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The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) extends its greetings to all Member States, Observer States, relevant OIC institutions and organs, and the Arabic Language Academies. In reference to Memorandum No. 2129, dated July 10, 2024, concerning the invitation to take part in the joint program with the King Salman International Academy for the Arabic Language in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the year 2024, which includes three (3) training courses aimed at teachers of Arabic for non-native speakers, as well as a cultural symposium focused on strengthening and promoting the Arabic language (the language of the Qur'an). As a continuation of this initiative, the General Secretariat is pleased to extend an invitation to participate in the cultural symposium titled "Culture of Islamic Peoples and the Arabic Language".

The symposium is scheduled to take place virtually on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 10:30 AM Saudi Arabia time for a duration of two hours. The session will be conducted in Arabic. Multiple participants from the same entity are allowed to join via the provided electronic link:



This symposium is being held to implement Ministerial Resolution No. 13/50-CUL, which was issued by the 50th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers on August 29-30, 2024, in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon. The resolution focuses on supporting, enhancing, preserving, consolidating, and spreading the presence of the Arabic language. The symposium aims to concentrate on conducting studies, research, and linguistic references pertaining to the Arabic language and components of the cultural identity of Islamic countries, and to support the presence of the Arabic language locally and internationally through cultural events. The symposium program details are as follows:

Time	Program (Culture of Islamic Peoples and the Arabic Language)		
10:30-10:35	Introduction and Welcome		
10:35-10:40	Speech by the King Salman International Complex for Arabic Language	Ms. Maha Al-Otaibi (Head of Cultural Programs Sector)	
10:40-10:45	Speech by the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation	Dr. Amina Al-Hajri (Director General of the Department of Cultural Social and Family Affairs)	
Symposium Topics			
10:45-11:00	Arabic Language and Its Relationship to Islamic Civilization and Culture	Dr. Abdullah Awaigel Nouifa Al-Salmi	Saudi Arabia
11:00-11:15	The Centrality of the Arabic Language in Islamic Identity and Culture	Dr. Yasser Mohammed Babbain	Saudi Arabia
11:15-11:30	The Role of the Arabic Language in Preserving the Islamic Identity	Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Salmi	Saudi Arabia
11:30-11:45	The Arabic Language and Its Literature as Sources of Islamic Civilization and Culture	Dr. Widad Naibi	Benin
11:45-12:00	The Arabic Language in Africa	Prof. Dr. Doukouré Massire	Côte d'Ivoir
12:00-12:30	Discussion and interventions		
12:30-12:35	Closing		

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation takes this opportunity to renew its highest appreciation and respect for all Member States, Observer States, relevant OIC institutions and organs, and the Arabic Language Academies.

To:

- All OIC Member States
- All OIC Observer States
- The OIC relevant institutions and organs
- The Arabic Language Academies

