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Assalaamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuh,

It is with much enthusiasm that we extend an invitation to you to submit a presentation proposal for the **Second International Conference for Deaf Muslims** to be held on **27 November to 30 November 2016** in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The theme for this year's conference is "**Islam for Deaf: Our Community, Our Future**".

In 2013, during the First International Forum for Deaf Muslims held in Qatar, over 500 Deaf Muslims and their supporters came together. *Alhamdulillah*, that forum allowed us to collectively reflect on the many challenges facing our Deaf Muslim *ummah*. This year, our aim is to provide a forum where solutions to those challenges can be proposed and implemented, with the overarching objective being to improve the status of Deaf Muslims throughout the world. We request that proposed papers and presentations focus primarily on practical and replicable legislation, projects, programs, and technologies, that can be applied at either the local, national, or international level. We encourage papers related to the following topics: Islamic education of Deaf Muslims from different regions, equality in Islam for Deaf Muslims, Deaf Muslim women, identity for Deaf Muslims, accessible technology for Deaf Muslims (Qur'an in Sign Language apps, educational DVDs), sign language interpreting in an Islamic context, regional issues facing the Deaf Muslim community, and economic empowerment. However, if you have a proposal that is not related to the above listed topics, you are welcome to submit it for our review.

Guidelines for Proposals

1. Proposals must be accompanied by the full legal name(s) of the presenter(s) as it is listed on their passports, the organization which they represent (if applicable), and the language which will be utilized by the presenter(s) during their presentation (e.g. International Sign, American Sign Language, etc.).
2. All presenters will have a maximum of **20 minutes** to present on their given topic.
3. All proposals and related materials (Powerpoints, documents, etc.) must include **high-quality English translations**. – Note: The conference hosts do **NOT** provide translation services of documents. Each party must provide their own professional-quality English translation of documents to be presented.
4. Proposals must relate *directly* with the Deaf Muslim experience, see suggested list of topics above.
5. No solicitations of funds are allowed. Do not include any requests for donations within your proposal.

The deadline for paper proposal submissions is **30 July 2016**. Late submissions will not be considered. Note that neither this invitation, nor your submission of a proposal, guarantees that you will be selected to present during the conference. Conference organizers will review the proposal and inform you at a later date as to whether or not you have been selected to present.

Please submit your paper proposals by **30 July 2016** to: sarah.tisdale@globaldeafmuslim.org

We look forward to receiving your proposals. Any further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


Sarah Tisdale

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