical endeavor that underpins the development, stability, and progress of nations and communities. As societies become increasingly interconnected, the establishment of robust frameworks for collaborative efforts across geographical boundaries becomes imperative. Effective regional cooperation infrastructure involves the establishment of comprehensive communication networks, streamlined logistical systems, and shared regulatory frameworks that facilitate the seamless exchange of resources, ideas, and expertise. By forging strong bonds and partnerships, nations can harness their collective potential to address shared challenges, leverage economic opportunities, and ultimately create a more resilient and prosperous regional landscape. In the coming Hiwar we will explore some of the progress made in this area as well as some of the dreams that are yet to be fulfilled.

PANELISTS:

Dr. Ali Al Awar with a Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is a respected scholar focusing on Palestinian-Israeli relations. As a research fellow at the Regional Thinking Forum and a lecturer at Tel Aviv University, he delves into Arab society, politics, and economics in the West Bank, Jerusalem, and Gaza. His work embodies a commitment to fostering cross-cultural understanding and informed dialogue.

Dr. Yaroup Ajlouni is a seasoned humanitarian entrepreneur and physician with over two decades of experience in regional and international crisis response. Holding master's degrees in politics and business Management, he advocates for sustained peace-building efforts during disasters. A specialist in Middle East refugee crises, Yaroup is integral to various global initiatives for business and humanitarian development. Additionally, he's recognized for his insights into climate change's health impacts.

Abdalaziz Alkhamis With a wealth of expertise in journalism and research, Abdalaziz Alkhamis, a distinguished Saudi professional, has left an indelible mark as an influential figure. Holding the esteemed position of editor-in-chief for a multitude of newspapers and magazines, including a notable tenure as Editor-in-Chief of Al Jadeeda Magazine from 1996 to 1998, his focus has encompassed in-depth explorations of the Middle East, the Arabian Gulf, and Islamic movements. Graduating from the University of Milton Keynes, UK, with a degree in Sociology laid the foundation for his academic pursuits, which culminated in postgraduate studies in Political Science at the University of St Andrews. Notably, his role as the Economic Editor at Al-Sharq Al-Awsat newspaper underscores his exceptional career journey and significant contributions to the field.

Dr. Nir Boms serves as a research fellow at the Moshe Dayan Center at Tel Aviv University and manages its Program on Regional Cooperation. He also chairs the Syria Research Forum and the Gulf Israel Policy Forum and is the coordinator of the TAU Workshop on Israel and the Middle East and the Hiwar Forum for Intra-Regional Dialogue. His recent book, *The Syrian War: Between Justice and Political Reality* (Cambridge University Press, 2020), is an edited volume on the Syrian War (2011–2019). Dr. Boms is a board member of the Israel Council on Foreign Relations.

PLEASE NOTE

We cordially invite the audience to participate in thirty minutes of Q&A with the speakers following a round of opening remarks.