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The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation presents its compliments to all Member States, Observer States, and relevant OIC institutions and organs, **and with reference to its cooperation and coordination with cultural institutions and bodies in Member States within the framework of promoting and supporting the visibility of the Arabic language (the language of the Qur'an)**, in implementation of Ministerial Resolution No. 13/49-C, issued by the Conference of Foreign Ministers of 2023, Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania; **and in the lead-up to a joint celebration with the King Salman Global Academy for the Arabic Language (KSGAAL) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on the occasion of the International Arabic Language Day**, (December 18 of each year), as is customary at the headquarters of the General Secretariat (the date will be determined later), has the honor to report that **the themes of this celebration will be:**

- (1) **A panel discussion on the state of the Arabic language in the Islamic world**, in which 6 representatives of Member States, Observer States, and relevant OIC institutions and organs, will have the opportunity at each celebration to discuss the status of the Arabic language in various walks of life in their countries (priority will be given to first submissions, taking into account the geographical distribution of member states / 7 minutes for each speaker).
- (2) **A panel discussion on historical figures of the Arabic language and their efforts in Islamic countries**, in which 6 representatives of Member States, Observer States, and relevant OIC institutions and organs, will have the opportunity at each celebration to talk about the most important historical language figures who had an impact in scientific and cultural fields, and to highlight the most prominent former scholars. (They will be selected according to several criteria, including priority of submission, taking into account the geographical distribution of member states / 7 minutes for each speaker).

**The General Secretariat will work in cooperation with the KSGAAL to issue a book entitled (Notables of the Arabic Language in Islamic Countries), where Member States, Observer States and relevant OIC institutions and organs will be asked to submit scientific papers containing the following points:**

- A. **An introduction to the country**, including historical and geographical information, and brief statements (one page - 250 words).
- B. **An overview of the status of the Arabic language**, its position compared to other languages and its role in the business, science and cultural sectors (two pages - 500 words).
- C. **The five most prominent former traditional and historical scholars of the Arabic language and its sciences** (a summary of each figure on one page covering: the name of the scholar and a review of his /her most prominent linguistic efforts, (100 words about each scholar).

**A book will be issued featuring scientific papers from Member States, Observer States, and relevant OIC institutions and organs within the time frame specified in this Note below, taking into account the following:**

- 1) For scholars who lived in more than one country, the criterion will be based the country in which they lived the better part of their life.
- 2) Adhering to the specified number of each of the three elements mentioned in the scientific paper.
- 3) Documenting information and indicating its sources.
- 4) Submitting the paper in an open, editable format.

**In light of the above, the OIC General Secretariat wishes to request the Member States, Observer States, and relevant OIC institutions and organs to provide it with the following:**

1. Their contributions to the previously mentioned panel discussion (themes of the celebration) - no later than the end of July 2024 - so that these contributions can be included in Celebration themes.
2. Scientific and research papers related to the book (Notables of the Arabic Language in Islamic Countries) - no later than the end of August 2024 - so that they can be documented in the book.

The OIC General Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration. 

**To: All Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.**  
**To: All Observer States in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.**  
**To: Relevant OIC institutions and organs**

