

WISE: Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equity aims to address the current lack of women's participation in contemporary debates about the political, social, and religious concerns of Muslim women in the global community. In continuing the dialogue, the initiative will create an opportunity for different voices to discuss issues of women's rights, roles, and responsibilities, and generate a broader, more inclusive Islamic framework for understanding global Muslim women's issues.

WISE's Objectives:

1. The development of an international council of empowered Muslim women as an institution, working toward gender and social justice who will put out positions on issues of relevance and concern to Muslim women globally.
2. To create a space in which Muslim women actively dialogue debate and collaborate on issues of Muslim women's rights and responsibilities.
3. To increase awareness of ongoing advancements in Muslim women's rights in Muslim societies in the West.
4. To reexamine the nexus of culture and religion in it's capacity as a barrier to Muslim women's advancement.
5. To build solidarity with the forum representatives who come from fragmented movements
6. To raise awareness of women's power in social change and philanthropy.

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Desired Outcomes

1. Advisory (shura) Council for Women
2. Global Muslim Women's Fund
3. Empowered Muslim Leader community/network
4. Create distinguished Muslim Women Jurists (Muftias) globally

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November 17th – 19th 2006
Times Square, New York City

Friday, November 17, 2006

- 5:00 - 6:00 **Welcome Address-** *Daisy Khan*
Group Introductions *Mino Akhtar*
- 6:00 - 7:00 *Isha Prayer- Refreshments*
- 7:00 - 8:00 **Group-& Open mike**
Creating possibilities and seeking change
- 8:00-9:30 **Artists voices in concert-**
Film: Anisa Mehdi, "Muslims"
Ani Zonneveld- Song
Fawzja Afzal Khan- Poet
Yasmine Allas- Song
Rajea AlMouhanadia- Song
Mohje Kaffé- Poetry
Aslihan Eker- "Women in Muslim societies"
Simi Ghazi- Devotional song

Saturday, November 18, 2006

- 7:30 – 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:30 **Women Empowering Women**
Baroness Uddin - UK
Dr. Nafis Sadiq- USA
Massonda Jalal- Afghanistan
Fatin Bundugji- Saudi Arabia
Wendy Chamberlain: Ex-US Ambassador
Marie Wilson- The WhiteHouse Project
- 10:30- 11:00 Break/networking
- 11:00 – 11:15 **United WE stand-**
the ecumenical way
Rev.Joan Campbell- Chautauqua Inst.
- 11:15- 12:45 **Panel- Faith Fueled activists –**
barriers & enablers
Nevin Reda- PMU- Canada
Zainab Anwar- SIS- Malaysia
Ingrid Mattson- ISNA- USA
Aisha Jeffries - Africa
Wajeeha Sadek- Bahrain
Fatiba Kaones- France

- 12:45 - 1:45 Lunch & Prayer
- 1:45 - 3:00 **Women Spiritual leadership- living**
and embracing morality &
spirituality
Sheikha Fariha- USA
Camille Helminski- USA
Sobna Aminata Lo- Senegal
Nabeed Angha- USA
Aisha Rafea- Egypt
Simi Bushra Ghazi- Canada
Moderator: Rabia Harris
- 3:00- 4:30 **Ijtihad- Women re-interpreters,**
Asifa Qureishi- USA
Nogi imoukhede- Nigeria
Farzana Hassan- Canada
Ziba Mir Hussaini- UK
Aisha Shabeed- Canada
Laila Al Zwaini- Netherlands
Moderator: Intisar Rabb
- 4:30- 5:00 **Group Photo-** Prayers & Break
- 5:00- 6:30 **Frameworks for Social justice**
Margot Badran- USA
Anisa Abd Al Fattah- USA
Nogi Imoukhuede- Nigeria
Najia El Boudali- Morocco
D.Sharifa Khanam- India
Gwendolyn Zoharab Simmons- USA
Group- *Design a Shura Council*
Hulya Alper - Hawa Guney
- 6:30- 8:30 Free Time – Dinner
- 8:30 - 9:30 **Benefit concert**
7Women 7Heavens-
- 9:30-10:30 **Book Signings with Authors**

Sunday, November 19, 2006

- 7:30- 8:30 Breakfast

- 8:30 – 10:00 **Learning from the struggles of**
others
Helen Kelly Hunt
Sister Joan Chittister
Devorah Schlower
Hyun Kyung Chung
Ranya Idliby
Moderator: *Mehnaz Mona Afridi*
- 10:00- 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 12:00 **Creative Ways to affect change**
Rima Khoraiibi- Dubai-pop culture
Marina Mabatir- Malaysia-aids activist
Fareena Alam- UK-Q new-magazine
Bilkisu Yusuf- Nigeria- Journalist
Mukhtara Mai- Pakistan-Author
Maria Ebrahimji- USA- CNN Producer
Moderator: *Tayyibah Taylor- Aziza*
- 12:00- 1:00 Prayers and lunch
- 1:00 – 2:30 **Mobilize for Action-**
1 yr plan: *Align vision of Shura Council-*
Global vision, local adaptation, impact,
sustain the community

10 yr plan: *21st century Muftia's –*
qualifications, Accreditations, selection process,
geographical representation
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45- 4:00 Group Exercise- **Energizing the**
Muslim philanthropy movement

Panel: Muslim Women's global
Funding Movement
Zaina Zatari, Global Fund for Women
Hind Jarrab- Texas Muslim Women's
Fund, Sayyeda Mirza-Jafri- One Nation:
Liberty & Justice for all
- 4:00 - 5:00 **Closing Remarks- Daisy Khan**