

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Conference Goals and Outcomes:

1. What is the main purpose of the conference?

Answer: The conference aims to bring together stakeholders, experts, entrepreneurs, and academics both in Iran and among the Iranian diaspora to start the planning process in formulating creative and proven strategies for Iran's reconstruction. The end deliverables for this process are an Iran Reconstruction framework (structure) for better collaboration. It focuses on uniting global expertise to identify solutions that accelerate Iran's economic recovery, promote integration into the global economy, and set clear priorities for impactful initiatives.

2. How does this conference benefit the people of Iran?

- **Improved Economic Conditions:** The conference focuses on rebuilding Iran's economy, which could lead to more jobs, better infrastructure, and a higher standard of living for the Iranian people by inviting the greater Iranian experts working with the Iranian diaspora by building a model that is inclusive and open based on the decentralized model following an agreed upon evolving framework.
 - **Educational and Collaboration Opportunities:** The conference highlights the importance of education and collaboration among the experts in Iran and outside of Iran, which could lead to better opportunities for Iranian youth.
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3. How does this conference benefit international investors and institutions?

- **Investment Opportunities:** The conference aims to attract foreign investment, providing opportunities for investors to participate in Iran's reconstruction.
 - **Transparent and Accountable Fund:** The proposed Iran Reconstruction Fund emphasizes transparency and accountability, building investor confidence.
 - **Stable Economic Environment:** The focus on aligning with international standards and organizations creates a more stable and predictable investment environment.
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4. How does this conference benefit local Iranian businesses and industrialists inside Iran?

- **Partnerships and Collaboration:** The conference encourages collaboration between local businesses and international partners, opening up new opportunities.
 - **Access to Global Markets:** The focus on integrating Iran into the global economy could help local businesses access new markets.
 - **Improved Infrastructure:** Investments in infrastructure could improve the efficiency and competitiveness of local businesses.
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5. What is the Iran Reconstruction Fund?

Answer: The Iran Reconstruction Fund is a proposed initiative aimed at attracting foreign investment while safeguarding Iran's national interests. We estimate that should seek to raise an estimated \$500 billion in investment over the first five years and an additional \$500 billion over the following five years to address the current economic crisis. It emphasizes transparency, accountability, and strong governance to build investor confidence. Please note that this is an initial figure and that we wish for experts to develop a model that supports any claim with proven research and success stories.

6. What is the role of the Iranian diaspora in this initiative?

Answer: The Iranian diaspora plays a vital role by contributing expertise, facilitating investment, and fostering collaboration with experts inside Iran. The diaspora's diverse experiences and resources are crucial in supporting reconstruction efforts and accelerating economic recovery. Please suggest what specific roles we can play to support this challenging mission.

7. What are the conditions for successful reconstruction mentioned in the document?

Answer: Successful reconstruction depends on adherence to international standards and organizations, such as:

- **MIGA (Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency)**
- **IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards)**
- **ILO (International Labour Organization)**
- **Neutral Dispute Resolution (e.g., Stockholm Arbitration)**
- **FATF (Financial Action Task Force)**

Additionally, ensuring budget transparency and leveraging free economic zones with tax incentives are essential for attracting foreign direct investment and rebuilding trust.

8. How will the conference facilitate the mobilization of resources?

Answer: The conference aims to unite experts around common goals and establish the Iran Reconstruction Fund. Developing a common planning framework and seeking input and collaboration will start the much-needed process in developing ideas. We are aiming to explore avenues for attracting foreign direct investment and fostering effective public-private partnerships, providing a platform to discuss strategies for resource mobilization.

9. What is the importance of legislative conditions and strategic planning in the reconstruction process?

Answer: Legislative conditions and meticulous planning are pivotal for creating an environment conducive to investment and sustainable growth. Streamlining company registration, offering tax

incentives, and ensuring the protection of investor rights are essential steps. The conference will initiate planning processes and educational dialogues to address these aspects.

10. What are the international standards that can help us in the Iran Reconstruction Funds?

Answer: Please follow the international standard in submitting ideas, Projects and proposals may also address how projects/ideas can help meeting the relevant international standards, regulations, or guidelines such as MIGA, IFRS, ILO, FATF, and neutral dispute resolution mechanisms like Stockholm Arbitration. Compliance ensures alignment with global best practices and enhances the credibility of reconstruction efforts.

Benefits for the People of Iran:

11. What are the benefits of participating in this conference?

Answer: Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Contribute to actionable strategies for Iran's reconstruction.
- Collaborate with experts, stakeholders, and the Iranian diaspora.
- Share knowledge and best practices.
- Engage in dialogue that shapes Iran's path to economic revitalization.
- Network with professionals and organizations committed to Iran's prosperity.

Conference Structure:

12. Who is organizing the conference?

Answer: The idea of this conference and its initial organized is by Iranaisance.

WWW.IRANAISANCE.ORG . Iranaisance is also working with various organizations who have come together for this purpose. We encourage other organizations to co-own this conference and work with us collaboratively. Iranaisance is a non-profit, non-governmental, and non-political initiative focused solely on the prosperity and well-being of Iran and its people. The conference has no affiliations with any political groups or movements.

13. When and where will the conference be held?

Answer: The conference will take place on **February 22-23, 2025**, in **Silicon Valley, California**, conveniently located near San Francisco International Airport (SFO), San Jose, and Oakland Airports. The specific location is not finalized yet.

14. Who can submit papers or presentations?

Answer: The conference invites experts, scholars, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders with experience or expertise relevant to Iran's reconstruction or related fields. Contributions from both individuals and groups are welcome, especially those that encourage collaboration between experts inside and outside Iran.

15. What are the key topics or areas for submissions?

Answer: Submissions should address one or more of the following key areas. Please feel free to suggest additional areas where Iran's reconstruction may benefit by contacting us.

- **Strategic Framework for Reconstruction**
 - **Explanation:** Utilizing proven frameworks can enhance coordination among various stakeholders, ensuring that efforts are aligned, and resources are efficiently utilized.
 - Can you provide examples of successful strategic frameworks from other countries that we might adapt for Iran's context?
- **Sustainable Energy Revenue Optimization Plan (SEROP)**
 - **Explanation:** By optimizing energy revenues, we can create a sustainable funding stream for essential public services and development projects.
 - How can we effectively leverage our existing energy revenues to support much-needed educational programs, infrastructure development, environmental projects, etc.?
 - What innovative financing models can we implement to maximize the impact of our energy revenues?
- **Diversifying the Economy**
 - **Explanation:** Diversifying the economy reduces dependence on a single sector and promotes stability and growth.
 - How can we leverage our comparative advantages to diversify and grow our economy, increase employment, and stabilize our economic landscape?
 - Which sectors should be prioritized based on Iran's unique strengths and market opportunities?
- **Launching Renewable Energy Projects**
 - **Explanation:** Investing in renewable energy addresses environmental concerns and opens new economic opportunities. Renewable energy projects can also reduce environmental impact and helps Iran to be a leader in sustainable energy.

- What are the opportunities in this area considering our current economic conditions and resource availability?
- How can we attract investment and technology partnerships in the renewable energy sector?
- **Developing Infrastructure**
 - **Explanation:** Modern infrastructure supports economic activities, improves connectivity, and enhances the quality of life.
 - What could be the priorities in upgrading our infrastructure to support our economic goals?
 - What infrastructure projects would have the most immediate and significant impact on economic growth?
- **Key Educational Opportunities**
 - **Explanation:** Addressing educational disparities is essential for social equity and economic development.
 - How can we remedy the educational gaps between various classes across Iran, and what key strategies do we need to adopt?
 - How can we leverage digital technologies to expand access to quality education in remote and underserved areas?
- **Addressing Urgent Environmental Challenges**
 - **Explanation:** Proactive environmental strategies can prevent further degradation and promote sustainable resource management.
 - Considering global warming and years of mismanagement of our natural resources, what are the key strategies and their priorities for addressing environmental and water needs?
 - What policies can we implement to promote water conservation and combat desertification?
- **Strengthening Key Sectors for Global Integration**
 - **Explanation:** Integrating key sectors into the global economy can enhance prosperity and stability.
 - *Further Explanation:* Aligning with international standards can facilitate trade and attract foreign investment.
 - What are the key policies and economic priorities for opening global markets and integrating our economy to achieve prosperity and geopolitical stability?

- What steps are necessary to align our industries with global value chains and enhance competitiveness?
 - **Legislative Conditions and Strategic Planning**
 - **Explanation:** Legal reforms can remove barriers to business, protect investor rights, and promote transparency.
 - How can we reform our legal framework to better support entrepreneurship and foreign investment?
 - **Establishment of the Iran Reconstruction Fund**
 - **Explanation:** Learning from international best practices can help in setting up an effective and trusted fund.
 - What governance structures and accountability measures should be implemented to ensure the fund's success and integrity?
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16. What are the submission guidelines and requirements?

Answer: Submissions should include:

- **Project Title or Topic:** A clear and concise title.
- **Project Objectives:** Primary goals your project aims to achieve.
- **Project Description:** Key strategies, activities, KPIs, and milestones.
- **Project Lead:** Names and contact information of responsible individuals (can remain confidential upon request).
- **Budget and Timeline (if available):** Estimated budget, timeline, and resource requirements.
- **Expected Outcomes:** Anticipated results and potential impact.
- **Challenges/Risks:** Potential risks and mitigation plans.
- **Collaboration:** Opportunities for partnership and required roles.
- **Compliance:** Relevant standards, regulations, or guidelines your project adheres to.

Submissions should be relevant to the focus areas, demonstrate recent and proven expertise, propose strategic pathways with practical solutions, and emphasize a collaborative approach, including the role of the Iranian diaspora.

17. What is the deadline for submissions?

Answer: The deadline for paper and presentation submissions is **December 25, 2024**. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **January 5, 2025**.

18. How can I submit my paper or presentation?

Answer: Please submit your papers and presentations in PDF format via email to info@iranaissance.org.

19. Is there a fee to attend or submit to the conference?

Answer: Yes. There will be a standard fee of \$100 per person. This fee will cover some of the cost of the conference. However, this fee is waived for experts submitting papers and ideas that are aligned with the goals of this conference. For detailed information regarding registration fees or any associated costs, please contact the organizers at info@iranaissance.org. A conference sponsorship package is being developed to offset some of the costs associated with this conference.

20. How will the submissions be evaluated?

Answer: Submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Relevance to Focus Areas**
- **Recent and Proven Expertise**
- **Strategic Pathway & Practical Solutions**
- **Collaborative Approach**
- **Role of the Iranian Diaspora**
- **Innovative & Scalable Solutions**
- **Evidence-Based Recommendations**
- **Presentation & Clarity**
- **Engagement & Follow-up**

The evaluation aims to select proposals that offer innovative, actionable strategies aligned with the conference objectives.

21. Will there be opportunities for collaboration with experts in Iran?

Answer: Absolutely. One of the primary goals of the conference is to foster meaningful collaboration between experts inside Iran and those in the diaspora. We recognize that successful reconstruction efforts require the insights, experiences, and expertise of professionals both within and outside the country. The conference is designed to encourage partnerships and collective efforts to develop practical

solutions for Iran's reconstruction. Building a framework and structure that also includes capacity building that can be leveraged for success.

22. How will confidentiality be maintained for sensitive information?

Answer: The conference organizers assure that any information shared can remain confidential upon request. Contributors who wish to keep their personal information or certain project details private should indicate this in their submission.

23. Is the conference affiliated with any political groups or movements?

Answer: No, the conference is a non-profit, non-governmental, and non-political initiative. It is solely focused on the prosperity and well-being of Iran and its people, with no affiliations to any political groups or movements.

24. Can I attend the conference even if I don't submit a paper?

Answer: While the document primarily focuses on the call for papers, individuals interested in attending the conference without submitting a paper are encouraged to contact the organizers at info@iranaissance.org for information on attendance and participation opportunities. Please submit your goal to attend this conference as well and let us know how you also can help with other aspect of this conference. A request to register for this conference will be sent to you when the details are developed.

25. Will the conference be available online or is it in-person only?

Answer: Yes. We will live stream this conference. Please submit your request to attend via online and a request to register for this conference. Online details will be sent to you when the details are developed. For details on virtual attendance options or recordings, please reach out to the organizers at info@iranaissance.org. or subscribe <https://www.iranaissance.org/contact>.

26. How can I get more information or contact the organizers?

Answer: For any questions or additional information, please contact the conference organizers via email at info@iranaissance.org. Please submit details of your intentions. You may also subscribe at: <https://www.iranaissance.org/contact>.

27. How does the conference address environmental challenges?

Answer: Addressing urgent environmental challenges is one of the key focus areas. The conference invites proposals that tackle environmental issues in Iran and the region by identifying opportunities, setting priorities, and offering value propositions for constructive collaboration with neighboring countries.

28. What are the submission formatting requirements?

Answer: Submissions should be in PDF format and include the components outlined in the Submission Guidelines, such as project title, objectives, description, and other relevant details. Clear organization and effective communication of ideas are essential.

29. Can organizations or teams submit joint proposals?

Answer: Yes, collaborative submissions from organizations or teams is welcomed, especially those that promote partnerships between experts inside and outside Iran.

30. Are there opportunities for follow-up activities after the conference?

Answer: Yes, this conference is an invitation to start the reconstruction process. By developing a framework and structure and inviting experts, our goal is that this process will continue based on a decentralized approach for faster execution. The conference encourages ongoing engagement and participation in follow-up activities to advance the solutions discussed. Participants interested in continuing collaboration should indicate their willingness in their submissions. We aim to use a solution to match up experts and promote independent collaboration.

31. How does the conference ensure inclusivity and respect for all contributors?

Answer: The conference values transparency, inclusivity, and respect for all contributors. It aims to foster an environment where we build a framework that we can work within and allow the framework to evolve independently. We encourage a decentralized model of execution of ideas to minimize conflict and promote creativity and freedom. We are further seeking ideas on how we can make this process more transparent, and more experts can use this model to achieve their goals.

Additional Assistance:

If you have further questions or need clarification on any aspect of the conference or submission process, please feel free to contact the organizers at info@iranaissance.org.

References:

For more information on the international standards and organizations mentioned, please refer to the following websites:

- MIGA (Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency): <https://www.miga.org/>
- IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards): <https://www.ifrs.org/>
- ILO (International Labour Organization): <https://www.ilo.org/>
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We look forward to your valuable contributions and active participation in the conference to collaboratively shape Iran's path toward a prosperous and sustainable future.