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# ICESCO THINK TANK FORUM:

*Towards a new perception of time*

November 10, 2022

By the Strategic Foresight Center of ICESCO



## CONTEXT

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The multiple structural mutations that characterize our era shape our future, dictate our conduct in the present moment and corroborate, if anything, the fleeting aspect of time. Indeed, our perception of time has never been so punctuated by volatility. Subjective, it is in no way dependent on the unalterable temporality, which follows its course and remains hermetic to any fluctuation of any kind. The dyad progress and challenges are thus grafted to the march of time and submits itself in the absolute to its intrepid cadence.

Subordinated to its space-time, the latitude of Human beings to dispose of it seems to diminish with the evolution. The tyranny of the present alters their time-based perception as their sphere of influence, their sector of activity and their position in the inherent value chain (economy, industry, education, etc.) increases. It is now a question of apprehending their relationship to different specific temporalities, in the absence of the universal singularity of time, a split representative of the empirical dimension of modern times.

Although determined to pace his daily life at his convenience, Humans are occasionally faced with unforeseen events. Emergency situations imply intrusive bifurcations, rooted in a lack of temporality and a break in linearity. The planning tools allow us to transcend the subjection to celerity in action, sometimes synonymous with oddity, which is inseparable from urgency. Rethinking our perception of time through the prism of revisited planning mechanisms, compensating for the obsolescence of outdated tools, would allow us to maximize our operational margin in the light of a new dynamic strategic diplomacy. Otherwise, humanity will not be able to meet alternative futures with possible beneficial effects.

*According to Forbes magazine, «Each year, researchers at the University of Pennsylvania compile and publish a report that lists and ranks the approximately 6,500 think tanks around the world»<sup>1</sup>*

*Think-tanks<sup>2</sup>, which are laboratories for the incubation of innovative and proactive ideas that support*

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1: <https://fr.statista.com/infographie/14952/think-tanks-les-plus-influents-du-monde/>

2: There are more than 11,000 think tanks worldwide, according to the University of Pennsylvania's Global Go To Think Tank Index Report.

the dynamics of Foresight thinking around a wide range of multidisciplinary themes, are intended to present alternative reading grids that aim to enable us to apprehend the future from a new angle, to decipher the past and to make the most of the present moment. These platforms of reflection are operating in large numbers in the Islamic world. However, to date, there is no common multilateral mechanism for exchange and cooperation, nor is there a census.

Within this perspective, ICESCO's Strategic Foresight Center intends to federate and connect the main think-tanks of the Islamic World. This first step of its kind aims at stimulating a constructive exchange between this plethora of think tanks in order to enable them to capitalize on their achievements, share their experiences and best practices with a view to consolidating their strategic positioning and international influence. This common

denominator is intended to identify, list and classify these think tanks according to their areas of expertise, degree of influence and relevance of their work. The aim of this global inventory is to develop an annual ranking of the best think tanks in the Islamic world using an evaluation grid and specific performance indicators, similar to the Global Go To Think Tank Index Report<sup>3</sup>.

ICESCO will host on **November 10, 2022** the first ever «**ICESCO Think Tank Forum**», a high-level international gathering of the most prominent centers, actors and stakeholders in the field of strategic research in the Islamic world.

On the sidelines of the summit, ICESCO will launch the first Women's Think Tank in the Islamic world called «**Fatima al-Fihriya Think Tank**», an initiative that aims at empowering and supporting women and girls, developing their capacities and skills to improve the status of women in society.



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3: The most authoritative and comprehensive international ranking of the world's top think tanks by area of expertise, published annually by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania with input from nearly 4,000 experts, academics, policymakers ...

## OBJECTIVES



1. **Federate** and connect the main think-tanks operating in the Islamic world around a common network.



2. **Survey**, identify and develop an annual thematic ranking of the best think-tanks in the Islamic world by means of an evaluation grid and specific performance indicators.



3. **Encourage** think-tanks in the Islamic World to join their efforts in order to foster a better dynamic of exchange and cooperation.

## EXPCTED OUTCOMES

**Creation**  
of the first network  
unifying the  
main think-tanks  
operating in the  
Islamic world;

**Publication**  
of an annual  
thematic ranking  
of the best think-  
tanks operating in  
the Islamic world;

**Strengthening**  
their strategic  
positioning,  
influence and  
international  
influence.

## AUDIENCE

*ICESCO Think Tank Forum,  
aims to mobilize participants  
from different countries:*

- Intellectuals,
- Philosophers,
- Decision makers,
- Key actors.



## DELIVERABLES

1. **Creation** of a directory listing the main think-tanks operating in the Islamic world.
2. **Elaboration** of the statutes and guidelines regulating the operating framework of the network.
3. **Publication** of a summary note on the major issues addressed and recommendations made by the stakeholders associated with the summit.

## METHODOLOGY

This forum will constitute the first network federating think-tanks operating in the Islamic world, advocating an inclusive and participatory approach, in order to involve the largest number of research structures and stakeholders in its work. This pioneering initiative will include an inaugural thematic conference, followed by exchange, brainstorming and networking sessions, and will be closed by a plenary session to create and adopt the founding texts of the network in question.

## AGENDA

Thursday November 10, 2022

### Opening remarks

09:00 - 09:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Salim M. Al Malik</b> Director General Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO)</li></ul>
09:10 - 09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. kaïs Hammami</b> Director of the Strategic Foresight Center of ICESCO</li></ul>
09:20 - 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Steffen Krüger</b> Head of the KAS office in Morocco</li></ul>

**Institutional Panel:**  
Presentation of ICESCO Members states Think Tanks

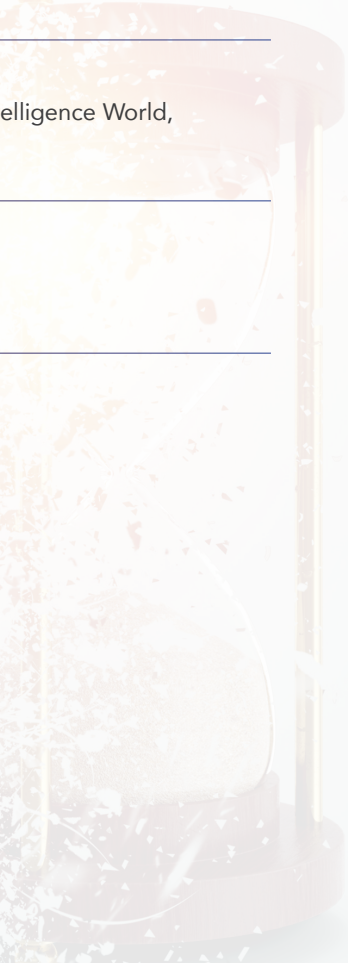
09:30 - 09:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Mohamed Fayez Farahat</b> Director, Ahrum Center for Political and Strategic Studies Ahrum Foundation Arab Republic of Egypt</li></ul>
09:40 - 09:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Tayyeb Sahraei</b> Member of the Board of Science Committee, Imam Sadegh University Islamic Republic of Iran</li></ul>
09:50 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Muhammed Ahmed Abdullah</b> Director, Historical Studies Directorate, Bahrain Center for Strategic International &amp; Energy Studies Kingdom of Bahrain</li></ul>
10:00 - 10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Mohammed Tawfik Mouline</b> Director General of Institut Royal des Etudes Stratégiques (IRES) Kingdom of Morocco</li></ul>
10:10 - 10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Rami R Alharbi</b> Senior Specialist, National Committee for Education, Culture and Science, Cultural Affairs and International Relations, Ministry of Culture Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</li></ul>
10:20 - 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Modou Touray</b> Member of the Gambia Centre for Research and Policy Studies (GCRPS) Republic of the Gambia</li></ul>
10:30 - 10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. OUATTARA Djakalia</b> Professor of Biological Sciences at the CAMES Universities Republic of Ivory Coast</li></ul>
10:40 - 10:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Azam Bin Mohamed Adil</b> Director General Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM), Malaysia</li></ul>
10:50 - 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof. Idriss Salem Hassan</b> President of the social science National commission &amp; Expert in Strategic Foresight Republic of the Sudan</li></ul>
11:00 - 11:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Soufianou Moussa</b> Demographer, Economist and Economist, Head of the Quantitative Studies Department of the Research Laboratory on Economic and Social Transformations (LARTES) Republic of Senegal</li></ul>

11:10 - 11:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Byamugenzi Hamid Amir</b> Research Fellow, Department of Religion and Peace Studies, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Makerere University, Kampala Republic of the Uganda</li> </ul>
11:20 - 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Adem Ibrahim El-Zagheid</b> Director General of the Biotechnology Research Center State of Libya</li> </ul>
11:30 - 11:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Montaser Jarrar</b> Director General of the Palestine Research Center State of Palestine</li> </ul>
11:40 - 11:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Aicha ElBasri</b> Arab Center for Research &amp; Policies Studies State of Qatar</li> </ul>
11:50 - 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Ahmed Murad</b> Associate Provost for Research, United Arab Emirates University State of the United Arab Emirates</li> </ul>
12:00 - 12:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Al-Ali</b> CEO and Founder of the New TRENDS Research and Advisory United Arab Emirates</li> </ul>
12:10 - 12:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Kother Albalushi</b> Research and innovation programs expert in the Scientific Research and Innovation Sector from the Oman Animal and Plant Genetic Resources Center) of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation Sultanate of Oman</li> </ul>
12:20 - 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Toiwilou Mze Hamadi</b> Director General of the National Center of Documentation and Scientific Research (CNDRS) Union of Comores</li> </ul>
12:30 - 12:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Abdallahi Y. Ribadu</b> Visiting scholar with the National Universities Commission. Federal Republic of Nigeria</li> </ul>
12:40 - 12:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Abderrahmane Mohammad Ahmad</b> Director of the higher Academy for Strategic and Security Studies Republic of the Sudan</li> </ul>
12:50 - 13:20	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>



**Panel Session 2:**  
**Think Tanks: Towards a new perception of Time**

13:20 - 13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Jerome C. Glenn</b> CEO of The Millennium Project United States of America</li></ul>
13:30 - 13:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Jean-Eric Aubert</b> President, Fondation 2100 France</li></ul>
13:40 - 13:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms. Caroline Paulick Thiel</b> Director / Co-Founder Politics for Tomorrow German Think Tank Germany</li></ul>
13:50 - 14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Abhinav Chugh</b> Content and Partnerships Lead Strategic Intelligence World, World Economic Forum Switzerland</li></ul>
14:00 - 14:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Alikber Alikberov</b> Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies Russian Federation</li></ul>



**Panel Session 3:  
Future of Governance and Think Tanks**

14:10 - 14:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Riel Miller</b> Senior Fellow at the university of Stavanger/NIFU in Norway/ University of New Brunswick in Canada/ Ecole des Ponts Business School in France</li></ul>
14:20 - 14:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Amb. Nouzha Chekrouni</b> Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South Kingdom of Morocco</li></ul>
14:40 - 14:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Mohamed Bechari</b> Secretary General of the UAE-based World Muslim Communities Council, president of the French National Federation of Muslims United Arab Emirates</li></ul>
14:50 - 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms. Danielle Pailler</b> Regional Director, Agence Universitaire de Francophonie (AUF)</li></ul>
15:00 - 15:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Duncan Cass-Beggs</b> Counsellor for Strategic Foresight at the Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) France</li></ul>
15:10 - 15:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Shams Hamid</b> Dean, Faculty of Arts, Fashion Design, Education and Social Sciences, Founding Director, IMAGINE - Institute of Futures Studies, Iqra University Pakistan</li></ul>
15:20 - 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms. Erica Bol</b> Foresight Policy Analyst - Joint Research Centre European Commission Belgium</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Kouassi Kouamé Sylvestre</b> Holder of the UNESCO chair "Anticipation, Foresight and sustainable lands" Republic of Ivory Coast</li></ul>

**COFFEE BREAK**

**Closing:**

The inaugural of the first women-led Think Tank in the Islamic world "Fatima al-Fihriya Think Tank"





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