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Call for Papers – Iran Reconstruction

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Silicon Valley, California

Conference on Rebuilding Iran Together: Uniting Global Expertise for Solutions

The aspiration for a prosperous and thriving Iran brings together stakeholders, experts, entrepreneurs, and academics both in Iran and among the Iranian diasporas. This conference aims to harness this collective energy to start the planning process to identify and accelerate pathways for Iran's reconstruction, with a special focus on understanding the critical role of the diaspora in facilitating and accelerating this process.

The objectives of the conference are:

- **Identify Strategic Solutions and Priorities:** By deeply understanding our economic challenges and initial conditions, we aim to develop a strategic plan and framework that will serve as a catalyst to accelerate collaboration and unite experts from various groups to work together effectively. Within this framework, we aim to:
 - **Develop Actionable Strategies** to accelerate Iran's economic recovery.
 - **Promote Integration** into the global economy by encouraging investment and attracting expertise.
 - **Set Clear Priorities** to focus efforts on the most impactful initiatives.
- **Foster Collaboration:** Build bridges between Iranian experts and stakeholders inside Iran, the diaspora, international organizations, and investors.
- **Promote Knowledge Sharing:** Exchange insights on best practices, lessons learned from other countries, and innovative approaches to reconstruction.
- **Mobilize Resources:** Unite experts around these goals and establish the Iran Reconstruction Fund with a clear structure and governance. Explore avenues for attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) while fostering effective public-private partnerships (PPP).

We invite submissions that explore innovative and actionable strategies to meet these objectives, expedite Iran's economic recovery, and position it as a dynamic player in the global economy. We also invite you to be part of this important process and connect with fellow experts working together toward these crucial goals.

Key Areas to Consider:

- **Iran Reconstruction Plan:** Iran's abundant natural and human resources, combined with its unique geographic position as a strategic crossroads between Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, offer vast potential for growth. Please consider the following areas and their priorities for Iran Reconstruction and your subjects:
 - **Strategic framework.** Document our comparative advantages and initial conditions, priorities, and various goals for analysis and discussions.
 - **Sustainable Energy Revenue Optimization Plan (SEROP).** Develop strategies to maximize revenue from energy resources to fuel economic recovery.
 - **Diversifying the economy.** Identify key areas leveraging our comparative advantages for effective economic diversification.
 - **Launching renewable energy projects.** Prioritize renewable energy initiatives based on our initial conditions.
 - **Developing infrastructure.** Explore opportunities in infrastructure development that align with our overall goals and needs.
 - **Key educational opportunities.** Recognize the critical role of education and identify opportunities to engage our educated youth in deploying advanced technologies while implementing fundamental changes needed to involve the broader Iranian population.
 - **Addressing Urgent Environmental Challenges.** Tackle grave environmental issues in Iran and the region by identifying opportunities and setting priorities. Offer common value propositions in working constructively with our neighbors.
 - **Strengthening Key Sectors for Global Integration.** Formulate key strategies to leverage the global value chain in our reconstruction plan, integrating Iran into the global economy.

- **Legislative Conditions and Strategic Planning:** Legislative conditions and meticulous planning are pivotal. This includes streamlining company registration, offering tax incentives, and ensuring the protection of investor rights. We propose to initiate this planning process and educational dialogue at the conference.

- **Establishment of the Iran Reconstruction Fund:** With more than 15 million young, educated women and men in Iran, along with a diverse and successful diaspora, we can develop actionable strategies to establish the Iran Reconstruction Fund—a critical vehicle designed to attract foreign investment while safeguarding Iran’s national interests. An estimated **\$500 billion** in investment is needed in the first five years, with an additional **\$500 billion** over the following five years to address the current economic crisis. Drawing from successful case studies in Eastern Europe, Saudi Arabia, and China, this fund must be transparent, accountable, and supported by strong governance to build investor confidence

Conditions for Successful Reconstruction:

Iran's swift reconstruction is contingent upon adherence to international standards and organizations, such as:

- MIGA (Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency)
- IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards)
- ILO (International Labor Organization)
- Neutral Dispute Resolution – Stockholm Arbitration
- FATF (Financial Action Task Force)

Additionally, ensuring budget transparency through collaboration with chartered accounting agencies is critical. A strategic shift should be implemented by leveraging free economic zones and tax incentives to attract foreign direct investment (FDI), particularly through public-private partnerships (PPPs) in key sectors.

Meeting these conditions is essential for rebuilding trust, fostering investment, and guiding Iran toward a prosperous and sustainable future.

Call for Contributions

Your expertise is vital in collaborating with our experts in Iran to build a prosperous future. We invite you to:

- **Submit Papers or Presentations:** Share your ideas, plans, or projects that offer innovative solutions to the challenges outlined.
- **Join the Dialogue:** Participate in this important journey to collectively shape Iran's path to reconstruction and economic revitalization.

Confidentiality and Transparency

We understand the sensitive nature of the topics discussed and assure contributors that any information shared can remain confidential upon request. This conference is intended to be a non-profit, non-governmental, and non-political initiative, focused solely on the prosperity and well-being of Iran and its people. It is organized by members of the Iranian diaspora from various organizations coming together for this purpose. The conference has no affiliations with any political groups or movements. Experts within Iran have a better understanding of the country's needs, and external perspectives alone do not effect meaningful change within the nation. Our primary goal is to foster collaboration, innovation, and practical solutions for Iran's reconstruction. We value transparency, inclusivity, and respect for all contributors, ensuring that every voice is heard in our mission to build a better future for Iran.

Submission Guidelines

We invite you to submit proposals for projects or innovative ideas aimed at the reconstruction of Iran. Please consider the challenges, opportunities, and strategic pathways necessary for your proposal's success, as well as the vital role the Iranian diaspora can play in supporting experts within Iran. Additionally, reflect on your role in fostering collaboration with experts both inside and outside Iran.

Your submission may include the following:

Submission Component	Description
Project Title or Topic	Provide a clear and concise title for your project.
Project Objectives	Outline the primary goals your project aims to achieve.
Project Description	Summarize the project, detailing key strategies, activities, KPIs, and milestones.
Project Lead	Include the name(s) and contact information of the person(s) and expert(s) responsible for the project. Please note that this information can be confidential and not published upon request.
Budget and Timeline (if available)	Provide an estimated budget and timeline, and outline any resource requirements, including funding.
Expected Outcomes	Describe the anticipated results and potential impact of your project.
Challenges/Risks	Identify potential risks and how you plan to mitigate them.
Collaboration	Emphasize opportunities for partnership with other stakeholders or projects, particularly with experts in Iran. Also, include the roles required to complete the project and bring the idea to fruition.
Compliance	Specify any relevant standards, regulations, or guidelines that your project will adhere to.

Submission Requirements

Please ensure your submission meets the following criteria:

Requirement	Description
Relevance to Focus Areas	Addresses one or more of the key focus areas outlined in the conference description.
Recent and Proven Expertise	Demonstrate recent experience or expertise relevant to Iran's reconstruction or related fields. Identify the existing capabilities within Iran, the diaspora, and potential partners. Please refer to any recent success stories and lessons learned.
Strategic Pathway & Practical Solutions	Proposes strategic pathways and practical solutions that can be implemented to address Iran's challenges.
Collaborative Approach	Emphasizes the importance of collaboration, including public-private partnerships, international cooperation, and active engagement with the Iranian diaspora. We also encourage collaborations in shaping papers and proposals to drive innovative solutions and collective success.
Role of Iranian Diaspora	Explores how the Iranian diaspora can contribute to reconstruction efforts through investment, knowledge transfer, and advocacy.
Innovative & Scalable Solutions	Presents innovative ideas that are scalable and adaptable to Iran's unique context.
Evidence-Based Recommendations	Supports recommendations with data, case studies, or evidence from comparable scenarios.
Presentation & Clarity	Submission is well-organized, clearly written, and effectively communicates the main ideas and proposals.
Engagement & Follow-up	Indicates willingness to engage in discussions during the conference and participate in follow-up activities to advance solutions.

Submission Details

Detail	Information
Deadline for Paper Submission	December 25, 2024
Notification of Acceptance	January 5, 2025
Conference Date and Location	February 22-23, 2025, Silicon Valley, California – Close to San Francisco International Airport (SFO), San Jose, and Oakland Airports
Submission Format	Papers and presentations should be submitted in PDF format and emailed to info@iranaissance.org .
Contact Information	For any questions or additional information, please contact info@iranaissance.org .

References:

MIGA stands for Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency. It is a member of the World Bank Group, and its primary role is to promote foreign direct investment in developing countries by providing political risk insurance and credit enhancement to investors and lenders. You can learn more about MIGA by visiting their official website: <https://www.miga.org/>

IFRS stands for International Financial Reporting Standards. It is a set of accounting standards developed by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) to provide a global framework for how public companies prepare and disclose their financial statements. For more information, you can visit their official website: <https://www.ifrs.org/>

ILO stands for the International Labour Organization. It is a United Nations agency that sets international labor standards, promotes social protection, and advocates for decent working conditions worldwide. You can find more information on their official website: <https://www.ilo.org/>

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