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## Introduction

The Middle East Institute is proud to announce the publication of its most recent edition of *A Guide to Middle East Resources in the National Capital*, our popular directory of organizations conducting Middle East-related activities in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. With an obvious increase in interest and focus on this part of the world in the US, dozens of new groups have sprung up throughout the capital area. We believe that now, more than ever before, this directory will be an invaluable tool in the hands of anyone interested in this part of the world, ranging from the recent college graduate job seeker to the high level policy-maker.

For those of you familiar with the publication, you may have noticed several changes from previous editions. First, we are now calling the directory *A Guide to Middle East Resources in the National Capital*, a title that we believe most accurately captures the wide range of organizations we have listed including human rights groups, cultural associations, research centers, publications, faith-base organizations, and policy centers. Second, we have opted to omit major academic Middle East studies programs outside of the Washington area in order to focus on providing an accurate and comprehensive list of the growing number of resources available strictly in the Washington, DC area.

We have done our best to record as accurately as possible the information provided to us by participating organizations. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you identify discrepancies or changes in information or if you know of organizations that we should consider in future editions.

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## **Academy for Educational Development (AED)**

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*Fax Number:* 202-884-8400

*E-mail:* [admindc@aed.org](mailto:admindc@aed.org)

*Web Site:* [www.aed.org](http://www.aed.org)

*Year established:* 1961

*Description:* AED is one of the world's foremost human and social development organizations. AED is an independent, non-profit organization committed to solving critical social problems in the US and throughout the world through education, social marketing, research, training, policy analysis and innovative program design, and management. Major areas of focus include health, education, youth development, leadership, democracy, and the environment. AED has programs in Egypt, Jordan, and the West Bank and Gaza.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides policy analysis, program design, management, training, learning technologies, communication, behavior change and social marketing, research, and evaluation

-Publishes *The Academy News* (semi-annually)

*Officers:*

-Stephen F. Moseley, President and Chief Executive Officer

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## **Afghanistan-America Foundation**

**209 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003**

*Telephone Number:* 202-543-1177

*Fax Number:* 202-534-7931

*E-mail:* info@afghanistanfoundation.org

*Web Site:* burningbush.netfirms.com/afghan/foundation.htm

*Year established:* 1996

*Description:* In its overall structure, the Afghanistan-America Foundation serves as a vehicle for partnership between Afghans, Americans, and others in the international community who wish to bring peace, stability, and prosperity to Afghanistan. It fosters public and governmental understanding regarding Afghanistan and its people. It seeks to promote more effective US policies for peace, economic development, humanitarian assistance, cultural appreciation, and a deeper understanding by the American public of the Afghan people's historic sacrifice and achievement in helping to bring about an end to the Cold War.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Published seminal *White Paper on US Policy Toward Afghanistan*

-Afghanistan Charter

*Officers:*

-Congressman Don Ritter, Chairman and President

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**Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS),  
National Defense University  
Crystal Plaza Five, 2211 South Clark Street, 8th Floor,  
Arlington, VA 22202**

*Telephone Number:* 703-602-2830

*Fax Number:* 703-602-2879

*E-mail:* hejlikk@ndu.edu

*Web Site:* www.africacenter.org

*Year established:* 1999

*Description:* The Africa Center for Strategic Studies is a unique, academic institution that supports democratic governance in Africa and is the US Department of Defense's most visible program in Africa. The Center carries out seminars, research, and other activities for influential leaders and thinkers from Africa, the United States, and Europe. The Africa Center's main goal is to bring people together to create and maintain a network of civilian and military professionals with a shared commitment to Africa's future.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Publishes reports following its programs summarizing the topics discussed and points raised
  
- Publishes a newsletter and maintains a web site containing news articles on Africa-related issues as well as the latest news from the center
  
- Conducts research
  
- Holds topical seminars

*Officers:*

- General Carlton W. Fulford, Jr. (Ret.), Director

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## **Al-Ahram Foundation**

**529 14th St., NW, Washington, DC 20045**

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*Fax Number:* 202-737-2122

*E-mail:* ahram1@aol.com

*Web Site:* [www.ahram.org.eg/weekly](http://www.ahram.org.eg/weekly)

*Year established:* 1876

*Description:* *Al-Ahram* is the oldest newspaper in the Arab world, and one of the oldest papers in the world. Since its inception, *Al-Ahram* has cov

ered events from an Arab national perspective. *Al-Abram* has always been a forum for expressing the views and ideas of leading Arab intellectuals and opinion-makers through which they could convey the concerns and aspirations of the greater Arab world. With headquarters in Cairo, Al-Abram Foundation owns offices in North America, Europe, East Asia, South Africa, and Latin America.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes newspapers and magazines including *Al-Abram*, *Al-Abram Hebdo*, *Al-Abram Weekly*, *Iketesady*, *Al-Abram International*, *Alaa El Dein*, *Nisf El Dunia*, *Al Ryadi*, *Al Arabi*, *Al Shabab*, *Arab Strategic Report*, *Siassa*, and *El Dawlia*

*Officers:*

-Fayez Ibrahim, Washington Office Manager

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## **Algerian-American Association of Greater Washington**

**PO Box 65063, Washington, DC 20035-5063**

*E-mail:* secretary@aaagw.org

*Web Site:* www.aaagw.org

*Year Established:* 1992

*Description:* The Algerian-American Association of Greater Washington was created in 1992 as a social and cultural association of Algerian-Americans and Algerians located in the Greater Washington, DC area.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds educational Programs

-Sponsors art exhibits, movies, concerts, social gatherings, lectures, and seminars



-Publishes *Friends of Algeria* newsletter

*Officers:*

-Aziz Benbrahim, President

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## **America-Georgia Business Council**

**2300 M Street, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20037**

*Telephone Number:* 202-416-1606

*Fax Number:* 202-416-1607

*E-mail:* agbdc@agbdc.com

*Web Site:* www.agbdc.com

*Year established:* 1998

*Description:* The America-Georgia Business Council was formed in response to requests from a number of companies that are currently engaged, or hope to engage, in Georgia. The Council's objective is to raise Georgia's visibility in North America as an exciting place to invest and do business as well as to maximize opportunities in Georgia for council members.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes newsletter

*Officers:*

-S. Enders Wimbush, President

-Mamuka Tsereteli, Executive Director

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## **America's Development Foundation**

**101 North Union St., Suite 200, Alexandria, VA, 22314**

*Telephone Number:* 703-836-2717

*Fax Number:* 703-836-3379

*E-mail:* ihouston@adfusa.org

*Web Site:* www.adfusa.org

*Year established:* 1980

*Description:* America's Development Foundation (ADF) is a non-profit private voluntary organization dedicated to the international development of democracy. ADF's overall approach is based on the belief that a strong civil society, comprising a diversity of autonomous economic, political, social and cultural institutions, provides the indispensable foundation of a sustainable democracy. ADF has a successful record helping thousands of civil society organizations strengthen democratic values, institutions and processes in their countries and develop their communities. ADF has experience working in over thirty countries in Eastern and Central Europe, the Middle East, the Caribbean, Central America, and Africa.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds programs in the areas of advocacy, civic education, civil society building and institutional development, community mobilization and development, electoral processes, human rights, legal assistance and the rule of law, local democratic governance, and refugee return and reintegration

*Officers:*

-Michael D. Miller, President

-David Burgess, Executive Vice President

-Ian M. Houston, Director of Programs

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## **America-Mideast Educational and Training Services (AMIDEAST)**

**1730 M Street, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC, 20036-4505**

*Telephone Number:* 202-776-9600

*Fax Number:* 202-776-7000

*E-mail:* inquiries@amideast.org

*Web Site:* [www.amideast.org](http://www.amideast.org)

*Year established:* 1951

*Description:* For over 50 years, American-Mideast Educational and Training Services, Inc. has been working to strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation between Americans and the peoples of the Middle East and North Africa through education, educational exchange, and training services.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides professional training and development assistance, English language training, academic advising and testing, institutional development services, educational exchange program design and administration, and educational resources about the region

*Officers:*

- Mary W. Gray, Chair
  - Nicholas Veliotos, Vice Chair
  - Theodore H. Kattouf, President and CEO
  - Robert S. Dillon, Treasurer
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## **American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)**

**4201 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20008**

*Telephone Number:* 202-244-2990

*Fax Number:* 202-244-3196

*E-mail:* [ADC@adc.org](mailto:ADC@adc.org)

*Web Site:* [www.adc.org](http://www.adc.org)

*Year established:* 1980

*Description:* ADC works in every sphere of public life to promote and defend the interest of people of Arab descent. It is a grassroots civil rights

organization, which welcomes people of all backgrounds, faiths, and ethnicities as members. Since 1980, ADC has been the leading Arab-American voice on foreign policy issues, especially by defending the rights of the Palestinian people and opposing the sanctions against Iraqi civilians.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides advice, referrals, and attorneys, while the communication department combats defamation, stereotyping, and bias in films, television and news reporting.

-Offers the ADC Education Department, ADC Research Institute, Reaching the Teachers Campaign, as well as an internship program

-Publishes *ADC Times* (bi-monthly magazine); *ADC Issues*; and *Convention Book* (annually)

*Officers:*

-Mary Rose Oakar, President

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## **American Association for Palestinian Equal Rights (AAPER)**

**2560 Virginia Avenue, NW, Suite #184, Washington, DC 20037**

*Telephone Number:* 202-333-5028

*Fax Number:* 202-333-7742

*Web Site:* [www.americansforpalestine.org](http://www.americansforpalestine.org)

*Year established:* 2003

*Description:* The American Association for Palestinian Equal Rights is America's pro-Palestine, pro-peace lobby. AAPER foundation's mission is to educate the American public about Palestinian rights, and about the role of the US in the Arab-Israeli relationship. AAPER's legislative mission is to shape a US foreign policy that recognizes

and seeks to advance the human and national rights of the Palestinian people.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Represents the many supporters of Palestinian rights from around the US (individuals and groups) to their elected officials
- Organizes Capitol Hill briefings and delegations to Palestine for elected officials and Capitol Hill staff
- Drafts legislative/policy records and reports
- Analyzes election results and drafts legislation, amendments to bills relating to US policy towards Israel/Palestine

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**American Bahraini Friendship Society**  
**PO Box 5934, Friendship Station 234, Washington, DC 20016**

*Telephone Number:* 301-897-2162

*Fax Number:* 301-897-9028

*E-mail:* USBahrain@aol.com

*Web Site:* www.bahrainsociety.org

*Year established:* 1990

*Description:* The American Bahraini Friendship Society was founded in 1990 by a group of American friends who had lived in Bahrain in connection with US diplomatic, military or business affiliations and had developed an affection for the country and its people. The purpose of the Society is to further the special relationship that has developed between the United States and the Kingdom of Bahrain over the past 100 years by: promoting friendship and understanding between the United States and the Kingdom of Bahrain; increasing the level of awareness of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the United States; fostering closer ties between the two countries; and enhancing historical, commercial, cultural, and social programs of mutual benefit.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Holds events
- Organizes lectures

*Officers:*

- Vice Admiral Thomas J. Bigley, USN (Ret), President
  - James P. Madigan, Treasurer
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## **American Business Council of the Gulf Countries (ABCGC)**

**4001 North Ninth Street, Suite 1603, Arlington, VA 22201**

*Telephone Number:* 703-243-1954

*Fax Number:* 703-732-8919

*E-mail:* [capitolcapitalgroup@earthlink.net](mailto:capitolcapitalgroup@earthlink.net)

*Web Site:* [www.abcgcc.org](http://www.abcgcc.org)

*Description:* The ABCGC represents the more than 700 US companies doing business in the Gulf, where it fosters American business activities and actively encourages US Government policies that promote America's commercial interests in the region. The ABGCC has established itself as the voice of American business in the vital Gulf region. An affiliate of the US Chamber of Commerce, the ABCGC is made up of nine American chambers of commerce operating in the region.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Publishes issue papers

*Officers:*

- Michael J. Jones, Washington Representative
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**American Educational Trust (AET):**  
***Washington Report on Middle East Affairs***  
**PO Box 53062, Washington, DC 20009**

*Telephone Number:* 202-939-6050

*Fax Number:* 202-265-4574

*E-mail:* info@wrmea.com

*Web Site:* www.wrmea.com

*Year established:* 1982

*Description:* AET is a non-profit foundation incorporated in Washington, DC by retired US Foreign Service officers to provide the American public with balanced and accurate information concerning US relations with Middle Eastern states.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*, a monthly magazine focusing on current events, news analysis; *US-Middle East Relations*

-Distributes American and British books on the Middle East

-Distributes plus films and videotapes

-Publishes *Other Voices*; a 16-page supplement to *Washington Report* that includes articles of interest from the global press

*Officers:*

-Andrew I. Killgore, Publisher

-Richard H. Curtiss, Executive Editor

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## **American Egyptian Cooperation Foundation (AECF)**

**733 15th Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-393-3369

*Fax Number:* 202-393-3369

*E-mail:* aecf32@aol.com

*Web Site:* [www.americanegyptiancoop.org](http://www.americanegyptiancoop.org)

*Year established:* 1987

*Description:* The AECF is an independent, non-profit organization whose purpose is to widen cooperation and to improve understanding, dialogue, and bonds of friendship between Americans and Egyptians. The foundation is dedicated to the principle that expanded cooperation between Americans and Egyptians is necessary for meeting mutual international challenges of the future. With headquarters in New York, AECF has regional offices in Chicago, Houston, San Francisco, and Washington. The US-Egypt Chamber of Commerce and US-Egypt Education Foundation are AECF affiliates.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Provides US suppliers of goods and services to Egypt with the required certification of commercial, legal, shipping, and related documents
- Prepares and disseminates information to the business community to create and improve opportunities for trade and investment between Egypt and the United States
- Sponsors study missions to Egypt for members of Congress and their staffs and for American and Egyptian journalists and editors
- Sponsors and co-sponsors cultural events and exchange programs in the performing arts, and conferences, panels, seminars, and lectures providing public forums for discussion of various aspects of US-Egyptian relations



-Maintains reference libraries covering a diverse range of fields

-Fosters cooperation between educational and scientific institutions in both countries, including training programs and exchanges in the health and medical-care fields

-Publishes *US-Egypt Today* (quarterly news digest for members)

*Officers:*

-Adel F. Zaki, President and Chief Executive Officer

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**American Enterprise Institute for Public  
Policy Research (AEI)**  
1150 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

*Telephone Number:* 202-862-5800

*Fax Number:* 202-862-7177

*E-mail:* info@aei.org

*Web Site:* www.aei.org

*Year established:* 1943

*Description:* The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research is one of America's largest think tanks. AEI is dedicated to preserving and strengthening the foundations of freedom including limited government, private enterprise, vital cultural and political institutions, and a strong foreign policy and national defense - through scholarly research, open debate, and publications. AEI's Middle East Studies Program covers topics on US strategy and democratic reform in the region, Islamic radicalism and terrorism, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the collapse of the Islamic revolution in Iran, and the political economy of the Middle Eastern oil market.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Conducts research covering all aspects of economic policy (trade,

healthcare, medicare, social security), foreign and defense policy (Middle East, Europe, Asia, Latin America, South Asia), and social political studies (welfare reform, politics, public opinion, education, law, culture, and society)

-Holds conferences, seminars, and lectures

-Publishes books, magazines, newsletters, monographs, reprints, conference proceedings, and working papers

-Publishes *The American Enterprise* (policy magazine)

*Officers:*

-Christopher DeMuth, President

-David Gerson, Executive Vice President

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## **American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)**

**Davis House, 1822 R Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009**

*Telephone Number:* 202-483-3341

*Fax Number:* 202-232-3197

*E-mail:* hfoote@afsc.org

*Web Site:* www.afsc.org

*Year established:* 1983

*Description:* AFSC is a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace, and humanitarian service. Its work is based on the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) belief in the worth of every person, and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice. It was originally founded to provide conscientious objectors with an opportunity to aid civilian victims during World War I. Today the AFSC has programs that focus on issues related to economic justice, peace-building and demilitarization, social justice, and youth, in the US, and in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Projects in the Middle East include youth work and other program out-

reach in the West Bank and Gaza; war relief and refugee assistance in Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq; medical aid in Iraq, Lebanon, and the West Bank; and continuous consultation and dialog throughout the region by a Quaker international affairs representative for the Middle East.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides short-term accommodations for foreign visitors in Washington, DC, including those from the Middle East at Davis House

-Publishes position papers and statements on the Arab-Israeli conflict and other regional issues

*Officers:*

-Heather Foote, Washington Office Director

-Bill Pierre, International Division, Middle East Program Director

-Kathy Bergen, Middle East Peace Building Program Coordinator

-Mary Ellen McNish, General Secretary (Philadelphia)

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## **American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)**

**440 First Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20001**

*Telephone Number:* 202-639-5200

*Fax Number:* 202-638-3649

*E-mail:* [update@aipac.org](mailto:update@aipac.org)

*Web Site:* [www.aipac.org](http://www.aipac.org)

*Year established:* 1951

*Description:* The American Israel Public Affairs Committee is an American organization registered to lobby Congress in support of legislation affecting US-Israeli relations. AIPAC pursues a strong US-Israeli friendship.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Lobbies in support of Israel's security and aid
- Publishes *AIPAC Papers on US-Israel Relations*, a monograph series; *Near East Report* (bi-weekly)
- Holds annual policy conferences
- Enlists and activates young pro-Israel political activists through a series of initiatives on college campuses
- Educates through media coverage

*Officers:*

- Amy Friedkin, President
  - Howard Kohr, Executive Director
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**American Jewish Committee**  
**1156 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-785-4200

*Fax Number:* 202-785-4115

*E-mail:* PR@ajc.org

*Web Site:* www.ajc.org

*Year established:* 1906

*Description:* The American Jewish Committee is a multifaceted organization headquartered in New York with 32 offices in the United States and overseas offices in Berlin, Geneva, Brussels, Jerusalem, and Warsaw. The main goal of the committee is to protect the civil and religious rights of Jews in the US and abroad through educational activities, original research, civic involvement, and cooperative efforts with other ethnic and religious groups. Through its Washington and Jerusalem offices, this organization tries to facilitate better understanding between the US and Israel and seek to advance the cause of Arab-Israeli peace. It also aims to strengthen the relationship between Jews in Israel and Jews in other lands. The committee is a strong supporter of Israel.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Conducts various studies on Jewish issues worldwide

-Publishes *American Jewish Yearbook, Commentary, AJC Journal, and Capital Alert*; Israel/Middle East Briefing

*Officers:*

-Harold Tanner, President

-David A. Harris, Executive Director

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## **American Jewish Congress (AJ Congress)**

**1001 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 407, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-466-9661

*Fax Number:* 202-466-9665

*E-mail:* washrep@ajcongress.org

*Web Site:* www.ajcongress.org

*Year established:* 1918

*Description:* The American Jewish Congress maintains its headquarters in New York City and has regional offices across the country. It was designed to foster the creative, religious, and cultural survival of the Jewish people. Thus, AJ Congress is active in its support for Israel. Its domestic work also focuses on the areas of human rights, civil liberties, and the promotion of religious freedom. The Washington office serves as a liaison with Congress, government agencies, and foreign embassies.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *Radical Islamic Fundamentalism Update, Congress Monthly, Judaism*, and various other publications

-Houses education facilities, programs, and materials

- Offers travel opportunities to Israel, Egypt, and around the world
- Holds small reference library
- Sponsors annual American-Israel Dialogue

*Officers:*

- Charles Brooks, Washington Representative
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## **American Kurdish Information Network (AKIN)**

**2600 Connecticut Avenue, NW, #1, Washington, DC  
20008-1558**

*Telephone Number:* 202-483-6444

*Fax Number:* please call for fax number

*E-mail:* [akin@kurdistan.org](mailto:akin@kurdistan.org)

*Web Site:* [www.kurdistan.org](http://www.kurdistan.org)

*Year established:* 1993

*Description:* The American Kurdish Information Network provides a public service to foster Kurdish-American friendship and understanding. It does so by publicizing developments in the Kurdish regions of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey. In Kurdistan, AKIN wants peace to prevail and the will of the Kurdish people to be respected and accepted. In America, AKIN cultivates the goodwill of Americans, public figures and private citizens, for the acceptance of Kurds as a people with such inalienable rights as the right to speak their language and to vote for their political destiny.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Distributes AKIN list serve to policy makers and private citizens free of charge

-Houses a library that includes periodicals, newspapers, and about 1,000 books on the Middle East. The library also has an extensive collection of videotapes. The collection focuses on Kurdish issues, Turkey, and Iraq. For visits, please call.

*Officers:*

-Kani Xulam, Director

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## **American Muslim Council (AMC)**

**721-R, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002**

*Telephone Number:* 202-543-0075

*Fax Number:* 202-543-0095

*E-mail:* [amc@amconline.org](mailto:amc@amconline.org)

*Web Site:* [www.amconline.org](http://www.amconline.org)

*Year established:* 1990

*Description:* The AMC is a non-profit organization created to serve the interests of the Muslim community in the US. AMC's national leadership includes Muslim community leaders from across the US. It reflects the vast array of races and ethnic groups that make up the American Muslim community. The purpose of the AMC is to serve the political interests of the Muslim community in the US and promote ethical values that enhance the quality of life in North America, act as a catalyst for American Muslims to become a more powerful force in mainstream American life, identify and oppose discrimination against Muslims and other minorities, and serve as a resource agency for cross-ethnic and cross-cultural cooperation.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Promotes legislation in local and national bodies regarding Muslim rights and encourages Muslim involvement in government

-Facilitates the nomination of qualified American Muslims for commissions, agencies, ambassadorships, and other governmental positions

-Communicates regularly with the AMC membership and wider readership through the monthly *AMC Report*

-Holds frequent conferences, seminars, and training sessions

*Officers:*

-Yahya Basha, Chairman

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**American Muslim Foundation**  
**3606 Forest Drive Alexandria, VA 22302**

*Telephone Number:* 703-824-8663

*Fax Number:* 703-824-8613

*E-mail:* info@amfnet.org

*Web Site:* www.amfnet.org

*Description:* The American Muslim Foundation (AMF) is a national, non-profit, tax deductible charity based in the Washington metropolitan area. It was conceived as a result of the planning of a number of American Islamic leaders who realized the need for an Islamic organization focusing on providing Muslims in America with necessary social services. Although many Islamic social and humanitarian organizations exist in the US, they focus on providing aid to Muslims in other parts of the world. The oversight of the local communities has threatened to unfasten the Islamic bonds that unite the American Muslim community. Therefore, AMF is dedicated to helping Muslims in the US by filling the void in social and humanitarian services available to American Muslims and newly resettled refugees.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Conducts relief work and social services

-Houses Educational and Career Development Department

-Conducts academic seminars and conferences

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## American Muslims for Jerusalem

208 G Street, Suite 200 NE Washington, DC 20002

*Telephone Number:* 202-548-4200

*Fax Number:* 202-548-4201

*E-mail:* amj@amjerusalem

*Web Site:* www.amjerusalem.org

*Year established:* 1999

*Description:* American Muslims for Jerusalem is a non-profit organization incorporated in 1999. The organization is committed to the following objectives:

- Ensuring that the concerns of the American Muslim community regarding Jerusalem and its environs are understood and respected in the formulation of US Policy
- Presenting accurate and timely information to the mass media and other interested parties
- Educating, informing, and mobilizing the American Muslim community
- Raising awareness and works for a just and comprehensive solution to the issue of Jerusalem and Palestine

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Keeps a congressional scorecard and voter guide
- Publishes information briefs, *Israeli/Palestinian Conflict: A Primer, Institutionalized Racism in Israel*, and *US Aid to Israel: An Investigative Study*

*Officers:*

- Khalid Turaani, Executive Director
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## **American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA)**

**1522 K Street, NW, Suite 202, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-347-2558

*Fax Number:* 202-682-1637

*E-mail:* [anera@anera.org](mailto:anera@anera.org)

*Web Site:* [www.anera.org](http://www.anera.org)

*Year established:* 1968

*Description:* ANERA reduces poverty and relieves suffering, thereby improving the lives of people in the Middle East. ANERA's projects improve communities throughout the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, and Jordan. It works closely with local institutions, such as schools, universities, health facilities, cooperatives, municipalities, grassroots committees, and charitable associations, and assists them in improving the community services they provide.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Formulates and implements projects in community and economic development, education, health services, and public education

-Provides relief in response to emergency needs in partnership with local institutions

*Officers:*

-Peter Gubser, President

-Philip Davies, Vice President

-Nina Dodge, Vice President

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## **The American Task Force for Lebanon (ATFL)**

**2213 M Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20037**

*Telephone Number:* 202-223-9333

*Fax Number:* 202-223-1399

*E-mail:* codytennis@aol.com

*Web Site:* www.atfl.org

*Year established:* 1987

*Description:* The ATFL is a non-profit organization that brings together a diverse group of Lebanese-Americans seeking to play a constructive role in re-establishing a stable and sovereign Lebanon, free of all foreign forces, as well as to encourage Lebanon's reconstruction process. The non-sectarian, non-partisan ATFL seeks to educate the American public, members of Congress, and US policy makers about Lebanon's geopolitical situation and urges full, normal relations between Lebanon and the US. The ATFL likewise advocates an increased commitment of US development and humanitarian assistance to Lebanon and support for American educational institutions in Lebanon. In addition, it endeavors to enhance Lebanon's image in the United States and to highlight the accomplishments of the Lebanese-American community.

### *Officers:*

-George T. Cody, Executive Director

-Thomas A. Nassif, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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## **American Task Force on Palestine (ATFP)**

**815 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1200, Washington,  
DC 20006**

*Telephone Number:* 202-887-0177

*Fax Number:* 202-887-1920

*Web Site:* www.americantaskforce.org

*Description:* ATFP is a non-profit organization advocating the national security interests of the United States in establishing an independent and viable Palestinian state as part of a peaceful and just two-state solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. ATFP plans to fulfill this mission of peace by coordinating the efforts of Americans of Palestinian heritage working with others in civic, educational, cultural, legal, economic, and political endeavors.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes online articles and makes public education efforts

*Officers :*

-Ziad J. Asali, President

-Rashid Khalidi, Vice President

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**The American Turkish Association of Washington, DC**  
**1526 18<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*E-mail:* info@atadc.org

*Web Site:* www.atadc.org

*Year established:* 1965

*Description:* The American Turkish Association of Washington, DC (ATA-DC) is a non-political, non-profit organization to promote better understanding between the American and Turkish peoples through social, educational, cultural and charitable activities. ATA-DC also initiates and carries out various community-service projects.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds "Turkish School" on Sundays to teach Turkish language and culture

-Conducts teachers' workshop to educate elementary and high school teachers about Turkey

-Sponsors Bayram luncheons with food, music, and dancing to celebrate Seker and Kurban holidays

-Publishes ATA newsletter (10 times a year)

-Houses a library

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## **The American-Turkish Council (ATC)**

**915 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-783-0483

*Fax Number:* 202-783-0511

*E-mail:* [atc@americanturkishcouncil.org](mailto:atc@americanturkishcouncil.org)

*Web Site:* [www.americanturkishcouncil.org](http://www.americanturkishcouncil.org)

*Year established:* 1992

*Description:* The ATC, a non-profit organization, is an enterprise dedicated to US-Turkish friendship and the promotion of commercial, defense, and cultural relations between the United States and Turkey.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides opportunities to network with business counterparts and government officials in Turkey, the US, and also in the Aegean and Black Sea regions, Caucasus, Central Asia, and the Middle East

-Advocates for industry issues with the Turkish and US governments

-Provides access to ATC's web-site, including a members-only section with links to other relevant sites and pertinent material on doing business in Turkey

-Holds annual conference in Washington, DC in the first quarter of the calendar year

-Offers political, economic/commercial, and defense briefings and cultural events

-Provides opportunities to advertise in the annual conference magazine and annual report, which are distributed to government officials in both the US and Turkey

-Publishes bulletin service for members

*Officers:*

-General Brent Scowcroft, Chairman of the Board

-G. Lincoln McCurdy, President

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## **The American University in Cairo**

**C/O AUC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 420 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New York, NY 10018**

*Telephone Number:* 202-333-0345

*Fax Number:* 202-333-0326

*E-mail:* Cynthia.anthony@verizon.net

*Web Site:* www.aucegypt.edu

*Year established:* 1919

*Description:* The American University in Cairo provides high quality educational opportunities to students from all segments of Egyptian society and from other countries, and contributes to Egypt's cultural and intellectual life. The university offers programs at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels as well as an extensive continuing education program. The language of instruction is English.

*Officers:*

-Cynthia M. Anthony, Washington Representative

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**American-Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce**  
**1800 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-828-4317

*Fax Number:* 202-659-7010

*E-mail:* [aucc@erols.com](mailto:aucc@erols.com)

*Web Site:* [www.auconline.com](http://www.auconline.com)

*Year established:* 1993

*Description:* The American-Uzbekistan Chamber of Commerce (AUCC) seeks to promote trade and investment ties, cultural exchanges, and bonds of friendship between the United States and the Republic of Uzbekistan. In performing these functions, AUCC places primary emphasis on serving the needs and interests of its members.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds monthly members meetings

-Publishes *AUCC Bulletin*

-Holds annual conference Washington, DC (even years) and in Tashkent (odd years)

*Officers:*

-James Cornell, President

-Carolyn B. Lamm, Vice President

-Mary Beth Donnelly, Treasurer

-Robert S. Pace, Executive Director

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**Americans for Peace Now (APN)**  
**1101 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-728-1893

*Fax Number:* 202-728-1895

*E-mail:* apndc@peacenow.org

*Web Site:* www.peacenow.org

*Year established:* 1982

*Description:* APN is a national membership organization affiliated with Peace Now (Shalom Achshav), the Israeli peace movement. Supporting a strong and secure Israel at peace with its neighbors, APN is the leading US advocate for peace in the Middle East. APN mobilizes grass-roots support among US citizens for the peace process. By demonstrating this support, and by working directly with decision makers and government officials, APN promotes US policies that further the peace process.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Sponsors tours and public meetings by prominent Israelis and Palestinians

-Publishes *Peace Now News* (quarterly newsletter); *Middle East Peace Report*; *Settlement Watch*; *Hard Questions*, and *Tough Answers* (Weekly Q & A)

*Officers:*

-Debra DeLee, President and CEO

-Luis Lainer, Chair

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## **Amnesty International (AI)**

**600 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003**

*Telephone Number:* 202-544-0200

*Fax Number:* 202-546-7142

*E-mail:* aiusama@aiusa.org

*Web Site:* www.amnesty.org, www.amnestyusa.org

*Year established:* 1961

*Description:* AI's mission is to undertake research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental



integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights. AI is independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion. It does not support or oppose any government, political system or the views of victims whose rights it seeks to protect. It is concerned solely with the impartial protection of human rights. The AIUSA is the US section of Amnesty International. The DC office works to influence US policy on human rights issues and to be the voice for AIUSA's concerns within the Washington policy community. AIUSA advocates with Middle Eastern and North African governments and mobilizes grassroots actions to promote human rights in the region.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Influences governments, officials, and other policy makers to effectuate human rights and humanitarian law
- Mobilizes members throughout the US and the world to take actions on human rights issues
- Sends letters, cards, and telegrams on behalf of the imprisoned and tortured to governments
- Conducts research and writes reports on human rights issues
- Publishes annual survey of human rights (by country) and briefing papers on countries; press releases, pamphlets, and congressional testimonies
- Collects signatures for petitions
- Publishes *Amnesty Action* (monthly newsletter) and an annual booklet on the level of US military security assistance to countries with high levels of human rights violations

*Officers:*

- Bill Schultz, Executive Director
  - Karen Hanrahan, Director of Advocacy for Middle East and North Africa
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## **Anti-Defamation League (ADL)**

**1100 Connecticut Avenue, Room 1020, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-452-8320

*Fax Number:* 202-296-2371

*E-mail:* [webmaster@adl.org](mailto:webmaster@adl.org)

*Web Site:* [www.adl.org](http://www.adl.org)

*Year established:* 1913

*Description:* ADL's prime objective is to counter assaults on the safety, status, rights, and image of Jews. It is concerned with maintaining the basic and traditional elements of Jewish religious and cultural life while striving for a positive image of Israel. The Washington office is ADL's liaison to Congress and the Executive Branch of the US Government.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *ADL on the Frontline* (monthly newsletter), International Reports, occasional reports and papers

*Officers:*

-Jess N. Hordes, Director of Washington, DC Regional Office

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## **Arab-American Business and Professional Association**

**6819 Elm Street, Suite 3, McLean, VA 22101-3831**

*Telephone Number:* 703-883-1994

*Fax Number:* 703-883-0346

*E-mail:* [abpa1@aol.com](mailto:abpa1@aol.com)

*Web Site:* [www.abpanetwork.org](http://www.abpanetwork.org)

*Year established:* 1985

*Description:* The Arab-American Business and Professional Association was established to promote the economic welfare of the Arab-American community, and to foster trade and investment between the US and the Arab world.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Holds seminars and banquets
- Publishes press releases on website

*Officers:*

-Fuad Sahouri, Founder and Chairman

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**Arab American Institute (AAI)**  
**1600 K Street, NW, Suite 601, Washington, DC 20006**

*Telephone Number:* 202-429-9210

*Fax Number:* 202-429-9214

*E-mail:* [aai@aaiusa.org](mailto:aai@aaiusa.org)

*Web Site:* [www.aaiusa.org](http://www.aaiusa.org)

*Year established:* 1985

*Description:* The AAI was founded to encourage Arab-American participation in electoral politics and to promote access to political parties. AAI provides practical training for participation in political campaigns and elections, and encourages voter registration and education. The Institute also serves as a national resource center for the media, government agencies, political leaders, and the public on domestic and foreign policy issues in which Arab Americans have an interest and concern. In 1989, the Institute helped organize the Arab American Leadership Council, a national network of more than 300 Americans of Arab descent who hold elected, appointed, or party positions.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Issues a bi-monthly information digest and occasional papers on US policy

in the Middle East

-Publishes *Countdown*, a weekly political update

-Houses a library that includes 5,000 books on the Middle East and Arab-American affairs. For visits, please call.

*Officers:*

-James J. Zogby, President

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## **Arab League Information Office**

**1100 17th Street, NW, Suite 602, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-265-3210

*Fax Number:* 202-331-1525

*E-mail:* arableague@aol.com

*Year established:* 1945

*Description:* The Arab League Information Office was established to improve understanding, develop cultural exchanges, and encourage tourism between the Arab world and the US.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides information, references, and publications regarding the Arab world and, specifically, the Arab League

-Holds a collection of 3,000 books covering the politics of the Middle East. For visits, please call

*Officers:*

-Hussein Hassouna, Chief Representative

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## **Arab Women's Council**

**PO Box 39181, Washington, DC 20016**

*Telephone Number:* 301-983-0405

*Fax Number:* 301-469-6303

*E-mail:* najatk@aol.com

*Year established:* 1982

*Description:* The Arab Women's Council is dedicated to fostering American understanding of Arab culture in general, and of Arab women in particular. To that effect, it initiates and supports educational and informational activities related to the history, culture, and peoples of the Arab world. In the early months of its existence, the council focused on the human suffering imposed on the Lebanese and Palestinian people as a result of the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon. In 1983, the Arab Women's Council Research and Education Fund (AWCR&EF) was established as a non-profit sister organization to promote international understanding between Arabs and Americans through sponsorship and delivery of cultural and educational programs with several countries in the Middle East.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Assists in finding documentation on the Middle East
- Hosts cultural events, lectures, and seminars for Arab-American women
- Holds annual conference
- Sponsors annual essay contest, "Arab-Israeli Conflict: A Solution," in which three high-school students win trips to the West Bank and Jordan

*Officers:*

- Najat Khelil, National President
  - Nuhad Ruggiero, Executive Secretary/Treasurer
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## **The Armenian Assembly of America (AAA)** 122 C Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20001

*Telephone Number:* 202-393-3434

*Fax Number:* 202-638-4904

*E-mail:* info@aaainc.org

*Web Site:* www.armenianassembly.org

*Year established:* 1972

*Description:* The Armenian Assembly of America, operating through its government affairs, public affairs, research and information, and grassroots programs, encourages involvement in the democratic process and promotes public understanding and awareness of Armenian issues. It also sponsors Armenian-American youth for professional internships in Washington, and Armenia. The Assembly believes in the universal doctrine of human and civil rights and defends the individual and collective rights of Armenians, encourages academic research, and seeks grants for projects. Headquartered in Washington, DC, the Assembly has offices in Los Angeles, Boston, Yerevan, Armenia and, Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *The Advocate; Armenia This Week; Assembly This Week; Nagorno Karabagh: A White Paper*

-Publishes *NGO Training and Resource Center Report, Basic Fact Sheets*, issues briefs, and Congressional Report Cards

*Officers:*

-Ross Vartian, Executive Director

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# **Armenian National Committee of America**

**888 17th Street, NW, Suite 904, Washington, DC 20006**

*Telephone Number:* 202-775-1918

*Fax Number:* 202-775-5648

*E-mail:* [anca@anca.org](mailto:anca@anca.org)

*Web Site:* [www.anca.org](http://www.anca.org)

*Year established:* 1918

*Description:* ANCA is a grass-roots organization with a network of regional affiliates throughout the United States and affiliated organizations throughout the world. As the most influential and largest Armenian-American political organization, ANCA is dedicated to the preservation and pursuit of Armenian heritage and rights, as well as the promotion of human and civil rights. The goals of ANCA are threefold: to foster public awareness in support of a free, united, and independent Armenia; to propose and guide public policy on matters of interest to the Armenian-American community including, but not limited to, overall human rights issues and Armenian political rights; and to represent a collective Armenian-American viewpoint on matters of public policy.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Initiates legislative efforts in support of human rights issues and supports legislation on issues of concern to the Armenian-American community, such as the Armenian genocide, reconstruction of earthquake-stricken Armenia, and self-determination for the people of Nagorno-Karabagh

-Participates in the electoral process at the federal, state, and local levels by educating elected officials on Armenian-American concerns and by providing Armenian-American voters with the information necessary to decide which candidates to support.

-Produces candidate questionnaires, congressional report cards, and federal election guides

-Monitors events relating to the Middle East with a view of assisting the Armenian communities in the region to continue their constructive roles

in the development of the countries in the region.

-Publishes *Transcaucasus: A Chronology*, press releases, fact sheets, and regional newsletters throughout the US

*Officers:*

-Aram Hamparian, Executive Director

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## **Asia Society - Washington Center**

**1800 K Street, NW, Suite 1102, Washington, DC 20006**

*Telephone Number:* 202-883-2742

*Fax Number:* 202-833-0189

*E-mail:* [Dcinfo@asiasoc.org](mailto:Dcinfo@asiasoc.org)

*Web Site:* [www.asiasociety.org](http://www.asiasociety.org)

*Year established:* 1970

*Description:* The Washington Center is a regional branch of the Asia Society. This educational organization provides a forum for discussion on the countries of East, Southeast, and South Asia, including Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, and the Pacific. Its programs and services often deal with cultural traditions, as well as contemporary affairs and relations with the US. Public lectures, briefings, thematic seminars, films, and publications are all projects of the center.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *Asia in Washington*, a monthly calendar of events listing Asia-related activities in the Washington metropolitan area

- Invites scholars and government officials for seminars and roundtables

-Publishes books, reports, and catalogues that span a broad range of topics in contemporary affairs, education, and the visual arts

*Officers:*



-Nicholas Platt, Asia Society, President  
-Joseph Snyder, Director, Asia Society Washington Center

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## **Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA)**

**1526 18th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-483-9090

*Fax Number:* 202-483-9092

*E-mail:* [assembly@ataa.org](mailto:assembly@ataa.org)

*Web Site:* [www.ataa.org](http://www.ataa.org)

*Year established:* 1979

*Description:* The founding principle of ATAA was the need to create cohesion and cooperation between the large numbers of social/cultural Turkish American organizations around the US. The Assembly's main goal is to be a link between all communities, large or small, and pursue their interests in Washington and beyond. The main objectives of ATAA are two-fold. One is to create an informed national Turkish American community that can help foster US-Turkish relations and take an active part in promoting a balanced and truthful picture of Turkey in the US. The other is to educate Americans in government, the media, and the public at large about Turkey and issues that concern us as Turkish Americans.

### *Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds educational programs on Turkish-American issues, including teacher workshops, cultural programs, media mailings, conferences, and the publication and dissemination of educational books focusing on Turkish history and culture

-Sponsors grass-roots programs, including a national media watch, anti-defamation campaigns, management workshops, and position papers for community activists

-Publishes *ATAA Clipboard* for member organizations, ATAA Online electronic bulletin board, and community networking for businesses

-Hosts public relations programs, including Turkish-American Heritage Week, and programs for visitors to the US who are involved in Turkish-American issues; an information clearinghouse on Turkish-American issues; establishing ties between American and Turkish schools; detailed reports on selected political items of interest to Turkish-Americans.

-Publishes *Turkish Times*, "*The Turkish World*," and *Showcase* (annual magazine)

*Officers:*

-Ercument Kilic, President

-Deniz Sevgili, Assistant Director of Public Affairs

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## **Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS)**

**PO Box 669, Herndon, VA 20172**

*Telephone Number:* 703-471-1133

*Fax Number:* 703-471-3922

*E-mail:* [coordinator@amss.net](mailto:coordinator@amss.net)

*Web Site:* [www.amss.net](http://www.amss.net)

*Year established:* 1972

*Description:* AMSS strives to serve the interests of Muslim scholars by bringing them into contact with one another and providing a forum to promote Islamic perspectives on issues concerning Muslim communities that will contribute to the prosperity of Muslims around the world and to the betterment of humanity.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Hosts annual national interdisciplinary conferences, discipline council conferences, seminars, symposia, and Washington, DC Area Forum meet-

ings, seminars

-Publishes *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (AJISS)*, quarterly journal published jointly with the International Institute of Islamic Thought

*Officers:*

-Muqtadir Khan, President

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## **Association on Third World Affairs**

**1717 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-973-0157

*Fax Number:* 202-775-7465

*E-mail:* info@atwa.org

*Web Site:* www.atwa.org

*Year established:* 1967

*Description:* The primary purpose of the Association on Third World Affairs is to promote understanding and active cooperation between the US and developing countries through the presentation of all facts and points of view. The Association serves as a clearinghouse, bringing various groups and individuals together to work on projects relevant to the Third World, and informing interested people about pertinent programs. The Association deals actively with the Middle East in its referral capacity and as a sponsor of seminars and conferences, such as the Capitol Hill conferences.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Sponsors and co-sponsors a number of meetings and speakers that deal with the Middle East

-Publishes occasional papers and reports of Capitol Hill conferences

*Officers:*

-Lorna Hahn, Executive Director

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**The Atatürk Society of America (ASA)**  
**4731 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20016**

*Telephone Number:* 202-362-7173  
*Fax Number:* 202-363-4075  
*E-mail:* ataturksociety@earthlink.net  
*Web Site:* www.ataturksociety.org

*Year established:*

*Description:* The Atatürk Society of America is an independent non-profit organization founded in Washington, DC, in 1995 with the objective of promoting Atatürk's political legacy as a contribution to freedom and peace.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Publishes *Voice of Atatürk* (quarterly)
  - Organizes scholarly lectures, grants research fellowships
  - Maintains a resource and reference center, makes representations regarding the benefits of Atatürk's political principles for world prosperity and peace
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**Atlantic Council**  
**910 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006**

*Telephone Number:* 202-463-7226  
*Fax Number:* 202-463-7241  
*E-mail:* info@www.acus.org  
*Web Site:* www.acus.org

*Year established:* 1961

*Description:* The Atlantic Council promotes constructive US leadership and

engagement in international affairs based on the central role of the Atlantic community in meeting the international challenges of the 21st century. The program on international security examines US relationships with allies and adversaries in various regions, including the Middle East, in an effort to build consensus around policies that contribute to a more stable, secure, and well-governed world.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Stimulates dialogue and discussion about critical international issues with a view to enriching public debate
- Offers educational and exchange programs
- Publishes policy papers, occasional papers, bulletins, and books

*Officers:*

- Christopher J. Makins, President

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**Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**  
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*Fax Number:* 202-483-1840

*E-mail:* [info@ceip.org](mailto:info@ceip.org)

*Web Site:* [www.ceip.org](http://www.ceip.org)

*Year established:* 1910

*Description:* The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cooperation between nations and promoting active international engagement by the United States. Its work is nonpartisan and dedicated to achieving practical results. Through research, publishing, convening, and on occasion, creating new institutions and international networks, Endowment associates shape fresh policy approaches. The Endowment's research projects are grouped in three ar-

eas – the Global Policy Program, Russian and Eurasian Program, and China Program. The Global Policy Programs includes the Middle East Political Reform Initiative.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *Foreign Policy*, a bimonthly magazine of global politics, economics, and ideas; *Pro et Contra*, a quarterly journal in Russian; *Arab Reform Bulletin*, addressing political reform in the Middle East; other books, monographs, working papers, and policy briefs

-Hosts Carnegie International Nonproliferation Conference, each research program hosts a range of meetings and conferences

*Officers:*

- Jessica Tuchman Mathews, President
- Paul Balaran, Executive Vice President
- George Perkovich, Vice President for Studies
- Carmen MacDougall, Vice President for Communications

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## **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**

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*Fax Number:* 410-685-1635

*E-mail:* [webmaster@catholicrelief.org](mailto:webmaster@catholicrelief.org)

*Web Site:* [www.catholicrelief.org](http://www.catholicrelief.org)

*Year established:* 1943

*Description:* CRS is the official overseas relief and development agency of the American Catholic community. It is an organization of the United States Catholic Conference, the social action agency of the US Catholic Bishops. CRS operates in more than 70 countries overseas in order to stimulate self-sufficiency through community development and to alleviate suffering during emergencies. CRS operates various programs in Egypt, Jerusalem/West Bank/Gaza, Morocco, Pakistan, and Sudan, among oth-

ers worldwide.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Provides emergency relief during natural disasters and man-made crises
- Holds development programs to promote self-sufficiency in the areas of food production, health and nutrition, water and sanitation, and income-generating projects

*Officers:*

-Kenneth F. Hackett, President

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## **Cato Institute**

**1000 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001**

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*Fax Number:* 202-842-3490

*E-mail:* [media@cato.org](mailto:media@cato.org)

*Web Site:* [www.cato.org](http://www.cato.org)

*Year established:* 1977

*Description:* The Cato Institute is a non-profit, educational foundation dedicated to broadening the parameters of policy debate to allow consideration of options that are consistent with the traditional American principles of limited government, individual liberty, and peace. Scholars at the Cato Institute have conducted significant research on US foreign policy towards a number of countries in the Middle East including Iraq and Afghanistan.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes policy analysis studies and foreign policy briefing papers; *Cato Policy Report* (bimonthly); *Cato Journal* (quarterly); *Regulation* (quarterly magazine)

-Holds conferences, forums, and seminars

*Officers:*

-Edward H. Crane, President

-William A. Niskanen, Chairman

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**Center for Contemporary Arab Studies  
(CCAS), Georgetown University**

**Georgetown University, 241 Intercultural Center, Washington,  
DC 20057-1020**

*Telephone Number:* 202-687-5793

*Fax Number:* 202-687-7001

*E-mail:* ccasinfo@georgetown.edu

*Web Site:* www.ccasonline.org

*Year established:* 1975

*Description:* An integral part of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies offers a Master of Arts degree in Arab studies, as well as graduate and undergraduate certificate programs. Its academic programs are enhanced by a public affairs program that includes a lecture and seminar series, an annual symposium, and conversations with distinguished guests. The work of the center is augmented by a research and publications program, a community resource service that disseminates information on the Arab world to primary and secondary school educators and community groups, and a news media information service.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Hosts public affairs programs including an annual distinguished lecture, weekly lectures, and special events such as film series, poetry readings, and other cultural events, all open to the public

-Holds annual symposium featuring US and international experts discuss-



ing a topic of major importance to the Arab world

-Provides community resource services such as teacher workshops and basic information to pre-collegiate educators and community groups

-Houses news media information service which refers media to faculty experts regarding major news events affecting the Arab world

-Publishes newsletter (quarterly); books, reports, monographs, and other collections on vital issues

*Officers:*

-Michael C. Hudson, Director

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## **CHF International**

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*Telephone Number:* 301-587-4700

*Fax Number:* 301-587-7315

*E-mail:* mailbox@chfhq.org

*Web Site:* www.chfhq.org

*Year established:* 1952

*Description:* CHF International serves as a catalyst for long-lasting positive change in low and moderate-income communities around the world, helping to improve housing conditions, economic circumstances, and environments. CHF works with a wide range of organizations to develop systems, policies, and practices that increase access to affordable housing, community services, and finance.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes CHF newsbriefs

-Publishes program reports

*Officers:*

-Michael Doyle, President and CEO

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**The Center for International Development  
and Conflict Management (CIDCM)**

**University of Maryland, 0145 Tydings Hall, College Park,  
MD 20742-7231**

*Telephone Number:* 301-314-7703

*Fax Number:* 301-314-9256

*E-mail:* [cidcm@cidcm.umd.edu](mailto:cidcm@cidcm.umd.edu)

*Web Site:* [www.cidcm.umd.edu](http://www.cidcm.umd.edu)

*Year established:* 1982

*Description:* The CIDCM is a research and service organization under the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences of the University of Maryland at College Park. Scholars pursue a variety of subjects including ethno-political conflict, protracted social conflict, human rights, data collection on global conflict, and demographics. The center approaches conflict management with a vision that involves collaborative community and nation building, social and economic justice, and acceptance of diversity and pluralism. The center serves as the host of the Baha'i Chair for World Peace.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides host facilities for scholarly research projects such as the Minorities at Risk Project, Polity IV Project, and the International Crisis Behavior Project

-Publishes biennial *Peace and Conflict* which details major trends in armed conflict, self-determination movements, and democracy from 1946 to the present

-Hosts seminars and informal lectures by visiting scholars including those dealing with the Middle East

*Officers:*

- Jonathan Wilkenfeld, Director
  - Betsy Klelman, Deputy Director
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## **Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation**

**633 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004**

*Telephone Number:* 202-624-0850

*Fax Number:* 202-624-0855

*E-mail:* [info@centerpeace.org](mailto:info@centerpeace.org)

*Web Site:* [www.centerpeace.org](http://www.centerpeace.org)

*Year established:* 1989

*Description:* The Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation brings Middle Eastern policy makers, American government officials, and international business leaders together to help provide an atmosphere that encourages a peaceful resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Activities include extensive travel in the region, diplomatic exchanges, and conferences featuring Middle Eastern and American leaders seeking peace. The Center is a private, non-profit, non-partisan organization.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *Middle East Week in Review* (weekly summary of major events in the region via e-mail)

*Officers:*

- S. Daniel Abraham, Chairman
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**Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding  
(CMCU), Georgetown University**

**Georgetown University, 37th & O Streets, NW, Washington,  
DC 20057**

*Telephone Number:* 202-687-8375

*Fax Number:* 202-687-8376

*E-mail:* cmcu@georgetown.edu

*Web Site:* cmcu.georgetown.edu

*Year established:* 1993

*Description:* The Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding was created by Georgetown University and the Fondation pour l'Entente entre Chretiens et Muslumans in Geneva to achieve a better understanding between Islam and Christianity and between the Muslim world and the West.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *The Journal of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* (quarterly)

-Produces occasional paper series

*Officers:*

-John L. Esposito, Director and University Professor

-John Voll, Associate Director and Professor

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**The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assess-  
ments (CSBA)**

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*Fax Number:* 202-331-8019

*E-mail:* info@csbaonline.org

*Web Site:* [www.csbaonline.org](http://www.csbaonline.org)

*Year established:* 1984

*Description:* The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments is an independent, non-profit public policy research institute established to promote innovative thinking about defense planning and investment strategies for the 21st century. CSBA provides timely, objective information to policymakers, opinion leaders, the media, and defense professionals in the United States and abroad. CSBA brings databased analyses and cutting-edge assessment techniques to its research on military strategy and policy, defense budgets and programs, weapon systems and critical technologies, military personnel and readiness, military revolutions and future warfare, and transformation of the military and defense industry.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Publishes congressional staff briefing series, defense budget forum series
- Holds strategic planning workshops and seminars, resource for the media, and public education and outreach programs

*Officers:*

- Andrew F. Krepinevich, Executive Director
- Richard Danzig, Chairman of Board of Directors

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## **Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)**

**1800 K Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20006**

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*Fax Number:* 202-775-3199

*E-mail:* [info@csis.org](mailto:info@csis.org)

*Web Site:* [www.csis.org](http://www.csis.org)

*Year established:* 1962

*Description:* A public policy research institution dedicated to analysis and policy impact, CSIS is the only institution that maintains resident experts on all the world's major geographic locations. The Center conducts research in the areas of Africa, the Americas, Asia, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Russia, Eurasia, Europe, domestic policy, energy and national security, Islamic studies, international business and economics, international communications, political military studies, preventive diplomacy, global organized crime, new global economy, and environment. Research findings and policy recommendations are disseminated through conferences and a variety of publications to policy makers, opinion leaders and academic experts. CSIS has research departments that focus on the Maghreb, the Middle East, South Asia, and Turkey.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Hosts the Middle East Studies Program, regular study group for members of Congress
  
- Holds briefings for international corporate clientele
  
- Holds Middle East seminars and conferences and quarterly meetings providing scholarly input and professionally directed discussion
  
- Publishes *The Washington Quarterly*; *The Washington Papers* and *Significant Issues* series, *CSIS Newsletter*, *Congressional Issues Update*, *CSIS Watch*, and *CSIS Report* (10-15 per year)

*Officers:*

- John J. Hamre, President and CEO
  - John Alterman, Director of Middle East Program
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## Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (CSID)

1050 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036

*Telephone Number:* 202-772-2022

*Fax Number:* 202-846-0629

*E-mail:* [feedback@islam-democracy.org](mailto:feedback@islam-democracy.org)

*Web Site:* [www.islam-democracy.org](http://www.islam-democracy.org)

Year established: 1999

**Description:** The Center for the Study of Islam & Democracy is a non-profit organization dedicated to studying Islamic and democratic political thought and merging them into a modern Islamic democratic discourse. The organization was founded by a diverse group of academicians, professionals, and activists—both Muslim and non-Muslim—from around the USA who agree on the need for the study and dissemination of reliable information on this complex topic. The organization has no agenda other than the production and dissemination of rigorous research into Islam and democracy; however, its members are united in the conviction that this subject has been widely misunderstood both in the West and the Muslim world, and that this fact has caused much *fitnah* (discord) among Muslims and continues to hamper attempts at cross-cultural dialogue today.

### *Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Sponsors regular lectures by prominent authorities on Islam and democracy
- Publishes *Muslim Democrat*, a quarterly newsletter for members
- Organizes annual conference on themes relating to Islam and democracy
- Holds workshops, seminars, and conferences in Muslim countries (including Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Yemen, Turkey, Iran, Nigeria etc.)

### *Officers:*

- Radwan Masmoudi, President
  - Aziz Sachedina, Chairman of the Board
  - Louay Safi, Director of Research
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## **Center for the Study of Israel and the Contemporary Middle East**

**Baltimore Hebrew University, 5800 Park Heights Ave.,  
Baltimore, MD 21215**

*Telephone Number:* 410-578-6921

*E-mail:* freedman@bhu.edu

*Year established:* 1978

*Description:* The Center offers credit courses on Israel and the Middle East as well as periodic international conferences on the Middle East.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Offers academic classes

*Officers:*

- Robert O. Freedman, Director
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## **The Central Asia-Caucasus Institute - Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)**

**1619 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 734, Washington,  
DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-663-7721

*Fax Number:* 202-663-7785



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*Year Established:* 1996

*Description:* The Central Asia-Caucasus Institute has grown to be the primary institution in the Washington area for the study of the Caucasus, Central Asia and the Caspian Region. The institute aspires to conduct impartial research on the region; to act as a forum for policymakers both in Washington and abroad; to act as a 'switchboard' of resources and information concerning the Central Asia-Caucasus region; and to provide access for its sponsors in business to relevant expertise on the region.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *The Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*, a bi-weekly web-journal, freely available at <http://www.cacianalyst.org>

*Officers:*

-S. Frederick Starr, Chairman

-Charles H. Fairbanks, Director

-Svante E. Cornell, Deputy Director and Editor of the CACI Analyst

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## **The Children of War**

**6320 Augusta Drive, Suite 501, Springfield, VA 22510**

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*E-mail:* [tcow94@msn.com](mailto:tcow94@msn.com)

*Web Site:* [www.thechildrenofwar.org](http://www.thechildrenofwar.org)

*Year established:* 1994

*Description:* The Children of War Organization (TCOW) is dedicated to providing a measure of relief and comfort to the unfortunate children and widows of war around the world. It establishes feasible programs and projects in order to assist victims in resettling in their native communities and in starting a new life with renewed hope for a better future. TCOW is

particularly active in Afghanistan running educational, social, and professional training programs in that country.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Sponsors humanitarian projects in Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Conducts educational and professional training

*Officers:*

- Najib Aziz, President
- Karim Ali, Chairman of the Board
- Aziz Ansary, Programs Director
- Rauf Azizi, Director of Afghanistan Program

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## **Churches for Middle East Peace**

**110 Maryland Avenue, NE, # 311, Washington, DC 20002-7332**

*Telephone Number:* 202-543-1222

*Fax Number:* 202-543-5025

*E-mail:* [cmep@cmep.org](mailto:cmep@cmep.org)

*Web Site:* [www.cmep.org](http://www.cmep.org)

*Year established:* 1984

*Description:* Through Churches for Middle East Peace, member church offices coordinate their advocacy work on Middle East issues. The principal advocacy concerns are the avoidance and resolution of armed conflicts, human rights, foreign aid, arms transfers, and the unique status of Jerusalem. The member organizations are the Alliance of Baptists, American Friends Service Committee, Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, Roman Catholic Conference of Major Superiors of Men's Institutes, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Church of the Brethren, Church World Service, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Franciscan Mission Service, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Maryknoll Missioners, Mennonite Central Committee, National Council of Churches, Presbyterian Church (USA), Reformed Church in America, Unitarian Uni-

versalist Association, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist Church.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Lobbies Congress and the Executive Branch

-Publishes quarterly newsletter and *Middle East Human Rights Advocacy Handbook*

*Officers:*

-Corinne Whitlatch, Director

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## **Council for International Exchange of Scholars**

**3007 Tilden Street, NW, Suite 5-L, Washington, DC  
20008-3009**

*Telephone Number:* 202-686-4000

*Fax Number:* 202-362-3442

*E-mail:* [scholars@cies.iiie.org](mailto:scholars@cies.iiie.org)

*Web Site:* [www.cies.org](http://www.cies.org)

*Year established:* 1947

*Description:* The Council for International Exchange of Scholars, under a grant from the United States Information Agency, cooperates in the administration of the Fulbright Scholar Program for lecturing and research abroad. Approximately 700 awards in more than 130 countries are available to US scholars in all academic and professional fields. Programs for the Middle East include a Middle East/South Asia Regional Research Program and individual programs in Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Gaza, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the West Bank, and Yemen. The program also brings some 700 foreign scholars to the US each year to

conduct research and lecture.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Selects faculty for grants, supply grants in exchange program, place scholars from abroad, and administers grants

-Administers Fulbright Scholar Program: Grants for US Faculty and Professionals (annually)

-Publishes *Directory of Visiting Fulbright Scholars*, *Directory of American Fulbright Scholars* and Guidelines for Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Proposals

*Officers:*

-Patti McGill Peterson, Executive Director

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**Council for the National Interest (CNI)**  
**1511 K Street, NW, Suite 1043, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-863-2951

*Fax Number:* 202-863-2952

*E-mail:* count@igc.org

*Web Site:* www.cnionline.org

*Year established:* 1989

*Description:* The Council for the National Interest is a grass-roots political action organization working on peace in the Middle East and the normalization of relations among the United States, Israel, and the Arab world. It seeks to broaden both public understanding of the Middle East and to highlight rational choices for policymakers consistent with American values and interests. CNI believes that a real peace in the Middle East can only be reached when the occupation of Arab lands ends and self-determination is achieved by the Palestinian people. Peace must be accompanied by sharp reductions in weapons going into the area, and a turn toward regional economic and water resources-development and sharing.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Lobbies Congress accompanied by media campaigns and issue seminars
- Hosts speakers bureau and panels for foreign aid groups
- Offers internships
- Publishes newsletters and research papers with advertisements in national magazines and newspapers on issues

*Officers:*

- Paul Findley, Chairman
  - Eugene Bird, President
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## **Council of Lebanese American Organizations (CLAO)**

**4401-A Connecticut Avenue #273, Washington, DC 20008**

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*E-mail:* [clao@lebanon-world.org](mailto:clao@lebanon-world.org)

*Web Site:* [www.clao.com](http://www.clao.com)

*Year established:* 1989

*Description:* The Council of Lebanese American Organizations is a federation of local, regional, and national organizations representing the aspirations of 3 million Americans of Lebanese decent. CLAO acts to promote ties of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Lebanon based on principles of democracy and human rights. CLAO works to further the cause of freedom and sovereignty for Lebanon commencing with the immediate, complete, and unconditional withdrawal of all foreign occupation forces from Lebanese territory. CLAO is committed to a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Publishes *Lebanon File*, (primarily intended for Congress, policymakers, politicians, and the media), perspectives, and newsletter
- Publishes *Adonis*, a collection of press clippings and international reports on Lebanon in various languages
- Houses video library on Lebanon in both English and Arabic
- Monitors and lobbies Congress, the Executive Branch, and relevant agencies and grass-roots educational projects, political action seminars, and media campaigns
- Provides humanitarian aid for Lebanon

*Officers:*

- Nabil Sahlani, Chairman
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## **Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)**

**453 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003-4034**

*Telephone Number:* 202-488-8787

*Fax Number:* 202-488-0833

*E-mail:* [cair@cair-net.org](mailto:cair@cair-net.org)

*Web Site:* [www.cair-net.org](http://www.cair-net.org)

*Year established:* 1994

*Description:* The Council on American-Islamic Relations is a non-profit, grassroots, civil rights, and advocacy group. As America's largest Islamic civil liberties group, with regional offices nationwide and in Canada, CAIR works to promote a positive and accurate image of Islam and the Muslim community. Through education, advocacy, media relations, and lobbying, CAIR puts forth an Islamic perspective to ensure that the Muslim voice is

represented. In offering that perspective, CAIR seeks to empower the American Muslim community and encourage their participation in political and social activism.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Civil rights advocates counsel and mediate on behalf of those who have experienced religious discrimination, defamation, or hate crimes

-Conducts and organizes lobbying efforts related to Islam and the Muslim community

-Issues *Action Alerts*, sponsors [www.cair.biglist.com/cair-net/](http://www.cair.biglist.com/cair-net/), an e-mail list to disseminate information about the Muslim community

-Publishes pieces addressing the needs and rights of American Muslims such as guides for employers, educators, healthcare providers, and law enforcement

*Officers:*

-Omar Ahmad, Chairman of the Board

-Nihad Awad, Executive Director

-Ibrahim Hooper, National Communications Director

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## **Council on Foreign Relations**

**1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

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*Fax Number:* 202-416-5547

*E-mail:* [jkipper@cfr.org](mailto:jkipper@cfr.org)

*Web Site:* [www.cfr.org](http://www.cfr.org)

*Year established:* 1921

*Description:* The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is a non-partisan membership organization, research center, and publisher. It is dedicated to increasing America's understanding of the world and contributing ideas

to US foreign policy. The Council accomplishes this mainly by promoting constructive discussions both in private and in public, and by publishing *Foreign Affairs*, the leading journal on global issues. The Council is host to the widest possible range of views, but an advocate of none, though its research fellows and independent task forces do take policy stands. The Council on Foreign Relations aims to enhance the quality of study and debate on world issues, develop new generations of thinkers and leaders, and help meet international challenges by generating concrete and workable ideas. CFR has programs dedicated exclusively to the study of the Middle East.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Hosts roundtables on the Middle East and Islam
  
- Houses the US/Middle East Project - to advance the peace process in the Middle East in both its political and economic dimensions
  
- Hosts the Middle East Forum and the Energy Security Group

*Officers:*

- Peter G. Peterson, Chairman of the Board
- Richard N. Haas, President
- Judith Kipper, Director of Middle East Forum

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## **Counterpart International**

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*Fax Number:* 202-296-9679

*E-mail:* [communications@counterpart.org](mailto:communications@counterpart.org)

*Web Site:* [www.counterpart.org](http://www.counterpart.org)

*Year established:* 1965

*Description:* Counterpart International is a non-profit international human development organization founded as the Foundation for the Peoples of



the South Pacific. Counterpart International is headquartered in Washington, DC and works in more than 60 countries some of which are located in Central Asia and the Middle East. Recently, Counterpart International has received a \$1.7 million grant from the US State Department and leveraged it into more than \$10 million worth of medical and other humanitarian supplies for Iraq.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds various programs in the fields of humanitarian assistance, civil society, environment and conservation, enterprise development, health and child development, and food and security

*Officers:*

-Lelei LeLaulu, President and CEO

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**The Dialogue Project, Paul H. Nitze School of  
Advanced International Studies (SAIS)**

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DC 20036**

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*Web Site:* [www.dialogueproject.sais-jhu.edu](http://www.dialogueproject.sais-jhu.edu)

*Description:* The Dialogue Project is a multi-year initiative designed to promote— in a primarily cultural context— the development of democracy and human rights in the Muslim world. In doing so, the Dialogue Project also hopes to educate those in non-Muslim communities— whether they be policy makers, scholars, development professionals, members of the media, or ordinary citizens— in the complexities and contradictions that govern both Western relationships with, and life in, many predominantly Muslim societies around the world.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes articles

-Holds Forums and conferences

-Hosts the Literary Cafe to recommend and discuss books dealing with the wide variety of topics covered by the Dialogue Project

*Officers:*

-Azar Nafisi, Director

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## **Dumbarton Oaks**

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*Web Site:* [www.doaks.org](http://www.doaks.org)

*Year established:*1940

*Description:* Dumbarton Oaks, which includes three research centers in the fields of Byzantine studies, pre-Columbian studies, and studies in the history of landscape architecture, was conveyed to Harvard University in 1940. The Byzantine Studies Program promotes an integrated approach to the study of Byzantine civilization. Multidisciplinary research is conducted as well as organization of public lectures, symposia, and seminars. Publication of work done by its own scholars and by other authors is a major focus of Dumbarton Oaks' work. The Dumbarton Oaks Byzantine library encompasses all aspects of Byzantine civilization as well as antecedent and contemporary cultures that influenced or were influenced by Byzantium. Much of the collection falls within the realm of Middle East studies. Qualified researchers should contact the Director of Byzantine Studies for access.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Houses collection of Byzantine objects, pre-Columbian objects, books related to the history of landscape architecture, and photographs

-Hosts research center, fellowships in the areas of Byzantine, pre-Columbian, and landscape architecture studies

-Holds discussions and public lectures

*Officers:*

-Edward L. Keenan, Director

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**Education for Peace in Iraq Center (EPIC)**  
**1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003**

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*Fax Number:* 202-543-0725

*E-mail:* [info@epic-usa.org](mailto:info@epic-usa.org)

*Web Site:* [www.epic-usa.org](http://www.epic-usa.org)

*Year established:*1998

*Description:* The Education for Peace in Iraq Center is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to improving humanitarian conditions in Iraq and defending the human rights of the Iraqi people. EPIC works toward these objectives through the education and involvement of Americans in a national dialogue about Iraq

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Executes humanitarian and peace campaigns

-Hosts Iraq Speakers Bureau at [www.iraqspeakers.org](http://www.iraqspeakers.org)

-Sponsors Faces of Iraq Photo Exhibit at [www.facesofiraq.org](http://www.facesofiraq.org) and Iraq Forums at [www.epic-usa.org/epicevents/iraqforum.php](http://www.epic-usa.org/epicevents/iraqforum.php)

-Publishes *EPIC Alerts*

*Officers:*

-Erik Gustafson, Executive Director

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*Web Site:* <http://www.theestimate.com>

*Year Established:* 1989

*Description:* A biweekly newsletter dealing with the Islamic world and its neighbors in the Middle East and North Africa, South and Central Asia. Open-source intelligence and background information on personalities, institutions, and events for the corporate or government reader needing background and analysis that goes beyond the daily press.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *The Estimate* (bi-weekly)

*Officers:*

-Michael Collins Dunn, Editor

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**Eurasia Foundation**  
**1350 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-234-7370

*Fax Number:* 202-234-7377

*E-mail:* [eurasia@eurasia.org](mailto:eurasia@eurasia.org)

*Web Site:* [www.eurasia.org](http://www.eurasia.org)

*Year established:* 1992

*Description:* The Eurasia Foundation is a privately managed grant-making and operating organization dedicated to funding programs that build democratic and free market institutions in the twelve New Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union — Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Offers grants

*Officers:*

-Charles William Maynes, President

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## **Foundation for Iranian Studies**

**4343 Montgomery Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814**

*Telephone Number:* 301-657-1990

*Fax Number:* 301-657-1983

*E-mail:* [fis@fis-iran.org](mailto:fis@fis-iran.org)

*Web Site:* [www.fis-iran.org](http://www.fis-iran.org)

*Year established:* 1982

*Description:* The Foundation for Iranian Studies is an educational and research center dedicated to the preservation, study, and transmission of the cultural heritage of Iran. The foundation supports research and publications in the field of Iranian studies and serves as an information center for scholars and all who seek to understand Persian history and culture. The foundation is non-partisan and non-political in its work.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Houses reference library, documentation center, and Persian literary texts

- Houses oral history program recording contemporary history of Iran through interviews in the fields of literature, art, politics, economics, women's movements, labor, and political opposition groups
- Offers grants to individuals and institutions for research on Iranian studies
- Organizes art exhibits and concerts
- Collects and makes available the latest research on Iranian women and houses the Women's Learning Partnership, an international, non-governmental organization that works to empower women and girls in the Global South, especially in Muslim majority countries, to re-imagine and re-structure their roles in their families, communities, and societies
- Publishes *Iran Nameh* (quarterly journal)

*Officers:*

- Mahnaz Afkhami, Executive Director

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**Foundation for Middle East Peace (FMEP)**  
**1763 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-835-3650

*Fax Number:* 202-385-3651

*E-mail:* [info@fmep.org](mailto:info@fmep.org)

*Web Site:* [www.fmep.org](http://www.fmep.org)

*Year established:*1980

*Description:* The purpose of the Foundation for Middle East Peace is to promote a just and secure peace between Israel and Palestine. The Foundation pursues this goal through information and advocacy programs, sponsorship of speakers, research programs, and work with the media. The Foundation also provides grants to Israeli, Palestinian, American, and other organizations that are working for peace.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Offers grants and public speaking
- Conducts research
- Publishes *Report on Israeli Settlement in the Occupied Territories* (bi-monthly)

*Officers:*

- Philip C. Wilcox, Jr., President
  - Geoffrey Aronson, Director, Research and Publications; Editor
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**FreeMuslim Association, Inc.**

**1220 L. Street, NW, Suite 100-404, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-415-1989

*Fax Number:* 202-318-7701

*E-mail:* freemuslim@freemuslim.org

*Web Site:* www.freemuslim.org

*Year established:* 1984

*Description:* The FreeMuslim Association is a humanitarian independent, Islamic assembly advocating the non-violence slogan which is originally Islamic, though many have tried to deprive Islam of this trait. It aims at defending the essence of Islam, to promote dialogue and acceptance of the others' opinions in the Muslim community objectively in pursuit of truth.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Publishes books on Islamic thought, in English, Arabic, and French

*Officers:*

- Shiek Mohamed Taqi Baqer
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## **Friends of Morocco**

**PO Box 2579, Washington, DC 20013-2579**

*Telephone Number:* 703-660-9292

*E-mail:* tresch@att.net

*Web Site:* www.friendsofmorocco.org

*Description:* Friends of Morocco (FOM), active since 1988, is an organization of Americans, mostly returned Peace Corps volunteers (RPCVs), with experience in Morocco and with Moroccans in America united with an interest in promoting educational, cultural, charitable, social, literary, and scientific exchanges between Morocco and the United States of America.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes newsletter, annual meeting, reunions, seminars and special Moroccan arts and craft showings

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## **Friends of Tunisia**

**PO Box 25245, Washington, DC 20007**

*Telephone Number:* 202-526-0897

*E-mail:* fotrpcv@yahoo.com

*Year established:*1988

*Description:* FOT is a membership organization composed mainly, but not exclusively, of former Peace Corps volunteers in Tunisia. FOT has members in over 25 US states and is affiliated with the National Peace Corps Association.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Offers small financial grants to worthy causes and organizations in Tunisia, such as a recent grant that went to a school/hospital for autistic children in Sfax

-Publishes four-page newsletter published four times a year for distribution primarily by e-mail



-Hosts occasional social events, primarily in Washington, DC area

*Officers:*

- Phil Jones, President
  - Gary Garrison, Treasurer
  - Bonny Tyler, Secretary
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## **Hariri Foundation**

**7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 715, Bethesda, MD 20814**

*Telephone Number:* 301-656-1666

*Fax Number:* 301-656-1613

*E-mail:* mailbox@haririfoundationusa.org

*Web Site:* www.haririfoundationusa.org

*Year established:* 1985

*Description:* Founded by businessman, philanthropist, and statesman, His Excellency Prime Minister Rafiq B. al-Hariri, the Hariri Foundation supports the academic and technical training of Lebanese students, enabling them to meet the future employment demands of Lebanon. The goal of this non-political, non-denominational foundation is to help build the human resources of Lebanon through education.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides academic guidance for students and offers job referrals and student sponsorship

-Publishes *Hariri-Gram* (newsletter)

*Officers:*

- Rafic A. Bizri, President
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## **Help the Afghan Children (HTAC)**

**8603 Westwood Center Drive, Suite 230, Vienna, VA 22182**

*Telephone Number:* 703-848-0407

*Fax Number:* 703-848-0408

*E-mail:* [info@helptheafghanchildren.org](mailto:info@helptheafghanchildren.org)

*Web Site:* [www.helptheafghanchildren.org](http://www.helptheafghanchildren.org)

*Year established:* 1993

*Description:* HTAC has supported an average of 160,000 individuals annually through education and vocational training programs, primary health clinics, home-based school for girls, and over twenty relief missions to help displaced persons, drought and earthquake victims, and refugee populations. Registered with the government of Afghanistan as a National Afghan NGO, our current mission is to help Afghan children become educated, healthy, and productive citizens who are able to contribute fully to building Afghanistan's civil society. Focusing out efforts on the educational system, we accomplish our goals by working with supporting partners to establish model community-based schools in different regions in Afghanistan. We train local educators to enhance their professional capacities and have developed and implemented innovative learnings programs.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *Voice of Innocence* newsletter and annual reports

*Officers:*

-Suraya Sadeed, Executive Director

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## **The Heritage Foundation**

**214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4999**

*Telephone Number:* 202-546-4400

*Fax Number:* 202-675-1758

*E-mail:* [info@heritage.org](mailto:info@heritage.org)

*Web Site:* www.heritage.org

*Year established:* 1973

*Description:* The Heritage Foundation is a research organization that analyzes and disseminates information on foreign and domestic public policy issues from a conservative point of view. The foundation has a permanent staff of researchers as well as resident and associate scholars. The US Congress is the primary audience for Heritage publications, briefings, lectures, and seminars. Each year the foundation publishes 12 to 15 papers on US policy vis-à-vis Middle Eastern security and foreign policy issues.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Maintains the Resource Bank, the country's oldest and largest network of conservative organizations

-Arranges testimony for congressional committees

-Houses the Asian Studies Center

-Publishes executive memos; *The Index of Economic Freedom*, backgrounders; *Critical Issues* series; *Heritage Today*, quarterly report on the foundation's activities

*Officers:*

-Edwin J. Feulner, President

-James Phillips, Research Fellow For Middle Eastern Affairs

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## **Hudson Institute**

**1015 18th Street, Suite 300, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-223-7770

*Fax Number:* 202-223-8537

*E-mail:* info@hudsondc.org

*Web Site:* www.hudson.org

*Year established:* 1961

*Description:* The Hudson Institute's mission is to be America's premier source of applied research on enduring policy challenges. It produces independent, high-quality research and competes boldly in the debate of policy ideas. The Institute's Center for Middle East Policy seeks to present a frank and accurate account of developments in the Middle East, utilizing primary sources, both from Israel and the Arab World to provide thorough, credible, and timely analysis of events, ideas, and trends.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Conducts research projects

-Publishes articles, book reviews, *Hudson's Quarterly News*, reports, and white papers

*Officers:*

-Herbert I. London, President

-Kenneth R. Weinstein, Vice President and CEO

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## **Human Rights Watch**

**1630 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20009**

*Telephone Number:* 202-612-4321

*Fax Number:* 202-612-4333

*E-mail:* [hrwdc@hrw.org](mailto:hrwdc@hrw.org)

*Web Site:* [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org)

*Year established:*1989

*Description:* Human Rights Watch's Middle East and North Africa Division investigates and publishes reports on human rights violations in countries of the region.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Issues reports on various countries

*Officers:*

-Kenneth Roth, Executive Director

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**Institute for International Economics**  
**1750 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-328-9000

*Fax Number:* 202-659-3225

*E-mail:* hhillebrand@iie.com

*Web Site:* www.iie.com

*Year established:* 1981

*Description:* The Institute for International Economics is a private, non-profit, and non-partisan research institution devoted to the study of international economic policy. Support for the Institute's activities is provided by a wide range of charitable foundations, private corporations and individuals, and from earnings on the Institute's publications and capital funds. The scope of the Institute's research covers all aspects of international economic policy including the Middle East.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds meetings to discuss issues in international economic policy

-Publishes various books each year, including policy analysis in international economics

*Officers:*

-C. Fred Bergsten, Director

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**Institute for International Education (IIE)**  
**1400 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005-2403**

*Telephone Number:* 202-898-0600

*Fax Number:* 202-326-7835

*Web Site:* [www.iie.org/dc](http://www.iie.org/dc)

*Year established:* 1919

*Description:* The Institute of International Education is an educational exchange, technical assistance, and training organization that arranges professional programs for international visitors; conducts training courses in energy, the environment, journalism, human resources development, educational policy and administration, and business-related fields; provides developing countries with short and long-term technical assistance in human resources development; arranges professional training and support for staff of human rights organizations; implements contracts for long and short-term training programs for individuals from Southern Africa, East Asia, and the New Independent States; sponsors fellowships and applied internships for mid-career professionals from developing countries; implements contracts and cooperative agreements for organizations, including the US Information Agency, US Agency for International Development, philanthropic foundations, multilateral banks, and other organizations as part of a sponsored and competitive program portfolio. IIE has four US regional and twelve international offices in addition to Washington.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Complies *Open Doors*, annual census of foreign students in the United States and reference books available to US students and training opportunities in the United States for foreign students

-Publishes statistical analysis and research reports on higher educational exchange

*Officers:*

-Allen E. Goodman, President and Chief Executive Officer

-Thomas S. Johnson, Chairman

## **Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy**

**1925 North Lynn Street, 12th Floor, Arlington, VA 22209**

*Telephone Number:* 703-528-3863

*Fax Number:* 703-528-5776

*E-mail:* I MTD@IMTD.org

*Web Site:* www.imtd.org

*Year established:* 1992

*Description:* Established in 1992, the mission of the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy is to promote a systems approach to peace building and to facilitate the transformation of deep-rooted social conflict. The scope of its programs covers economic and environmental conflict, ethnic and tribal conflict, and war globally. IMTD holds dialogue groups with Israelis and Palestinians in addition to US-Libya dialogues.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides conflict resolution training

-Publishes newsletter, annual report, and occasional papers

*Officers:*

-John W. McDonald, Chair

-Eileen Borris, Director of Training

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## **Institute for Policy Studies (IPS)**

**733 15th Street, NW, Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-234-9382

*Fax Number:* 202-387-7915

*Web Site:* www.ips-dc.org

*Year established:* 1963

*Description:* The Institute for Policy Studies is an independent center for critical thought and advocacy on a wide range of foreign and domestic policies. Its scholars and activists explore progressive alternatives to existing public policies consistent with the values of equity, environmental sustainability, democratic participation, personal freedom, human dignity, nonviolence, and community empowerment. Middle Eastern issues are an integral part of IPS's foreign policy work.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Holds occasional lectures, seminars, and other public programs
- Offers internships
- Publishes various books, articles, and reports

*Officers:*

- John Cavanagh, Director

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**Institute of Islamic and Arabic Sciences in  
America (IIASA)  
8500 Hilltop Road, Fairfax, VA 22031**

*Telephone Number:* 703-641-4890

*Fax Number:* 703-641-4899

*E-mail:* [info@iiasa.org](mailto:info@iiasa.org)

*Web Site:* [www.iiasa.org](http://www.iiasa.org)

*Year established:* 1989

*Description:* The Institute of Islamic and Arabic Sciences in America is a non-profit educational institution affiliated with al-Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University, Saudi Arabia. The Institute introduces Arab-Islamic civilization to America and encourages the fruitful exchange between these



societies. Among its various activities, the institute offers a two-year program in teaching Arabic as a foreign language and a BA degree in Islamic sciences.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Teaches Arabic to non-Arabic speakers
- Conducts research in the fields of Islamic and Arabic studies

*Officers:*

- Omar A. Alsabti, Deputy Director
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## **The Institute of Turkish Studies, Georgetown University**

**Georgetown University, Box 571033, Washington, DC 20057**

*Telephone Number:* 202-687-0295

*Fax Number:* 202-687-3780

*E-mail:* institute\_turkishstudies@yahoo.com

*Web Site:* www.turkishstudies.org

*Year established:* 1982

*Description:* The Institute of Turkish Studies was founded to support and encourage the development of Turkish studies in American universities. Its ultimate goal is to increase knowledge of Turkey, especially its history, culture, and people including citizens of the United States. The institute supports educational research, scholarship, and publications of scholars in the field of Turkish studies. The institute also serves as a resource center and clearinghouse for information on contemporary developments in Turkey.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Sponsors lectures, conferences, panels, and other programs

-Offers annual grant program awarded to individuals (graduate fellowships, dissertation writing grants, post-doctoral travel-research in Turkey, subventions for publication, teaching aids) and institutions (matching conference and lecture series grants, workshop grants, library support grants, matching seed-money grants)

-Publishes monographs, conference proceedings, and scholarly journals on Turkish history, culture, and society

*Officers:*

- Donald Quataert, Chairman
  - Sabri Sayari, Executive Director
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## **InterAction - American Council for Voluntary International Action**

**1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 701, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-667-8227

*Fax Number:* 202-667-8236

*E-mail:* [ia@interaction.org](mailto:ia@interaction.org)

*Web Site:* [www.InterAction.org](http://www.InterAction.org)

*Year established:* 1984

*Description:* InterAction is a coalition of 160 voluntary organizations working in over 165 developing countries around the world to ease human suffering and strengthen peoples' abilities to help themselves. Its members deal with issues ranging from international development to public policy to education, disaster relief, and refugee assistance. InterAction performs a networking function, coordinates information exchange, promotes common goals and monitors compliance with ethical standards. InterAction is composed of five standing committees: development policy and practice, migration and refugee affairs, disaster response, advocacy and education, and PVO standards.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Produces member profiles providing basic data concerning individual member organizations and their programs

-Holds annual InterAction Forum in addition to various meetings

-Publishes *Monday Developments*, a bi-weekly newsletter containing news and commentary on international relief and development as well as employment opportunities

*Officers:*

-Mary McClymont, President and Chief Executive Officer

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## **International Center for Religion and Diplomacy (ICRD)**

**1156 15th Street, NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-331-9404

*Fax Number:* 202-872-9137

*E-mail:* [postmaster@icrd.org](mailto:postmaster@icrd.org)

*Web Site:* [www.icrd.org](http://www.icrd.org)

*Year established:* 1999

*Description:* ICRD is aimed at facilitating increased understanding and collaboration between policymakers and diplomats as well as with religious leaders (both clergy and laity) to resolve identity-based conflicts that exceed the reach of traditional diplomacy. By linking religious reconciliation with official diplomacy, the ICRD is creating a new synergy for peace-making that serves both of these needs. It also provides a more fruitful approach for dealing with ethnic conflict, tribal warfare, and religious hostilities.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds reconciliation training seminars

-Publishes ICRD annual reports and newsletters

*Officers:*

-Douglas Johnston, President

-Brian Cox, Senior Vice President for Dispute Resolution Training

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## **International Crisis Group (ICG)**

**1629 K Street NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20006**

*Telephone Number:* 202-785-1601

*Fax Number:* 202-785-1630

*E-mail:* [icg washington@crisisweb.org](mailto:icg washington@crisisweb.org)

*Web Site:* [www.intl-crisis-group.org](http://www.intl-crisis-group.org)

*Description:* The International Crisis Group is an independent, non-profit, multinational organization, with over 90 staff members on five continents, working through field-based analysis and high-level advocacy to prevent and resolve deadly conflict. ICG's approach is grounded in field research. Teams of political analysts are located within or close by countries at risk of outbreak, escalation or recurrence of violent conflict. Based on information and assessments from the field, ICG produces regular analytical reports containing practical recommendations targeted at key international decision-takers. ICG's work in Israel, the occupied territories, and Israel's Arab neighbors is focused on new and more comprehensive political and diplomatic strategies to address the sources of conflict, and deal with the main factors within Israel and Arab societies hindering the achievement of sustainable peace.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Produces policy briefs

-Publishes annual reports on countries and *CrisisWatch*, a 12-page monthly bulletin designed to provide busy readers in the policy community, media, business, and interested general public with a succinct regular update on the state of play in all the most significant situations of conflict

or potential conflict around the world.

*Officers:*

-Gareth Evans, President and CEO

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**International Executive Reports (IER)**

717 D Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004-2807

*Telephone Number:* 202-628-6900

*Fax Number:* 202-628-6618

*E-mail:* [execrep@aol.com](mailto:execrep@aol.com)

*Web Site:* [www.members.aol.com/execrep](http://www.members.aol.com/execrep)

*Year established:*1978

*Description:* Middle East Executive Reports publishes two publications for businesses and professionals interested in or trading with the Middle East.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *Middle East Executive Reports*, a monthly magazine covering the legal, financial, and practical aspects of doing business in Middle Eastern, North African and Islamic Central Asian countries

-Publishes *Middle East Business Intelligence*, a bi-monthly newsletter focusing exclusively on new contracting and sales leads in Middle Eastern, North African, and Islamic Central Asian countries

*Officers:*

-William C. Hearn, Editor and Publisher

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## **International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES)**

**1101 15th Street, NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-828-8507

*Fax Number:* 202-452-0804

*Web Site:* [www.ifes.org](http://www.ifes.org)

*Year established:* 1989

*Description:* The International Foundation for Election Systems provides professional advice and technical assistance in promoting democracy and serves as an information clearinghouse on elections, rule of law, governance, and civil society. IFES has field offices in over 23 countries including in the Middle East. IFES has programs in Yemen, the Palestinian territories, Iraq, and the Gulf.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Publishes annual reports on countries
- Runs in-country training programs

*Officers:*

- Richard W. Soudriette, President

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## **The International Human Rights Law Group**

**1200 18th Street NW, Suite 602, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-822-4600

*Fax Number:* 202-822-4606

*E-mail:* [HumanRights@hrlawgroup.org](mailto:HumanRights@hrlawgroup.org)

*Web Site:* [www.hrlawgroup.org](http://www.hrlawgroup.org)

*Year established:* 1986

*Description:* The International Human Rights Law Group is a non-profit organization engaged in advocacy, strategic human rights lawyering, and training around the world. Its mission is to empower local advocates to expand the scope of human rights protections and to promote broad participation in building human rights standards and procedures at the national, regional, and international levels. International Human Rights Law Group has projects in Afghanistan, Morocco, and Yemen.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds programs and partnerships with local groups in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burundi, Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, the United States, and Yemen

*Officers:*

- Gay J. McDougall, Washington Executive Director

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**International Institute for Strategic Studies - US**  
**1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 700, NW,**  
**Washington, DC 20006**

*Telephone Number:* 202-659-1490

*Fax Number:* 202-296-1134

*E-mail:* [taylon@iiss.org](mailto:taylon@iiss.org)

*Web Site:* [www.iiss.org](http://www.iiss.org)

*Year established:* 1958

*Description:* The International Institute for Strategic Studies' (IISS) prime responsibilities are to analyze military and non-military aspects of international security and to inject new thinking into the strategic debate. The Institute is an independent source of information on all major current strategic developments, including those dealing with the Middle East, and is widely used by journalists, analysts, and students. The main headquarters of IISS is in London with offices in Washington and Singapore.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Maintains base for *The Military Balance* and handles factual queries on defense issues from around the world

-Houses library that maintains an extensive press archive of articles from approximately 200 journals and newspapers in addition to more than 2,000 Middle East-related books

-Holds Annual conference, held in September, focusing on an emerging major strategic issue *The Military Balance* (annual inventory); *Strategic Survey* (annually); *Survival* (quarterly international journal); and *Adelphi Papers* (monograph series)

*Officers:*

-Terrence Taylor, President and Executive Director, IISS-US

-John Chipman, Director, IISS (London headquarters)

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## **International Institute of Islamic Thought**

**500 Grove Street, Herndon, VA 20170-4735**

*Telephone Number:* 703-471-1133

*Fax Number:* 703-471-3922

*E-mail:* [iiit@iiit.org](mailto:iiit@iiit.org)

*Web Site:* [www.iiit.org](http://www.iiit.org)

*Year established:* 1981

*Description:* The International Institute of Islamic Thought promotes research in Islamic studies throughout the world. Its objective is to stimulate Islamic scholars to address problems of thought and life pertinent to Muslims and to articulate the relevance of Islam to these problems. The Institute seeks to fulfill this function by holding specialized seminars for scholars researching problems of concern to Islam, commissioning production of scholarly works, and disseminating these works among interested scholars around the world. The Institute is an autonomous, non-



-Holds seminars on political and cultural subjects

-Publishes *MEHREGAN* (quarterly journal)

*Officers:*

-Mohammad Derakhshesh, President

-Setareh Derakhshesh, Editor in Chief, *MEHREGAN* Journal

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## **The Iraq Foundation**

**1012 14th Street, NW, Suite 1110, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-347-4662

*Fax Number:* 202-347-7897

*E-mail:* [iraq@iraqfoundation.org](mailto:iraq@iraqfoundation.org)

*Web Site:* [www.iraqfoundation.org](http://www.iraqfoundation.org)

*Year established:* 1991

*Description:* The Iraq Foundation is an independent institution for the study of democracy and civil and human rights in Iraq. Its goal is to promote understanding of Iraqi social, political, and economic affairs through public education, scholarly research, seminars, and publications.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Sponsors Iraq research and documentation projects

*Officers:*

-Haitham al-Hassani, Chairman and President

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## **The Islamic Cultural Center**

**1512 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314**

*Telephone Number:* 703-836-2000

*Fax Number:* 703-518-8855

*E-mail:* IslamicCulturalC@aol.com

*Web Site:* www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/Dell/8383

*Description:* The establishment of the Islamic Cultural Center, located near the nation's capital, is aimed at highlighting the social, political, linguistic, and economic traditions of those who practice the Muslim faith.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides books, pamphlets, audio tapes and videos, and CDs on Islam

-Houses a reading room

*Officers:*

-Hazim Barakat, Director

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## **Islamic Free Market Institute Foundation**

**1920 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-955-7174

*Fax Number:* 202-785-0261

*E-mail:* general@islamicinstitute.org

*Web Site:* www.islamicinstitute.org

*Year established:* 1998

*Description:* The Institute is a membership-based non-profit, non-partisan organization, founded in 1998 to initiate these goals: Create a better understanding between the American Muslim community and the political leadership; provide a platform to promote an Islamic perspective on domestic issues (social and fiscal) to help enhance the Muslim community's

input in the decision-making process; cultivate and expand Muslim activists and mobilize the community at the state and federal levels on issues affecting the American Muslim community; run aggressive campaigns to help increase the American Muslim participation in the electoral process; and introduce traditional American values to the Muslim community and traditional Islamic teachings and values to decision-makers

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Researches and mapping demographic trends within the Muslim community
- Mobilizes, educates, and gives Muslims an active voice in the electoral process
- Houses library of scholarly works about Islamic views on social and economic issues including papers on free trade, monetary policy, banking, abortion, the death penalty, and crime
- Establishes a network of think tanks, advocacy groups, political organizations, and local community centers to expand activities and engage American Muslims
- Conducts overseas conferences on free enterprise and privatization between American leaders, businessmen, and women to meet and exchange ideas with Muslim business leaders
- Organizes domestic forums to promote traditional agenda among American Muslim scholars through a series of conferences and forums in the United States.
- Establishes Muslim organizations in cities around the United States to serve as a catalyst in the development of traditional grassroots movements in the Muslim community

*Officers:*

- Khaled Saffuri, Chairman
  - Samah Alrayyes, Director of Communications
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**Islamic Supreme Council of America (ISCA)**  
1400 Sixteenth Street, NW, Suite B112, Washington, DC 20036

*Telephone Number:* 202-939-3400

*Fax Number:* 202-939-3410

*E-mail:* [staff@islamicsupremecouncil.org](mailto:staff@islamicsupremecouncil.org)

*Web Site:* [www.islamicsupremecouncil.org](http://www.islamicsupremecouncil.org)

*Description:* The Islamic Supreme Council of America is a non-profit, non-governmental religious organization dedicated to working for the cause of Islam. ISCA aims to provide practical solutions for American Muslims, based on the traditional Islamic legal rulings of an international advisory board. Many of the advisory board members are recognized as the highest-ranking Islamic scholars in the world.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Houses library

*Officers:*

-Shaykh Muhammad Hisham Kabbani, Chairman

-Hedieh Miramadi, Executive Director

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**Israel Aliyah and Program Center**  
6101 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852

*Telephone Number:* 301-881-4407

*Fax Number:* 301-881-4408

*E-mail:* [dcaliyah@jazo.org.il](mailto:dcaliyah@jazo.org.il)

*Web Site:* [www.aliyah.org](http://www.aliyah.org)

*Year established:* 1948

*Description:* The Israel Aliyah Center facilitates and processes Aliyah. A professional Aliyah Shaliach (Emissary from Israel) meets with prospective Oleh (immigrant) and family to discuss plans and expectations in

order to develop a realistic program of Aliyah and absorption in Israel.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Sponsors lectures, discussions, Israel programs, pilot trips, and classes

*Officers:*

-Yair Kalush, Director, Mid-Atlantic Region

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## **Israel Policy Forum**

**1030 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-842-1700

*Fax Number:* 202-842-1722

*E-mail:* [ipfdc@ipforumdc.org](mailto:ipfdc@ipforumdc.org)

*Web Site:* [www.israelpolicyforum.org](http://www.israelpolicyforum.org)

*Year established:* 1993

*Description:* Israel Policy Forum (IPF) is a non-profit, Jewish leadership organization established by distinguished and influential members of the American Jewish community. Its mission is to increase awareness of the Middle East peace process, and to encourage an active US role in resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Surveys of American and American Jewish opinion on the peace process

-Publishes *Israel Policy Papers*, monthly essays that analyze the peace process

-Publishes *Forum Fax* and *IPF Friday* (weekly)

*Officers:*

-Judith Sternpeck, President

-Debra Wasserman, Executive Director

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**The Jerusalem Fund for Education and Community Development (see also the Palestine Center)**  
2435 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036

*Telephone Number:* 202-338-1958

*Fax Number:* 202-333-7742

*E-mail:* info@palestinecenter.org

*Web Site:* www.palestinecenter.org

*Year established:* 1977

*Description:* The Jerusalem Fund is a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the service of the Palestinian community in the West Bank and Gaza by making available financial support to humanitarian organizations. Since 1991 the Fund has maintained an educational program, the Palestine Center, which seeks to represent a forum for discussion on Palestinian issues, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and American policies in the Middle East.

*Services/Publications/ Activities:*

-Hosts art exhibits and poetry readings featuring works by Arabs and Arab-Americans

-Publishes information and policy briefs and *For the Record* summaries

-Houses a library with 3,000 books, periodicals, and documents on the Middle East, covering areas such as the Arab-Israeli conflict. For visits, please call.

*Officers:*

-Hisham Sharabi, Chairman

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# **Jewish Community Center of the District of Columbia (DCJCC)**

**1529 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-518-9400

*Fax Number:* 202-518-9420

*Web Site:* [www.dcjcc.org](http://www.dcjcc.org)

*Year established:* 1985

*Description:* The Jewish Community Center of the District of Columbia is a non-profit agency serving the educational, cultural, social, and recreational needs of the Jewish community in and around the District of Columbia. DCJCC offers classes, lectures, retreats, social activities, "meal and lecture" programs, summer day camp, preschool, and films. Its community service division reaches out to the homeless, poor, elderly, and handicapped, and it serves as the organizational center for many community programs. Its Judaics and public affairs divisions offer a constant supply of programs on the Middle East, with speakers, professors, and politicians.

## *Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Offers Arabic, Hebrew, and Yiddish classes

-Holds lectures, seminars, debates, classes, and panel discussions on Middle Eastern topics

-Offers referral for Israel programs

-Houses Chaim Kempner Library collection of research books on Jewish history and religion. For visits, please call.

-Publishes *Center in the City* (monthly) publication

## *Officers:*

-William Kreisberg, President

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**Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington**  
**6101 Montrose Road, Suite 205, Rockville, MD 20852**

*Telephone Number:* 301-770-0881

*Fax Number:* 301-770-7553

*E-mail:* [jcouncil@jcouncil.org](mailto:jcouncil@jcouncil.org)

*Web Site:* [www.jcouncil.org](http://www.jcouncil.org), [www.solidaritywithisrael.org](http://www.solidaritywithisrael.org)

*Year established:* 1938

*Description:* The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington is the community relations agency for more than 200 affiliated Jewish organizations and congregations in the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia. The Council is steadfast in its commitment to Israel and its security. It consists of several committees, including the Israel Affairs Commission, which has sought to interpret both to the public and to the Jewish community the complex issues facing Israel and to initiate and coordinate advocacy campaigns in support of Israel.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds meetings and programs

-Sponsors educational programs

-Publishes *Jewish News in Review*, monthly TV program on WUSATV (9), and Fairfax Cable Access Corporation (30), Montgomery Community Television

-Provides emergency mobilization at times of domestic or international crisis

*Officers:*

-Ronald Halber, Executive Director

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## **The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington** **6101 Montrose Road, Suite 205, Rockville, MD 20852**

*Telephone Number:* 301-230-7200

*Fax Number:* 301-230-7265

*E-mail:* info@jewishfedwash.org

*Web Site:* www.shalomdc.org

*Year established:* 1987

*Description:* The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington raises and allocates funds to care for those in need, deepen Jewish identity and engagement, and strengthen the bonds between Jews in the Washington area, in Israel, and throughout the world. The local Washington Federation is one of 156 similar volunteer-driven organizations in the US and Canada committed to the renaissance of the Jewish people.

### *Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Houses Jewish Experience for Teens (JET), a resource center for teen educators to help build youth groups and develop curricula for teen religious development

-Offers an eight-week academic experience in Israel to high school juniors and seniors

-Hosts Community Resettlement Program which works with beneficiary agencies, local synagogues, and volunteers for the successful resettlement of refugees in the community

-Offers Jewish information and referral service, providing information about Jewish culture, education, recreation, religious needs, and communal affairs

### *Officers:*

-Misha Galperin, Executive Vice President and CEO

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## **Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA)**

**1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 515, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-667-3900

*Fax Number:* 202-667-0601

*E-mail:* info@jinsa.org

*Web Site:* www.jinsa.org

*Year established:* 1976

*Description:* The Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs' fundamental premise is two-fold: Within the US Jewish community there is concern for the United States and its security, and there is also concern within this community for a strong bond with Israel. Given this, JINSA's main goals are to inform the Jewish community of security issues affecting the United States and Israel and to maintain communication with government and military leaders to stress the strategic importance of Israel.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Coordinates meetings and seminars nationwide
- Sponsors retired military officers and cadets and midshipmen on trips to Israel
- Publishes newsletter

*Officers:*

- Norman Hascoe, President
- Mark Broxmeyer, Chairman

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## **Jewish Peace Lobby**

**8604 2nd Avenue, Suite 317, Silver Spring, MD 20910**

*Telephone Number:* 301-589-8764

*Fax Number:* 301-589-2722

*E-mail:* [jplhome@peacelobby.org](mailto:jplhome@peacelobby.org)  
*Web Site:* [www.peacelobby.org](http://www.peacelobby.org)

*Year established:* 1989

*Description:* The Jewish Peace Lobby is an American Jewish organization that seeks to promote a just and lasting resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Publishes articles, statements, annual reports

*Officers:*

- Jerome M. Segal, President

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## **Jews for Peace in Palestine and Israel (JPPI)** **PO Box 4177, Arlington, VA 22204**

*Telephone Number:* 202-423-7666  
*E-mail:* [info@jppi.org](mailto:info@jppi.org)  
*Web Site:* [www.jppi.org](http://www.jppi.org)

*Year established:* 2001

*Description:* JPPI is a Washington, DC based group of American Jews who believe that a just, comprehensive, and lasting peace in Palestine and Israel is attainable through negotiations based on international law and the implementation of relevant United Nations (UN) resolutions.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes JPPI dispatches (available online)

*Officers:*

- Josh Ruebner, President

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## **King Hussein Foundation International (KHFI)**

**PO Box 42558, Washington, DC 20015**

*Telephone Number:* 202-833-4999

*Fax Number:* 202-833-5666

*E-mail:* khfinternational@aol.com

*Web Site:* www.noor.gov.jo/khf.htm

*Year established:* 2000

*Description:* The King Hussein Foundation was established by a Royal Decree as a non-profit, non-governmental organization to serve as an enduring commitment to the late King's humanitarian vision and legacy. In 2000, the King Hussein Foundation International was established in Washington, DC to support the Foundation. The King Hussein Foundation cultivates and develops projects and programs in the fields of education and leadership, peace and democracy, and sustainable community development.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds various programs in the fields of education and leadership, peace and democracy, and sustainable community development.

-Offers King Hussein Humanitarian Leadership Prize

-Publishes *Hussein of Jordan Book* (1935 – 1999)

*Officers:*

- Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan, Chair

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## **Kurdish Human Rights Watch (KHRW)**

**10560 Main Street, #207, Fairfax, VA 22030**

*Telephone Number:* 703-385-3806

*Fax Number:* 703-385-3643

*E-mail:* kurds@khrw.org

*Web Site:* www.khrw.org

*Description:* KHRW offers a wide range of services to refugees and immigrants across the United States and to communities in Northern Iraq. These include: social services, employment services, orientation and cross-cultural training, humanitarian aid, language services, transitional housing and support, refugee and immigrant services, community strengthening, and rehabilitation and mentoring.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides services to refugees, immigrants, and communities in Iraq

-Produces special reports

*Officers:*

Pary Karadaghi, Executive Director

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## **The Kuwait-America Foundation (KAF)**

**1120 G Street, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-393-7580

*Fax Number:* 202-789-0014

*E-mail:* Kaf1@erols.com

*Web Site:* www.kuwaitamerica.org

*Year established:* 1991

*Description:* The Kuwait-America Foundation is a cross-cultural, non-profit organization that conducts educational, cultural, and philanthropic activities on a people-to-people level between Kuwait and the United States. KAF does not engage in political activities or provide grants to private individuals. KAF is open to suggestions for projects and encourages participation on projects by members of the general public. KAF has been very active on issues relating to children and violence in the inner city.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Provides Kuwaiti speakers to schools
- Makes charitable donations to homeless shelters and youth programs
- Provides logistical and financial support for relevant projects
- Publishes newsletter

*Officers:*

- Hassan Al-Ebraheem, Chairman of the Board
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## **Library of Congress, African and Middle Eastern Division**

**Thomas Jefferson Building, 101 Independence Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20540-4820**

*Telephone Number:* 202-707-7937

*Fax Number:* 202-252-3180

*E-mail:* [amed@loc.gov](mailto:amed@loc.gov)

*Web Site:* [www.loc.gov/tr/amed](http://www.loc.gov/tr/amed)

*Year established:* 1978

*Description:* The African and Middle Eastern Division (AMED) was created in 1978 as part of a general Library of Congress reorganization. For AMED it combined three disparate sections—African, Hebrew, and Near East, which cover some 70 countries and regions from Southern Africa to the Maghreb and from the Middle East to Central Asia. The division, led by chief, Julian Witherell (1978-91) and by Beverly Gray (1994- ), coordinates and directs the component sections. Each section plays a vital role in the Library's acquisitions program; offers expert reference and bibliographic services to the Congress and researchers in this country and abroad; develops

projects, special events, and publications; and cooperates and participates with other institutions and scholarly and professional associations in the US and abroad.

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## **Mennonite Central Committee - Washington Office**

**110 Maryland Avenue, NE, Suite 502, Washington, DC  
20002**

*Telephone Number:* 202-544-6564

*Fax Number:* 202-544-2820

*E-mail:* [mccwash@mcc.org](mailto:mccwash@mcc.org)

*Web Site:* [www.mcc.org/us/washington](http://www.mcc.org/us/washington)

*Year established:* 1968

*Description:* The Mennonite Central Committee is the relief, development, and peacebuilding agency of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches of the US and Canada. It carries out community development, peacemaking, and material aid programs, concentrating in developing countries and conflict-ridden areas such as the Middle East. Volunteers are involved in education, housing, justice research, advocacy, health, social services, agricultural development, refugee assistance, and administrative support work. Offices such as the one in Washington aid in keeping Mennonite church members and MCC volunteers informed of national and international developments as well as making Mennonite views known to the government. The Washington office is not a lobby, but functions as a signal post for the Mennonite constituency, monitoring legislation and policy developments. The office is willing to make the constituency's views public and testify at government hearings.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds issue seminars exposing constituents to the workings of Congress and government agencies

-Provides Mennonite Disaster Services

-Hosts international visitor exchange

-Publishes *Washington Memo* (bi-monthly); annual report; and occasional papers

*Officers:*

-J. Daryl Byler, Washington Office Director

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## **Meridian International Center**

**1630 Crescent Place, NW, Washington, DC 20009**

*Telephone Number:* 202-667-6800

*Fax Number:* 202-667-1475

*E-mail:* [info@meridian.org](mailto:info@meridian.org)

*Web Site:* [www.meridian.org](http://www.meridian.org)

*Year established:* 1960

*Description:* Meridian International Center is a non-profit, cultural, and educational institution dedicated to increasing international understanding through exchanges of people, ideas, and the arts. Through its services to international visitors and diplomats and the presentation of lectures, seminars, and exhibitions of an international character, Meridian serves as an introduction to the United States for many international visitors, including those from the Middle East. Since June 2002, Meridian has been managing the Health Care Partnerships in Northern Iraq on behalf of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Kurdish Democratic Party through a cooperative agreement with the US state department, a program designed to improve the health care systems in northern Iraq.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides orientation services to government, corporate, and privately sponsored individuals coming to the United States.

-Holds Washington programs for youth groups, both American and inter-



national, training programs for students and Americans and their families relocating abroad

-Plans and develops professional study and observation tours throughout the country for visitors sponsored by the United States Information Agency, as well as by other government and private organizations

-Presents international art exhibitions and other cultural events with an international focus

-Conducts seminars on topics of international scope and importance

-Publishes newsletter

*Officers:*

-Walter L. Cutler, President

-Joseph Allen, Chairman of the Board

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## **Middle East Institute (MEI)**

**1761 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-785-1141

*Fax Number:* 202-331-8861

*E-mail:* mideasti@mideasti.org

*Web Site:* www.mideasti.org

*Year established:* 1946

*Description:* The Middle East Institute is a non-profit organization that strives to foster understanding of the Middle East. MEI's mission is to contribute to the creation of a dynamic, modern Middle East through education and objective analysis. It serves as a resource center for information and discussion of the politics, economics, cultures, religions, and languages of the area from Morocco to Pakistan, including Central Asia. The Institute does not take policy positions nor seek to influence legislation; rather it offers exchanges and information services for members, foreign visitors, researchers, schol-

ars, students, teachers, businesspersons, and government officials. Efforts are directed toward offering a balanced and well-rounded series of programs.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Houses the George Camp Keiser Library, the nation's most comprehensive English language Middle East collection outside the Library of Congress

-Publishes *The Middle East Journal* (quarterly), a highly regarded and widely read academic journal

-Houses Department of Language and Regional Studies which holds Arabic, Hebrew, Farsi, Kurdish, Turkish and regional-studies classes year-round

-Hosts the Leadership Development Program which trains young leaders through an internship program

-Invites scholars and experts to prepare and publish research at MEI

-Offers domestic and foreign press with expert commentators and background information through Media Relations resources

-Houses the Sultan Qaboos Research Center, devoted to the study of the Arabian Peninsula, the Persian Gulf, and Southwest Asia through, among other activities, a scholar-in-residence program

-Sponsors policy programs, cultural events, policy series, cultural series, congressional staff briefings, annual conference, special conferences, corporate briefings, and ambassador briefings

-Publishes *The Bulletin* (bi-monthly), a monthly calendar of events, Policy Briefs, and Perspectives

*Officers:*

-Wyche Fowler, Jr., Chairman of the Board

-Edward S. Walker, Jr., President

-David L. Mack, Vice President

## **The Middle East Media and Research Institute (MEMRI)**

**PO Box 27837, Washington, DC 20038**

*Telephone Number:* 202-955-9070

*Fax Number:* 202-955-9077

*E-mail:* [memri@memri.org](mailto:memri@memri.org)

*Web Site:* [www.memri.org](http://www.memri.org)

*Year established:* 1998

*Description:* The Middle East Media Research Institute bridges the language gap which exists between the West and the Middle East, providing timely translations of Arabic and Farsi media, as well as original analysis of political, ideological, and intellectual, social, cultural, and religious trends in the Middle East. MEMRI is an independent, non partisan, 501 (c)3 organization. MEMRI's headquarters is located in Washington, DC with branches in Berlin, London, and Jerusalem, where MEMRI also maintains its media center. MEMRI research is translated into English, German, Hebrew, Italian, French, Spanish, Turkish, and Russian.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Translates Arabic, Farsi, and Hebrew media

-Publishes policy analysis and special reports

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## **Middle East Policy Council (MEPC)**

**1730 M Street, NW, Suite 512, Washington, DC 20036-4505**

*Telephone Number:* 202-296-6767

*Fax Number:* 202-296-5791

*E-mail:* [info@mepc.org](mailto:info@mepc.org)

*Web Site:* [www.mepc.org](http://www.mepc.org)

*Year established:* 1981

*Description:* The Middle East Policy Council is a non-profit, educational organization that seeks to expand debate on issues affecting US policy in the Middle East and educate the public about the Arab world and Islam. This objective is achieved through both programs and publications, principally through *Middle East Policy*.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Publishes *Middle East Policy* (MEP), quarterly journal
- Sponsors Teacher Workshops, a national program of day-long workshops for educators titled "Teaching about the Arab World and Islam"
- Holds Capitol Hill Conference Series, four times a year, public forums for focusing attention of government officials, scholars, and business leaders on Middle East politics and economics.
- Provides online resources such as policy experts (experts on subjects pertaining to the Middle East and Arab world), timely articles, suggested readings (book for the non-specialist), conflict statistics (detailed breakdown of fatalities in the second intifada)

*Officers:*

- Chas. W. Freeman, Jr., President
- Richard Wilson, Director and Director of Development
- Ann Joyce, Vice President and Editor, *Middle East Policy*

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## **Middle East Policy Group**

**3405 Rodman Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008**

*Telephone Number:* 202-363-3495

*E-mail:* mepgs@aol.com

*Year established:* 1979

*Description:* The Middle East Policy Group is a private consulting firm. It publishes the Middle East Policy Survey, a political report on Washington

and the Middle East providing an unbiased view of late-breaking Middle East issues. The publication offers both information and analysis.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *Middle East Policy Survey*, a fortnightly report

*Officers:*

-Richard Straus, Editor

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## **Middle East Research and Information Project (MERIP)**

**1500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 119, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-223-3677

*Fax Number:* 202-223-3604

*E-mail:* ctoensing@nb.net

*Web Site:* www.merip.org

*Year established:* 1971

*Description:* The mission of the Middle East Research and Information Project is to educate the public about the contemporary Middle East. MERIP's special concerns include human rights, social and economic justice, and foreign intervention. Production of *Middle East Report*, a quarterly magazine providing lively independent analysis of regional events and US policy, is MERIP's major project. Each issue of *Middle East Report* has a particular topical or country focus. Gender and political change, democracy, sexuality and power, and the arms race are among the themes of past issues.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Facilitates contact between the media and Middle East experts

-Offers internships to interested university students

- Produces *Middle East Report*
- Produces special educational publications
- Maintains an extensive Internet site with articles reprinted from *Middle East Report*
- Co-publishes *Ru'a Mughayra* (Alternative Visions) with the Cairo Institute of Human Rights Studies. This publication includes translations into Arabic of articles from *Middle East Report*
- Publishes books

*Officers:*

- Jillian Schwedler, Chair
  - Chris Toensing, Executive Director and Editor of the *Middle East Report*
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**Minaret of Freedom Institute**  
**4323 Rosedale Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814**

*Telephone Number:* 301-907-0947

*E-mail:* mfi@minaret.org

*Web Site:* www.minaret.org

*Year established:* 1993

*Description:* The dual mission of the Minaret of Freedom Institute is to educate Muslims on the importance of liberty and free markets to a good society, while educating non-Muslims about the beliefs and contributions of Islam and the political realities of conflict between the two cultures.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Publishes online articles
- Sponsors student essay contests

*Officers:*

-Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad, President and Director

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**Mosaic Foundation**

**1420 Beverly Road, Suite 240, McLean, VA 22101**

*Telephone Number:* 703-288-4500

*Fax Number:* 703-288-4501

*E-mail:* [info@mosaicfound.org](mailto:info@mosaicfound.org)

*Web Site:* [www.mosaicfound.org](http://www.mosaicfound.org)

*Description:* The Mosaic Foundation is a charitable and educational organization founded by the spouses of Arab ambassadors to the United States. The Mosaic Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of women and children, while fostering cultural, educational, and professional dialogues between the peoples of the Arab world and the United States.

*Services/ Publications/ Activities:*

-Donates to support outstanding work at the community, national, and international levels on behalf of women, children, and families and to increase understanding of the culture and history of the Arab world in the United States

-Offers grants

*Officers:*

-H.R.H. Princess Haifa Al-Faisal, Chair and President

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**Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC)**

**529 14th Street, Suite 994, NW, Washington, DC 20045**

*Telephone Number:* 202-879-6726

*Fax Number:* 202-879-6728

*E-mail:* sarah@mpac.org

*Web Site:* www.mpac.org

*Year established:* 1988

*Description:* MPAC aims to effect positive change in public opinion and in policy with the purpose of realizing its vision. The scope of the mission includes, but is not limited to, the following: promoting an American Muslim identity, fostering an effective grassroots organization, training a future generation of men and women who share our vision, promoting an accurate portrayal of Islam and Muslims in mass media and popular culture, educating the American public (both Muslim and non-Muslim) about Islam, building alliances with Muslim and non-Muslim groups, and cultivating relationships with opinion and decision makers

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes position papers

*Officers:*

-Salam Al-Marayati, Executive Director (Los Angeles)

-Sarah Eltantawi, Communications Director (Washington)

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## **National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)**

**1707 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-296-2588

*Fax Number:* 202-331-7792

*E-mail:* action@ncjwdc.org

*Web Site:* www.ncjw.org

*Year established:* 1890

*Description:* The National Council of Jewish Women is a broad-based volunteer organization working with many topics, ranging from women's issues to foreign policy issues. NCJW believes that the survival and security of the State of Israel are central to the Jewish people and therefore



endorses the United States' assistance and support for Israel, as well as informational and educational programs in the United States that create a better understanding of Israel and promote exchange between the two countries.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Monitors legislation concerning a variety of domestic issues and Israel
- Publishes Washington newsletter

*Officers:*

- Sammie Moshenberg, Washington Director
  - Sandy Garrett, Executive Director
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## **National Council on US-Arab Relations**

**1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1210, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-293-0801

*Fax Number:* 202-293-0903

*E-mail:* [info@ncusar.org](mailto:info@ncusar.org)

*Web Site:* [www.ncusar.org](http://www.ncusar.org)

*Year established:* 1983

*Description:* The National Council on US-Arab Relations offers programs designed to improve understanding, dialogue, and bonds of friendship between the peoples of the Arab world and the United States. The council administers 15 educational programs, including study visits, grants, teacher workshops, internships, Model Arab Leagues, and a speakers bureau.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Sponsors grass-roots educational projects including cross-cultural exchanges, secondary school teacher-training workshops, outreach activities, informational mailings, Model Arab Leagues, and publications

-Offers scholarships and fellowships for seasonal programs in Arab and Islamic studies in Bahrain, Egypt, Israel and the Occupied Territories, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, and the United Arab Emirates for university faculty, university students, and high school juniors

-Holds annual US-Mideast Policymakers Conference in Washington, DC, bringing together business, academic, government, and military officials to engage in dialogue over important issues relating to the Middle East

-Offers internship to undergraduate and graduate students, usually for a nine-week period, supplemented by a seminar and lecture series. Interns are placed at the National Council and other Middle East related organizations in the DC area.

-Publishes *Annual Review*, *President's Report* (quarterly) special reports on various countries, occasional papers, and Gulf Cooperation Council reports

*Officers:*

-John Duke Anthony, President and CEO

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**National Democratic Institute for  
International Affairs (NDI)**

**2030 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-728-5500

*Fax Number:* 202-728-5520

*E-mail:* [contactndi@ndi.org](mailto:contactndi@ndi.org)

*Web Site:* [www.ndi.org](http://www.ndi.org)

*Year established:* 1984

*Description:* The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs is a non-profit organization working to strengthen and expand democracy

worldwide. Calling on a global network of volunteer experts, NDI provides practical assistance to civic and political leaders advancing democratic values, practices, and institutions. NDI works with democrats in every region of the world to build political and civic organizations, safeguard elections, and to promote citizen participation, openness and accountability in government. NDI currently has as part of its Middle East and North Africa Division programs in Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, West Bank and Gaza, and Yemen.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Sponsors programs in new democracies, societies in conflict and non-democratic countries with strong democratic movements. Working in these areas, NDI seeks to consolidate existing democratic institutions and nurture peaceful transitions to democracy.

-Publishes reports on political development in new democracies

*Officers:*

-Kenneth Wollack, President

-Les Campbell, Senior Associate and Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa

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## **National Endowment for Democracy (NED)**

**1101 Fifteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-293-9072

*Fax Number:* 202-223-6042

*E-mail:* [jane@ned.org](mailto:jane@ned.org)

*Web Site:* [www.ned.org](http://www.ned.org)

*Year established:* 1983

*Description:* The National Endowment for Democracy is a private, non-profit organization created in 1983 to strengthen democratic institutions

around the world through non-governmental efforts. The Endowment is governed by an independent, non-partisan board of directors. With its annual congressional appropriation, it makes hundreds of grants each year to support pro-democracy groups in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds lectures

-Publishes annual report, democracy newsletter and *Journal of Democracy*

*Officers:*

-Carl Gershman, President

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**National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC)**  
**1625 K Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006**

*Telephone Number:* 202-887-0278

*Fax Number:* 202-452-8160

*E-mail:* nftcinformation@nftc.org

*Year established:* 1914

*Description:* The National Foreign Trade Council is the premier business organization advocating a rules-based world economy. Founded in 1914 by a group of American companies that supported an open world trading system, the NFTC and its affiliates now serve more than 300 member companies through offices in Washington and New York.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds seminars

-Holds various committees and roundtables to keep members current and to provide forums to share experiences and knowledge on a specific subject, including trade, international tax, export and project finance, global

compensation, international benefits, expatriate management, global mobility, global human resources, Asia Pacific/China human resources, and Latin America human resources.

*Officers:*

-William A. Reinsch, President

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## **National Gulf War Resource Center**

**8605 Cameron Street, Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910**

*Telephone Number:* 800-882-1316

*E-mail:* [hq@ngwrc.org](mailto:hq@ngwrc.org)

*Web Site:* [www.ngwrc.org](http://www.ngwrc.org)

*Year established:* 1995

*Description:* The National Gulf War Resource Center is an international coalition of advocates and organizations providing a resource for information, support, and referrals for all those concerned with the complexities of Persian Gulf War issues, especially Gulf War illnesses and those held prisoner or missing in action.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes newsletter

-Conducts research on Gulf War veterans and their families

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## **National Peace Foundation**

**666 Eleventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001**

*Telephone Number:* 202-783-7030

*Fax Number:* 202-783-7040

*E-mail:* [npf@nationalpeace.org](mailto:npf@nationalpeace.org)

*Web Site:* [www.nationalpeace.org](http://www.nationalpeace.org)

*Year established:* 1982

*Description:* The National Peace Foundation seeks to advance conflict resolution and peace education, support the continued development of the United States Institute of Peace, and create effective working relationships among individuals, organizations, and educational institutions interested in conflict resolution and peacemaking.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Facilitates training in conflict resolution and shared decision making
- Publishes *Peace Reporter* (quarterly) and other publications

*Officers:*

- Landis Jones, Executive Director
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## **National Security Archive**

**2130 H Street, NW, Suite 701, Washington, DC 20037**

*Telephone Number:* 202-994-7000

*Fax Number:* 202-994-7005

*E-mail:* nsarchiv@gwu.edu

*Web Site:* www.nsarchive.org

*Year established:* 1985

*Description:* The National Security Archive is a non-governmental, non-profit institution that is simultaneously a research institute on international affairs, a library and archive of declassified US documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), a public-interest law firm defending and expanding public access to government information through the FOIA, and an indexer and publisher of US documents in books, microfiche, and electronic formats. The archive is designed to apply the latest in computerized indexing technology to the massive amount of materials already released by the US Government on interna-

tional affairs, make them accessible to researchers and the public, including through the Internet, and go beyond that base to build comprehensive collections of documents on specific topics of greatest interest to scholars and the public.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Fulfills public requests for documents and information

-Houses reading room open to the public

-Produces publications such as *The Iran-Contra Scandal: The Declassified History*, a series of documents published especially for the classroom and general public

-Holds series of large microform collections of documents on US foreign policy, including *Iran: The Making of US Policy, 1977-1980*, *Afghanistan: The Making of US Policy, 1973-1990*, *Iraggate: Saddam Hussein, US Policy and the Prelude to the Persian Gulf War, 1980-1994*

-Publishes briefing books of selected documents available on the Internet

*Officers:*

-Thomas S. Blanton, Director

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## **National US-Arab Chamber of Commerce** **1023 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-289-5920

*Fax Number:* 202-289-5938

*E-mail:* nusacc@aol.com

*Web Site:* www.nusacc.org

*Year established:* 1997

*Description:* The National US-Arab Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to strengthening business and trade relations between the United States and

the Arab world. Its goals are to foster economic opportunities and a cultural understanding between the American and Arab business communities. Membership in the chamber is open to all companies, especially those seeking to establish business interests with Arab countries as well as Arab companies with business interests in the United States.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Certifies commercial, shipping, and related documents
- Maintains government relations with US and Arab governments and agencies in the United States and overseas to develop, monitor, and recommend legislation affecting US-Arab trade
- Holds programs including trade delegations, briefings, seminars, conferences, and training sessions
- Researches and gathers information on commercial opportunities, export regulations, and conditions affecting the trade and investment climate
- Provides cultural and other relevant information
- Publishes *Trade Line* (weekly), position papers, *How to Do Business in the Arab World*, directories, handbooks, and other business-related publications

*Officers:*

- Marjorie Adams, President
  - Mazhar M. Samman, Executive Vice President
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**Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA), National Defense University  
Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC 20319**

*Telephone Number:* 202-685-4131

*Fax Number:* 202-685-4997

*E-mail:* nesa-center@ndu.edu



*Web Site:* www.ndu.edu/nes

*Year established:* 2000

*Description:* The mission of the NESACenter at the National Defense University is to enhance stability in the Near East and in South Asia by providing an academic environment where strategic issues can be addressed, understanding deepened, partnerships fostered, defense-related decision-making improved, and cooperation strengthened among military and civilian leaders from the region and the United States. NESACenter is funded by the Department of Defense.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds executive seminars, regional or sub-regional conferences in Washington or the region.

-Publishes newsletter and occasional papers

*Officers:*

-John Sigler, Acting Director

-Joseph McMillan, Academic Chair

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## **New Israel Fund**

**1101 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20005-5639**

*Telephone Number:* 202-842-0900

*Fax Number:* 202-842-0991

*E-mail:* info@nif.org

*Web Site:* www.nif.org

*Year established:* 1979

*Description:* The New Israel Fund (NIF) works to strengthen Israel's democracy, and to promote freedom, justice and equality for all Israeli citizens. These principles are guaranteed in Israel's Declaration of Independence and a central element of Jewish tradition. A philanthropic partnership of

Israelis, North Americans, and Europeans NIF has led the development of Israel's vibrant public interest sector, providing financial and technical support to hundreds of national and community-based organizations. Today, NIF's focus is on fighting for civil and human rights, promoting tolerance and pluralism and closing economic and social gaps in Israeli society.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Provides information, resource materials, and speakers on social issues confronting Israel
  
- Offers study tours to Israel
  
- Publishes annual reports, bi-weekly e-mail update

*Officers:*

- Peter Edelman, President
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## **The Nixon Center**

**1615 L Street, NW, Suite 1250, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-887-1000

*Fax Number:* 202-887-5222

*E-mail:* [mail@nixoncenter.org](mailto:mail@nixoncenter.org)

*Web Site:* [www.nixoncenter.org](http://www.nixoncenter.org)

*Year established:* 1994

*Description:* While genuinely non-partisan, the Center has a philosophy of an enlightened pursuit of national interest. The specific goal of the Center is to explore ways of enhancing American security and prosperity while taking into account the legitimate perspectives of other nations. With the end of the Cold War, the US found itself without a clear-cut foreign policy direction. It is the Center's objective to work on developing new guiding principles for United States global leadership in a dramatically new international environment, combining hardheaded pragmatism and fundamental American values.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes articles and monographs, program briefs, online weekly,  
www.inthenationalinterest.com

*Officers:*

-Dimitri K. Simes, President

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**Pakistan Association of the Greater  
Washington Metropolitan Area, Inc.  
PO Box 8466, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8466**

*Telephone Number:* 301-570-8925

*Fax Number:* 301-414-8050

*E-mail:* pakistan\_association@yahoo.com

*Web Site:* www.geocities.com/pakistan\_association

*Description:* The Pakistan Association is unaffiliated with any government or political party, operates as a non-profit organization, and aims to: promote goodwill, understanding, and fellowship among Pakistani-Americans and community at large; organize national, cultural, and social events to promote art, music, literature, and other cultural aspects of Pakistani life; organize trade shows, food festivals and antique shows and create a network to locate business opportunities for community members; educate the community on political, social, and economic issues and raise awareness of their rights and responsibilities; and coordinate efforts to represent the Pakistani community's perspective on various issues.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Organizes Eid celebrations, chand raat, meena bazar, Pakistan Day picnic, national celebrations, musical events, educational seminars, community forums, spring dinner for young professionals, exhibitions.

-Holds women empowerment activities

-Publishes newsletter

*Officers:*

-Lubna Ejaz, President

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## **Palestine Center**

**2435 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037**

*Telephone Number:* 202-338-1290

*Fax Number:* 202-333-7742

*E-mail:* [info@palestinecenter.org](mailto:info@palestinecenter.org)

*Web Site:* [www.palestinecenter.org](http://www.palestinecenter.org)

*Year established:* 1991

*Description:* The Palestine Center is an educational program of the Jerusalem Fund, a Washington-based non-profit organization. The Center is dedicated to the study and analysis of the relationship between the United States and the Middle East, with particular emphasis on the Palestine problem and the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Center seeks to bring into focus the implications of specific US policies with regard to the Palestine question and to provide a much-needed Palestinian/Arab perspective that will address the political, academic, and media establishments in the Arab world. In pursuing its goals, the Center sponsors forums and seminars to address these issues and publishes the proceedings. In addition, the Center commissions independent studies.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Hosts conferences, symposia, and panel discussions

-Publishes special reports and a newsletter six times per year

-Provides educational documents for members of Congress, academics, researchers, students, and the media

-Publishes special reports, opinion pieces for the record, information briefs,

and policy briefs

*Officers:*

-Hisham Sharabi, Chairman

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**Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence and Palestinian Center for Democracy and Elections**

**PO Box 39127 Friendship Station, NW, Washington, DC 20016**

*Telephone Number:* 202-244-0951

*Fax Number:* 202-244-6396

*E-mail:* [peace@palestinian.net](mailto:peace@palestinian.net)

*Year established:* 1983

*Description:* The goal of the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence is to provide education and training for a non-violent solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Palestinian Center for Democracy and Elections promotes electoral democracy.

*Officers:*

-Michael Beer, Director

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**Partners for Peace**

**1250 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Suite WG-1, Washington, DC 20024**

*Telephone Number:* 202-863-2951

*Fax Number:* 202-863-2952

*E-mail:* [info@partnersforpeace.org](mailto:info@partnersforpeace.org)

*Web Site:* [www.partnersforpeace.org](http://www.partnersforpeace.org)

*Year established:* 1986

*Description:* Formerly the American Alliance for Palestinian Human Rights, established in 1986 and merged in 1991.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Sponsors a series of tours of the United States by three women from Israel and Palestine called, "Jerusalem Women Speak: Three Women, Three Faiths, One Shared Vision"
- Provides professional training workshops in media relations for activists across the country
- Collaborates with and/or facilitates projects undertaken by other organizations by providing them with media and public relations expertise.
- Advocates for human rights in Israel and Palestine.
- Publishes a directory of Middle East organizations working at least in part on Israeli-Palestinian issues.
- Monitors the media, places editorials in publications, and promotes news stories related to its human rights work.

*Officers:*

- Michael Brown, Executive Director
- Jerri Bird, President

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**The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced  
International Studies (SAIS)**

**1740 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-663-5600

*Fax Number:* 202-663-5727

*E-mail:* [mjring@jhu.edu](mailto:mjring@jhu.edu)

*Web Site:* [sais-jhu.edu](http://sais-jhu.edu)

*Year established:* 1944

*Description:* The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of The Johns Hopkins University in Washington, DC, is one of the nation's leading graduate schools devoted to the study of international relations. The school is neither a vocational, purely scientific, nor a liberal arts school dedicated to the pursuit of learning for learning's sake. At SAIS, the wisdom of universities, business, and labor merge with the knowledge and expertise of those currently engaged in government, foreign affairs, and international economic practice. The school's Middle East Studies Program is the country's first graduate program on modern Middle East.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *SAIS Reports*, newsletter (bi-monthly) highlighting new faculty, research institutes, academic programs, student and alumni accomplishments as well as major events at the school

-Publishes the *SAIS Policy forum Series* and *SAIS Working Papers Series*, making available to scholars and the general public occasional monographs dealing with international political, economic, and security issues

-Publishes *SAIS Review*, written by students, dedicated to advancing the debate on leading contemporary issues of world affairs

*Officers:*

-Fouad Ajami, Director of Middle East Studies Program

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**Powell Tate**

**700 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-383-9700

*Fax Number:* 202-383-0079

*E-mail:* info@powelltate.com

*Web Site:* www.powelltate.com

*Year established:* 1991

*Description:* Powell Tate's professionals shape opinions, attitudes, and policy decisions in Washington, DC, and around the world. As the Washington office of Weber Shandwick, the world's largest public relations agency, Powell Tate provides specialized, integrated service that gets results in Washington, DC, around the nation, and throughout the world.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Media relations, media training, message development, crisis communications, grassroots organizing, healthcare public affairs, ally development and coalition management, litigation communication, reputation management

-Interactive PR, presentation training, attitudinal opinion research, editorial services, and advocacy advertising

*Officers:*

- Jody Powell, Chairman and CEO
  - Lance Morgan, President
  - Sheila Tate, Vice President
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## **Project Interchange**

**1156 15th Street, NW, Suite 1201, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-833-0025

*Fax Number:* 202-331-7702

*E-mail:* [pi@ajc.org](mailto:pi@ajc.org)

*Web Site:* [www.projectinterchange.org](http://www.projectinterchange.org)

*Year established:* 1982

*Description:* Project Interchange is the only national organization solely dedicated to providing educational seminars in Israel for America's policy and opinion makers. Over 3,500 American leaders have participated in Project Interchange's intensive seminar in Israel.



*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Organizes 15 seminars each year in Israel
- Organizes national and local follow-up programs in the United States

*Officers:*

- Carol Stern, Executive Director
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## **RAND**

**1200 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22203**

*Telephone Number:* 703-413-1100

*Fax Number:* 703-413-8111

*E-mail:* [correspondence@rand.org](mailto:correspondence@rand.org)

*Web Site:* [www.RAND.org](http://www.RAND.org)

*Year established:* 1948

*Description:* RAND is a non-profit institution that seeks to improve public policy through research and analysis. RAND conducts research on a wide variety of topics in national and international security and domestic and international policy. RAND also manages four federally funded research and development centers. Project AIR FORCE (sponsored by the Air Force), the National Defense Research Institute (sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Staff), the Arroyo Center (sponsored by the Army), and the Critical Technologies Institute (sponsored by the Office of Science and Technology Policy). In 1994 RAND established the Greater Middle East Studies Center, now called the RAND Center for Middle East Public Policy (CMEPP). The center's mission is to create integrated multidisciplinary studies of the underlying socioeconomic, humanitarian, and political issues in the Middle East.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Hosts conferences in Washington, Santa Monica, and abroad

-Publishes books, reports, professional papers, monographs, electronic archives, and documented briefings

*Officers:*

-Bruce Hoffman, Director, Washington Office

-James A. Thomson, President and Chief Executive Officer

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## **Refugees International (RI)**

**1705 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-828-0110

*Fax Number:* 202-828-0819

*E-mail:* [ri@refintl.org](mailto:ri@refintl.org)

*Web Site:* [www.refugeesinternational.org](http://www.refugeesinternational.org)

*Year established:* 1979

*Description:* Founded in 1979, RI generates lifesaving assistance and protection for displaced people around the world and works to end the conditions that create displacement. RI's timely and effective communication of the plight of victims in humanitarian emergencies has earned RI an international reputation and has led to the amelioration of human suffering. RI monitors humanitarian and human rights crises worldwide, analyzes these crises, and then presents practical, action-oriented solutions that benefit refugees and other displaced people to governments, United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the media.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Presents its views on humanitarian issues to senior officials of the Administration in the US. Major media outlets regularly turn to *RI* for views and commentary on humanitarian issues.

-Takes a right-based approach based on the framework provided by the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol, and the 1999 Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement. The characteristics of *RI* are inde-

pendence, flexibility, and the cutting-edge quality of its advocacy.

-Publishes annual reports, bulletins, and newsletters

*Officers:*

-Kenneth H. Bacon, President

-Joel Charny, Vice President

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## **René Moawad Foundation**

**1625 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20007**

*Telephone Number:* 202-338-3535

*Fax Number:* 202-338-3534

*E-mail:* [rmf@dc.net](mailto:rmf@dc.net)

*Web Site:* [www.rmfm.org.lb](http://www.rmfm.org.lb)

*Year established:* 1993

*Description:* The René Moawad Foundation is a non-profit US organization dedicated to the improvement of the quality of life of the Lebanese individual and to building a brighter future for the children of Lebanon. Its ultimate objective is the emergence of a cohesive and healthy society within a peaceful and prosperous Lebanon. The goals of the foundation are achieved through its humanitarian assistance programs and its educational and socioeconomic development projects. It promotes the social well-being and economic independence of the Lebanese people by ministering to their basic needs for health care and social services, while providing them with tools for educational and economic development.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Creates medical, social welfare, and drug rehabilitation centers, distributes medicine and medical supplies to under-equipped medical centers, and provides mobile dispensaries to regions with no access to medical facilities, a community clinic in Northern Lebanon

-Provides adult literacy and education programs, education for working

children; provides technical and vocational training; holds civic education conferences and seminars, establishes cultural centers

-Performs feasibility studies for agricultural projects; modernizes irrigation systems, trains agricultural manpower; builds agricultural cooperation and helps market agricultural products, supports development of local handicrafts and small industries

-Established Agricultural Center of the North (ACN)

-Holds conferences and workshops on issues advocating human rights, democracy, liberal values and governance and public legislative forum for research and debate on draft-laws.

*Officers:*

-Nadia Abourizk Asad, Executive Director, USA

-Edward D. Soma, President

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## **Republican Jewish Coalition (RJC)**

**50 F Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20001**

*Telephone Number:* 202-638-6688

*Fax Number:* 202-638-6694

*E-mail:* rjc@rjchq.org

*Web Site:* www.rjchq.org

*Year established:* 1985

*Description:* The Republican Jewish Coalition, formerly known as the National Jewish Coalition (NJC), was founded to foster and enhance ties between the American Jewish community and the Republican Party. The organization's goals are to sensitize Republican decision makers in Washington to the concerns of the Jewish community and generally to encourage Jewish participation in Republican politics. The RJC does this by building strong relationships with Republicans on Capitol Hill and with administration officials and by publishing information about Republican policies and officials for the benefit of its members. Among the policy

issues on which the RJC focuses attention are the US-Israeli relationship, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the Middle East peace process.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Holds seminars and luncheons
- Sponsors campus representatives
- Offers internships
- Publishes *RJC Bulletin* (bi-monthly)

*Officers:*

- Matthew Brooks, Executive Director
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**The Saban Center for Middle East Policy,  
The Brookings Institution**  
1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036

*Telephone Number:* 202-797-6462

*Fax Number:* 202-797-2481

*E-mail:* SabanCenter@brookings.edu

*Web Site:* www.brookings.edu/SabanCenter

*Year established:* 2002

*Description:* Rapidly becoming one of the most dynamic centers of research and analysis of US policy in the Middle East, the Saban Center reflects the Brookings Institution's commitment to expand dramatically its research and analysis of Middle East policy issues at a time when the region has come to dominate the US foreign policy agenda. The Saban Center's purpose is to provide Washington policymakers with balanced, objective, in-depth and timely research and policy analysis from experienced and knowledgeable people who can bring fresh perspectives to bear on the crucial problems of the Middle East. The Center upholds the Brookings tradition

of being open to a broad range of views. Its central objective is to advance understanding of developments in the Middle East through policy-relevant scholarship and debate. The Saban Center is undertaking original research in six areas: the implications of regime change in Iraq, including post-war nation-building and Gulf security; the dynamics of the Iranian reformation; mechanisms and requirements for fulfilling a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; policy for Phase III of the war on terror, including the Syrian challenge; and political change in the Arab world. The Center also houses the ongoing *Brookings Project on US Policy Towards the Islamic World*.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Houses Middle East Studies Division of the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution

-Examines US relationships with the Middle East and Muslim World

-Holds conferences, research, and publications that deal with Iraq, Iran, Syria, and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

-Houses a library with 75,000 total volumes and 700 total periodicals, some of which covers the Middle East. The focus of its collection covers economics, foreign policy, and government. For visits, please call.

*Officers:*

-Martin Indyk, Director

-Kenneth Pollack, Director of Research

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## **Salam Sudan Foundation**

**1615 L Street, NW, Suite 340, Washington, DC 20036**

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*Fax Number:* 202-829-2055

*E-mail:* [salamsudan@aol.com](mailto:salamsudan@aol.com)

*Web Site:* [www.salamsudan.org](http://www.salamsudan.org)

*Description:* Salam Sudan Foundation is an international non-profit organization advocating a universal culture of justice, peace, democracy, and human rights for decades and believes in its importance and urgency now more than ever.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Holds seminars, conferences, and workshops
- Sponsors public education activities and materials (public speaking and media interviews)
- Conducts research/consulting in international, cross cultural, and inter-faith relations

*Officers:*

- Hashim El-Tinay, President
  - Amna Farah, Projects Manager
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## **Search for Common Ground in the Middle East** **1601 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20009**

*Telephone Number:* 202-265-4300

*Fax Number:* 202-232-6718

*E-mail:* [search@sfcg.org](mailto:search@sfcg.org)

*Web Site:* [www.sfcg.org](http://www.sfcg.org)

*Year established:* 1982

*Description:* Search for Common Ground is an independent, non-governmental organization that seeks to transform the way the world deals with conflict: away from adversarial approaches and toward cooperative solutions. Search for Common Ground in the Middle East (SCGME) is a multi-track program seeking to build a comprehensive process to contribute to regional peace, cooperation, and security in the Middle East. The program provides mechanisms for people in the Middle East to focus on common problems and work together toward common goals. SCGME's

principal focus is the promotion of non-violent action in the search for peace between Israel and the Palestinians, including working with Palestinian NGOs, production and exhibiting of programming on Israeli and Palestinian radio and television, and public opinion polling of popular support for non-violent action. On a regional level, SCGME convenes Arab and Israeli experts to develop joint strategies for responding to consequences of chemical and biological warfare. The program is headquartered in Jerusalem.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Holds private conferences
- Houses internship program
- Maintains database of organizations
- Publishes *Bulletin of Regional Cooperation in the Middle East* (quarterly)

*Officers:*

- John Marks, President and CEO
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## **Seeds of Peace**

**1054 31st Street, NW, Suite 320, Washington, DC 20007**

*Telephone Number:* 202-337-5530

*Fax Number:* 202-337-5646

*E-mail:* [info@seedsofpeace.org](mailto:info@seedsofpeace.org)

*Web Site:* [www.seedsofpeace.org](http://www.seedsofpeace.org)

*Description:* Seeds of Peace is a non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to preparing teenagers from areas of conflict with the leadership skills required to promote coexistence and peacemaking. While the organization focuses primarily on the Middle East, its programs have expanded to include other regions of conflict. As of 2003, participants come from the Middle East, South Asia, the Balkans, and Cyprus. The entry point for the Seeds of Peace program is its international camp in Maine. Working



with experienced facilitators and staff, teenagers participate in a wide variety of coexistence, educational, and recreational activities designed to create mutual understanding and respect. Follow-up programming is conducted year round in the US and abroad. Through the Seeds of Peace Center for Coexistence in Jerusalem, educational conferences, coexistence sessions, and reunions, the graduates are able to participate in a network of activities which strengthen and broaden the initial experiences at camp. Contact is also maintained through an alumni published newspaper, *The Olive Branch*, and through a daily list serve, *SeedsNet*.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Hosts international camp

-Tracks its participants from the age of 14 through their early 20s. Over 100 graduates are now enrolled in universities and colleges throughout the US

-Hosts parallel program year round for the delegation leaders, the adult educators who accompany the young people to camp

*Officers:*

-Aaron David Miller, President

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## **Sister Cities International**

**1301 Pennsylvania Ave, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004**

*Telephone Number:* 202-347-8630

*Fax Number:* 202-393-6524

*E-mail:* [info@sister-cities.org](mailto:info@sister-cities.org)

*Web Site:* [www.sister-cities.org](http://www.sister-cities.org)

*Year established:* 1956

*Description:* Sister Cities International (SCI) is a citizen diplomacy network creating and strengthening partnerships between US and international communities to increase global cooperation at a local level. SCI works to promote cultural understanding, social development, and economic growth

and, as an international membership organization, officially certifies links between US communities and those abroad to ensure their sustained commitment and success in the mission of promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community, one at a time. The SCI network represents more than 750 US communities, partnered with over 1,450 international communities in 122 countries, including US partnerships with Tehran, Iran, Jericho, Palestinian Authority, and Jerusalem in the region.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Sponsors Sustainable Development Network, Open World Leadership Program, Emergency Preparedness Programs

-Hosts annual conference

-Offers numerous grant programs in areas such as education, community problem solving youth, HIV/AIDs, humanitarian assistance, and practical training

-Publishes newsletter (bi-monthly)

*Officers:*

-Glenn Gray, President

-Tim Honey, Executive Director

-Rick Ferrer, Publications Director and Web Manager

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**The Smithsonian Institution-Freer Gallery  
of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery  
Smithsonian Institution, PO Box 37012, MRC 707,  
Washington, DC 20013-7012**

*Telephone Number:* 202-633-4880

*Fax Number:* 202-357-4911

*E-mail:* [asiainfo@asia.si.edu](mailto:asiainfo@asia.si.edu)

*Web Site:* [www.asia.si.edu](http://www.asia.si.edu)

*Year established:* 1923

*Description:* The Freer Gallery of Art houses an Asian art collection that is among the world's finest. The Smithsonian's first art museum, the Freer, also holds a group of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century American works donated by Charles Lang Freer. Among the Freer collection, which spans some 5,000 years—from the third millennium BC to the early twentieth century—are South Asian paintings, manuscripts, and sculpture; Iranian ceramics, manuscripts, metalwork, paintings, and sculpture; Iraqi manuscripts and ceramics; and Turkish manuscripts, ceramics, metalwork, and sculpture. The Arthur M. Sackler Gallery is a national museum of Asian art. Year round, it presents exhibitions drawn from its growing permanent collection and other institutions in the United States and around the world. Its collection of objects dates from the fourth millennium BC to the late twentieth century and includes Near Eastern works in silver, gold, bronze, ceramic, stone, and bronze sculpture from South and Southeast Asia, and a major collection of Islamic paintings and manuscripts from Iran and Mughal India.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Houses a library containing some 65,000 volumes and more than 200 periodicals on Asian art; member of the Research Libraries Information Network database, which provides access to the collections of most of the major art and East Asian libraries in the United States; Freer facility for the study of photographs and slides, the latter being available for loan

-Archives, under the administration of the library, include the *Herzfeld Papers* documenting early Near Eastern architecture; the Myron Bement Smith Collection offering an extensive visual documentation of Islamic art, architecture, and culture; the Vever collection of eleventh- to nineteenth-century Indian and Persian arts of the book, such as paintings, bookbindings, and works in calligraphy

-Holds public education programs and workshops for teachers and students

-Sponsors free public programs, including music, dance, films, lectures, and symposia on topics related to the collections

-Promotes scholarship and original research by the curatorial staff and sponsors research projects undertaken by allied scholars

-Publishes free quarterly calendar listing exhibitions and events

-Houses the Freer/Sackler Gallery Library, which holds 68,000 total volumes and slide images, some of which cover Middle Eastern art and archaeology. For visits, please call.

*Officers:*

-Julian Raby, Director

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**Society for International Development,  
Washington Chapter-Middle East  
Roundtable (SIDW)**

**1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 720, Washington,  
DC 20009-5728**

*Telephone Number:* 202-884-8590

*Fax Number:* 202-884-8499

*E-mail:* [sid@aed.org](mailto:sid@aed.org)

*Web Site:* [www.sidw.org](http://www.sidw.org)

*Year established:* 1957

*Description:* The purpose of the Middle East Roundtable is to establish an educational forum for communicating information and knowledge, and exchanging ideas and experience among individuals to raise awareness of the importance of development in creating an environment more conducive for progress. To achieve its mission, the Middle East Roundtable features speakers who address specific issues related to social, economic, and political development.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds annual conference and annual dinner

-Publishes *Development Connections*, a quarterly newsletter

*Officers:*

-Jack Downey, President

-Alina Zyszkowski, Executive Director

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**Sudan-American Foundation For Education, Inc.**  
**4141 N. Henderson Road, Suite 1205, Arlington, VA 22203**

*Telephone Number:* 703-525-9045

*Fax Number:* 703-351-0782

*E-mail:* burchinal@erols.com

*Web Site:* www.sudan.com/safe

*Year established:* 1985

*Description:* The Sudan-American Foundation For Education, Inc., seeks to improve educational opportunities for children and youth in the Sudan. SAFE does this by delivering donated books, equipment, and other educational materials needed by schools, colleges, universities, and libraries in Sudan.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Donates books journals, and educational equipment and supplies to people in Sudan

*Officers:*

-Ismail Abdalla, President

-Lee G. Burchinal, Executive Director

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## **Sudan Care Foundation, Inc.**

**PO Box 1823, West Bethesda, MD 20827**

*Telephone Number:* 301-987-5670

*Fax Number:* 301-897-8316

*E-mail:* [webmaster@sudancare.org](mailto:webmaster@sudancare.org)

*Web Site:* [www.sudancare.org](http://www.sudancare.org)

*Description:* Sudan Care Foundation, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, specifically: to relieve poverty and distress by the provision of emergency humanitarian assistance to displaced persons in Sudan and its neighboring countries; to support community-based economic and social initiatives to develop and strengthen civil society in Sudan; to promote for women and children, equal opportunities in community programs and initiatives; to foster in Sudan the values of democracy and respect for human rights; to educate individuals and organizations around the world about civil society and humanitarian issues in Sudan and; to promote programs to educate indigent and displaced Sudanese.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides emergency humanitarian assistance to displaced Sudanese

-Promotes opportunities in programs for women, children and the elderly

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## **Tangier-American Legation Museum Society**

**c/o SAIS Johns Hopkins, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue, NW,  
Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-663-5676

*Fax Number:* 202-663-5683

*E-mail:* [talm@wanadoo.net.ma](mailto:talm@wanadoo.net.ma)

*Web Site:* [www.maroc.net/legation](http://www.maroc.net/legation)

*Year established:* 1976

*Description:* The Tangier-American Legation Museum Society maintains

the American legation-the former chancery and residence of American ministers in Tangier, Morocco-as a historic landmark of the United States. It operates the museum, which is also a research conference center, an educational center, a research library containing some 5,000 volumes and historical documents related to US-Moroccan history and relations, and an English-language library for local students. It also serves as a Moroccan-American friendship society, particularly in the Washington area, having periodic lectures and other cultural events. The society is associated with the American Institute for Maghrib Studies.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Sponsors lectures and exhibits
- Conducts research report sessions at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association
- Houses a research library on North Africa, especially Morocco and US-Moroccan relations and literature
- Hosts researchers in history and social sciences and research conferences (with research results published in scholarly journals or separate publications).

*Officers:*

- Thor Kuniholm, Resident Director
  - I. William Zartman, President
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## **The Textile Museum**

**2320 S Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008-4088**

*Telephone Number:* 202-667-0441

*Fax Number:* 202-483-0994

*E-mail:* [info@textilemuseum.org](mailto:info@textilemuseum.org)

*Web Site:* [www.textilemuseum.org](http://www.textilemuseum.org)

*Year established:* 1925

*Description:* The Textile Museum features textile arts from antiquity to the present. The museum's collections are non-Western in focus, with special emphasis on Islamic, Southeast Asian, and pre-Columbian Latin American textiles. Six to eight changing exhibitions each year highlight these collections, as well as textile traditions not represented in the collections. The museum's Textile Learning Center provides visitors an opportunity to learn about the textile arts through hands-on activities.

*Services/ Publications/ Activities:*

- Holds lectures, seminars, workshops, and other educational programs
- Houses museum bookstore and shop
- Publishes Textile Museum Bulletin (quarterly), *Textile Museum Journal* (annually)

*Officers:*

- Ursula McCracken, Director
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## **United Association for Studies and Research (UASR)**

**5524 Hempstead Way, North Springfield, VA 22151**

*Telephone Number:* 703-750-9011

*Fax Number:* 703-750-9010

*E-mail:* [uasr@aol.com](mailto:uasr@aol.com)

*Web Site:* [www.uasr.org](http://www.uasr.org)

*Year established:* 1989

*Description:* The United Association for Studies and Research, Inc. was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1989 by a number of scholars, journalists, and businessmen to examine the causes of conflict in the Middle East and North Africa, the political trends that shape the indigenous populations' future, and the relationship of these areas to techno-



logically advanced nations. UASR was formed to satisfy a broad agenda that includes the study of on-going issues in the Middle East, such as the Arab-Israeli conflict. In addition, UASR's founders envisioned an organization that would promote greater dialogue and understanding among ideologically disparate groups in the Arab and Islamic worlds. UASR includes in its goals the promotion of constructive debate among observers of the region. UASR's work is also geared towards building bridges between the Western and Muslim worlds. The mutual misunderstanding among the people of these civilizations is counterproductive. UASR aims to clarify perspectives on all sides of the ideological spectrum.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds roundtable discussions on such topics as Islam and the West, Islamic movements, human rights, democracy, development, etc.

-Publishes *Middle East Affairs Journal* (quarterly), books, occasional papers, policy papers

*Officers:*

-Ahmad Yousef, Executive Director and Editor of *Middle East Affairs Journal*

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## **United Palestinian Appeal, Inc. (UPA)**

**1330 North Hampshire Avenue, NW, Suite 104, Washington, DC 20037**

*Telephone Number:* 202-659-5007

*Fax Number:* 202-296-0224

*E-mail:* [contact@helpupa.com](mailto:contact@helpupa.com)

*Web Site:* [www.helpUPA.com](http://www.helpUPA.com)

*Year established:* 1978

*Description:* United Palestinian Appeal is a non-political, non-profit, unaffiliated, and tax-exempt charity. With a humanitarian mission, UPA helps Palestinians mainly in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the areas of health

care, welfare, education, community development, children's services and other programs promoting skill development, job creation, and a civil society. UPA is a participating agency of the Combined Federal Campaign and a member of the Independent Charities of America, and is recognized by the US Agency for International Development as a private and voluntary organization.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides funds to support development projects that help urban and rural communities and benefit the largest number of people

-Donates a significant share of resources to the critical and acute health care needs of Palestinians and to health institutions

-Provides partial scholarships for needy and qualified Palestinian students at home and funds projects to improve and modernize Palestinian education and schools

-Funds programs caring for sick and handicapped children and matches sponsors with needy children in the Palestinian territories and refugee camps, who then receive monthly allowances

-Publishes annual report

*Officers:*

-Haidar Abdel Shafi, Chairman

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## **United States-Azerbaijan Chamber of Commerce**

**1212 Potomac Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007**

*Telephone Number:* 202-333-8702

*Fax Number:* 202-333-8703

*E-mail:* chamber@usacc.org

*Web Site:* www.usacc.org

*Year established:* 1995

*Description:* The USACC is an independent non-profit American organization whose purpose is to improve and broaden business cooperation, understanding, dialogue and the bonds of friendship between the American people and the people of Azerbaijan.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Houses Azerbaijan Trade and Cultural Center
- Publishes *Investment Guide to Azerbaijan* (annual)
- Holds Annual Conference

*Officers:*

- Seymour Khalilov, Executive Director
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## **United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)**

**800 North Capitol Street, Suite 790, Washington, DC 20002**

*Telephone Number:* 202-523-3240

*Fax Number:* 202-523-5020

*E-mail:* [communications@uscirf.gov](mailto:communications@uscirf.gov)

*Web Site:* [www.uscirf.gov](http://www.uscirf.gov)

*Year established:* 1998

*Description:* The US Commission on International Religious Freedom is a federal government commission headquartered in Washington, DC. The Commission was created by the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-292) to monitor religious freedom in other countries and advise the President, the Secretary of State, and Congress on how best to promote it.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes Country Reports

*Officers:*

-Michael K. Young, Chair

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**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
(USCCB), Office of International Justice and Peace  
3211 4th Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017**

*Telephone Number:* 202-541-3199

*Fax Number:* 202-541-3339

*Web Site:* [www.usccb.org/sdwp](http://www.usccb.org/sdwp)

*Year established:* 1922

*Description:* The United States Catholic Conference is the public policy agency of the American Catholic Bishops.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Monitors US policy toward the Middle East

-Serves as liaison with the Catholic Church in the Middle East

-Issues occasional statements and publications regarding the Middle East

*Officers:*

-Gerard Powers, Director

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## United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

1200 17th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036-3011

*Telephone Number:* 202-457-1700

*Fax Number:* 202-429-6063

*E-mail:* usip\_requests@usip.org

*Web Site:* www.usip.org

*Year established:* 1984

*Description:* The United States Institute of Peace was created by an act of Congress to promote education and training, research, and public information programs on the peaceful resolution of international conflict. The Institute's special Middle East program augments existing programs and directs special projects on issues affecting peace and stability in the Middle East, South Asia, and Central Asia. Study groups feed ideas informally to the Executive Branch of the US Government and Congress on regional arms control, Arab-Israeli peacemaking, bilateral and multilateral security arrangements, and the role of the United Nations. These and other topics are also special foci of the grant and fellowship programs.

### *Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides fellowships through the Jennings Randolph program to enable outstanding scholars, professionals, and doctoral students to carry out original research and education projects that focus on international conflict resolution

-Offers financial support for research, education, training, and information dissemination through unsolicited and solicited grants

-Sponsors the National Peace Essay contest for high school students, summer seminars for high school and college faculty, and conflict resolution training programs

-Holds lectures, conferences, and workshops

-Publishes *Peace Watch*, newsletter, *Peace Reports*, Special Reports

-Houses the Jeannette Rankin Library Program which holds more than 11,000 books and journals on international conflict resolution and mediation. For visits, please call

*Officers:*

- Chester Crocker, Chairman
  - Richard Solomon, President
  - Harriet Hentges, Executive Vice President
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## **US-Algeria Business Council (US-ABC)**

**1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 270, Washington,  
DC 20004**

*Telephone Number:* 202-289-2022

*Fax Number:* 202-289-2625

*E-mail:* dickholmes@us-algeria.org

*Web Site:* www.us-algeria.org

*Year established:* 2002

*Description:* The United States Algeria Business Council is the result of an Algerian and American business initiative. The Council founders recognize the impetus of Algeria towards a market economy and its desire to integrate into the global economy and to generate broad new business opportunities. Algerian business leaders view membership in the Council as an opportunity to attract American investment and the transfer of American technologies and business skills to Algeria as well as an opportunity to promote Algerian exports beyond oil and gas. American business leaders view Algeria's market opening, human and economic resources as providing them with a new market with long-run business opportunities including privileged access for Algeria-based American manufacturers to European markets through Algeria's EU Association Agreement.

*Officers:*

- Richard Holmes, President and CEO
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## **US Committee for Refugees (USCR)**

**1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington,  
DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-347-3507

*Fax Number:* 202-347-3418

*E-mail:* [uscr@irsa-uscr.org](mailto:uscr@irsa-uscr.org)

*Web Site:* [www.refugees.org](http://www.refugees.org)

*Year established:* 1958

*Description:* The US Committee for Refugees defends the rights of refugees, asylum seekers, and displaced persons worldwide. USCR documents and reports on the conditions faced by refugees, asylum seekers, and displaced persons, regardless of their nationality, race, religion, ideology, or social group.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *World Refugee Survey* (annually), *Refugee Reports* (monthly), and occasional issue papers

*Officers:*

-Lavinia Limon, Executive Director

-Hiram Ruiz, Director of Communications

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## **US Copts Association**

**529 14th Street NW, Suite 1081, Washington, DC 20045**

*Telephone Number:* 202-737-3660

*Fax Number:* 202-737-3661

*E-mail:* [copts@copts.com](mailto:copts@copts.com)

*Web Site:* [www.copts.com](http://www.copts.com)

*Year established:* 1996

*Description:* US Copts Association is dedicated to raising awareness regarding the

plight of the Copts within Egypt and educating the Coptic community both in Egypt and abroad on issues of human rights, democracy, and religious freedom.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Monitors news related to Copts in Egypt
- Publishes *Coptic Daily Digest*

*Officers:*

- Michael Meunier, President
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**US-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee**  
**1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1210, Washington,**  
**DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-293-7499

*Fax Number:* 202-293-0903

*Year established:* 1990

*Description:* The US-GCC Corporate Cooperation Committee comprises a growing number of major American multinational corporations. The committee's objectives are to promote US-GCC trade, investment, and commercial partnerships, and to raise American awareness of the innumerable benefits to the United States from increased relations with the GCC. The committee has continuously sought to improve understanding and knowledge of the GCC in the United States at the leadership level.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Hosts briefings with industry leaders and US Government officials
- Coordinates corporate visits to the GCC member states
- Holds annual US-Mideast Policymakers Conference in Washington, DC,



bringing together business, academic, government, and military officials to engage in dialogue over important issues relating to the Middle East

-Houses a library

-Publishes *Weekly Gulf Wire* newsletter highlighting the most up-to-date political, economic, and legislative news within the six GCC states, industry specific economic reports, and occasional papers

*Officers:*

-John Duke Anthony, Secretary

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## **US-Iraq Business Council**

**1215 Seventeenth Street, NW Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-452-8561

*Fax Number:* 202-452-1028

*E-mail:* [cetinkayae@usiraqbc.com](mailto:cetinkayae@usiraqbc.com)

*Web Site:* [www.usiraqbc.com](http://www.usiraqbc.com)

*Year established:* 2002

*Description:* Approved and authorized by the US Treasury Department for its activities in October 2002, the Council's mission is to boost the private sector, enhance the welfare of the Iraqi people, the growth of the democratic process in Iraq, and the integration of a democratic Iraq into the world's economy. The Council's focus is the encouragement of efforts for the reconstruction of Iraq, and assistance for private investments by various business sectors into Iraq – America's new trade partner.

*Officers:*

-Emine Cetinkaya, Director

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**US-Kazakhstan Business Association (USKBA)**  
**1200 G Street, NW, Suite 827, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-434-8791

*Fax Number:* 202-638-3040

*E-mail:* ExDir@uskba.net

*Web Site:* www.uskba.net

*Year established:* 1999

*Description:* The USKBA's focus is primarily on business initiatives and its main objectives are to: maintain an ongoing liaison with Kazakhstani government officials in the US and in Kazakhstan to provide the appropriate fora for visiting Kazakhstani officials to meet its members and ensure regular, productive contact; provide a forum for the exchange of views and information on business matters between the business and government leaders of both the United States and Kazakhstan; provide timely communications to all members regarding business opportunities and business conditions in Kazakhstan; grow the membership in order to serve as an effective, collective voice of US business interests in Kazakhstan; act in concert with other Councils and Chambers to promote economic growth in the Caspian region as appropriate to Association objectives; and serve as a forum to promote awareness of Kazakhstan in the US, in support of members' business initiatives.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes a newsletter, *Kazakhstan: An Investment Prospectus, Investing in Kazakhstan: Strategies for Success, Cultural Distinctions Between Kazakhstani and Western Business Practice*

*Officers:*

-William C. Veale, Executive Director

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## **US- Qatar Business Council**

**6862 Elm Street, Suite 720, McLean, VA 22101**

*Telephone Number:* 703-847-2319

*Fax Number:* 703-847-6384

*E-mail:* [info@usqbc.org](mailto:info@usqbc.org)

*Web Site:* [www.usqbc.org](http://www.usqbc.org)

*Year established:* 1996

*Description:* The US-Qatar Business Council was established in 1996 with the goal of promoting commercial relations between the United States and the State of Qatar. It is a non-profit, private sector organization which provides a forum for discussion of key economic, commercial, and other issues of interest to American companies doing or planning to do business in Qatar. The Council also provides information and sponsors events and programs which provide insight into Qatar and its international and business environment. In early 1997, the Council opened its office in Washington, where it conducts its major activities.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Publishes *US-Qatar Journal*

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## **US- Saudi Arabian Business Council**

**1401 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-638-1212

*Fax Number:* 202-638-2894

*E-mail:* [ussaudi@us-saudi-business.org](mailto:ussaudi@us-saudi-business.org)

*Web Site:* [www.us-saudi-business.org](http://www.us-saudi-business.org)

*Year established:* 1993

*Description:* The US-Saudi Arabian Business Council is a non-profit organization created to improve the knowledge and understanding of Saudi

Arabia within the US business community, and vice versa, and to promote trade and investment between the two countries. The Council also seeks to create awareness of the opportunities for small and medium sized business in both countries. The Business Council has built a membership base of leading companies in the United States and Saudi Arabia and interacts regularly with US and Saudi Arabian officials to promote issues of mutual interest to American and Saudi firms. The Council maintains offices in Washington, DC and Riyadh.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Certifies commercial documents for exports to Saudi Arabia
- Houses library of economic and business information about Saudi Arabia
- Promotes joint ventures and trade opportunities
- Holds plenary meetings, alternating between Riyadh and Washington, DC and seminars on doing business in Saudi Arabia and opportunities for investment
- Publishes newsletter, *US-Saudi Business Brief*, *The Saudi Expert Guide: A Resource for US Media*, and *A Business Guide to Saudi Arabia*, a comprehensive guide to doing business in Saudi Arabia

*Officers:*

- Alfred C. DeCrane, US Co-Chairman
  - Sheikh Abdulaziz Al-Quraishi, Saudi Arabian Co-Chairman
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**United States-Tajikistan Chamber of Commerce**  
1250 24th Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC, 20037-1124

*Telephone Number:* 202-776-7779

*Fax Number:* 202-776-7765

*E-mail:* [ustajcc@aol.com](mailto:ustajcc@aol.com)

*Year established:* 1999

*Description:* The United States-Tajikistan Chamber of Commerce is a professional, not-for-profit organization engaged exclusively in promoting business, commerce, academic pursuits, cooperation, and goodwill among its members and the peoples of the United States and Tajikistan in general.

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## **Washington Institute for Near East Policy**

**1828 L Street, NW, Suite 1050, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-452-0650

*Fax Number:* 202-293-0173

*E-mail:* [info@washingtoninstitute.org](mailto:info@washingtoninstitute.org)

*Web Site:* [www.washingtoninstitute.org](http://www.washingtoninstitute.org)

*Year established:* 1995

*Description:* The Washington Institute for Near East Policy is a private, educational foundation supporting scholarly research and informed debate on US interests in the Near East.

### *Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds the Washington Institute Policy Forum bringing together scholars, journalists, and government policymakers from the United States and abroad to evaluate events in the Middle East and exchange ideas on US policy

-Hosts conferences, roundtable discussions, and seminars on issues related to US policy in the Near East

-Maintains permanent staff of experts and fellows who research Near East issues relevant to US policy

-Publishes Policy Papers series, Policy Focus research memoranda, conference proceedings, *Policy Watch* (analysis by fax), books and special reports

*Officers:*

- Dennis Ross, Director
  - Robert Satloff, Director of Policy and Strategic Planning
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**Washington Kurdish Institute (WKI)**  
**605 G Street, SW Washington, DC 20024**

*Telephone Number:* 202-484-0142

*Fax Number:* 202-484-0140

*E-mail:* [wki@kurd.org](mailto:wki@kurd.org)

*Web Site:* [www.kurd.org](http://www.kurd.org)

*Description:* The Washington Kurdish Institute is a non-profit, research and educational organization whose motto is "For Kurdish People Worldwide." Geography, politics and history have conspired to render 30 million Kurds the largest stateless people in the Middle East. Unrepresented at the United Nations, on Embassy Row, or in other international fora, critical issues affecting Kurds and countries in which they live are debated in world capitals, yet Kurdish voices are rarely heard. WKI amplifies informed, independent perspectives of issues which affect Kurds and bear directly on regional stability and US national interests. To achieve its objectives while being effective in the human rights and foreign policy communities, the Board of Directors and Executive Director Mike Amitay believe the Institute must maintain strict non-partisanship and uncompromised support for international human rights standards. The Advisory Committee includes prominent scholars, human rights practitioners, Middle East and foreign policy experts, and Kurds from around the world. WKI has projects in the US and in Iraq.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Established the Halabja Post Graduate Medical Institute (HMI) in 1999 in Iraqi Kurdistan where health professionals study and treat the long term effects of chemical, biological, and radiological weapons
- Collaborates with regional governments and local and international NGOs

to provide basic health care and medicine to those with no access to health services, including refugees and displaced persons

-Compiles news articles from domestic and international sources on Kurdish-related issues which are distributed free of charge

-Teaches Kurdish languages in partnership with the Middle East Institute

-Houses a small library of Kurdish-language materials

*Officers:*

-Najmaldin Karim, President and Board of Directors

-Mike Amitay, Executive Director

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## **Washington Peace Center**

**1426 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 306, Washington, DC 20001**

*Telephone Number:* 202-234-2000

*Fax Number:* 202-234-7064

*E-mail:* [wpc@igc.org](mailto:wpc@igc.org)

*Web Site:* [www.washingtonpeacecenter.org](http://www.washingtonpeacecenter.org)

*Year established:* 1963

*Description:* The Washington Peace Center is a 35-year-old organization committed to nonviolent social change. Program emphasis includes both international and domestic issues. Domestic concerns focus on racism, poverty, and the effects of militarism on society. International concerns include a particular emphasis on the Middle East, Central America, and the Caribbean. Through education and direct action, the center tries to find a connection among the various issues facing our society and the world at large.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Provides information and activities on a range of issues

-Offers space for meetings, events, phone banking, staff provides support

and advice to local and visiting groups on logistics, permits, sound, media, meeting space, housing, and coalition work

-Educates and takes action on international and domestic issues

-Produces critical work in the DC Coalition to Stop the US War on Iraq

-Publishes a newsletter, calendar of educational, political, and cultural events, and two annual directories: *Media Guide for Activists* and *Peace and Justice Action Guide*

-Coordinates Economics for the People.

*Officers:*

-Jennifer Carr, Coordinator

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## **Women for Women International**

**1850 M Street, NW, Suite 1090, Washington, DC 20036**

*Telephone Number:* 202-737-7705

*Fax Number:* 202-737-7709

*E-mail:* [general@womenforwomen.org](mailto:general@womenforwomen.org)

*Web Site:* [www.womenforwomen.org](http://www.womenforwomen.org)

*Description:* Women for Women International provides women survivors of war, civil strife, and other conflicts with tools and resources to move from crisis and poverty into a civil society that promotes and protects peace, stability, and self-sufficiency. Women for Women International currently operates in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Rwanda, Nigeria, Afghanistan/Pakistan, and Colombia. In response to the potential humanitarian crisis in Iraq, Women for Women International has launched an Emergency Response Fund. This fund will enable the organization to bring programs to women survivors of conflict in Iraq and other crisis areas around the world.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Sponsors various humanitarian programs

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**Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars**  
**One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave.,**  
**NW, Washington, DC 20560**

*Telephone Number:* 202-691-4000

*Fax Number:* 202-691-4001

*E-mail:* [mccarters@wwic.si.edu](mailto:mccarters@wwic.si.edu)

*Web Site:* [www.wilsoncenter.org](http://www.wilsoncenter.org)

*Year established:*1968

*Description:* Founded by Congress as a living memorial to the nation's twenty-eighth president, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is an institute of advanced study in the social sciences and humanities. A wide diversity of scholarly interests is represented in the residential fellowship program for research at the post-doctoral level. Its fellows are awarded periods of study from four months to one year. Middle Eastern affairs are brought into the institute through the center's Division of International Studies.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

- Houses scholars-in-residence program
- Hosts lectures, seminars, discussions, and colloquia
- Publishes *Centerpoint*, newsletter; special reports; papers and books
- Houses The Kennan Collection at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars library has approximately 8000 books in the social sciences and humanities. The library is open by appointment.

*Officers:*

- Lee H. Hamilton, President and Director
  - Robert S. Litwak, Director of International Studies
  - Haleh Esfandiari, Consulting Director, Middle East Project
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**World Affairs Council of Washington, DC**  
**1800 K Street, NW, Suite 1014, Washington, DC 20006**

*Telephone Number:* 202-293-1051

*Fax Number:* 202-293-3467

*Email:* clee@worldaffairsdc.org

*Web Site:* www.worldaffairsdc.org

*Year established:* 1980

*Description:* The World Affairs Council of Washington, DC is a member of the National Council of World Affairs Organizations and is affiliated with the New York-based Foreign Policy Association. As a non-partisan, community-based organization, it offers every citizen the opportunity to study and participate in international policy issues. The council's main objective is to provide a forum for the open consideration of international issues and to open channels between the public and key officials involved in foreign policy decisions. All major international issues, including the Middle East, are subjects for council programs and activities.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

-Holds series of public forums and programs for corporations and businesses

-Hosts International Issues Group for young professionals and outreach program for students and high school teachers

*Officers:*

-Donna Evans, President

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## **World Sindhi Institute (WSI)**

**733 15th Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005**

*Telephone Number:* 202-637-3244

*Fax Number:* 202 -637-3246

*Email:* WSIHQ@worldsindhi.org

*Web Site:* www.worldsindhi.org

*Year established:* 1997

*Description:* The World Sindhi Institute, for Human Rights in Sindh, Pakistan, is a, non-profit organization based in Washington, DC WSI was founded to bring to the attention of the international community the grave situation in Sindh, the southeastern province of Pakistan. Through a nonviolent advocacy, activist and academic campaign, WSI informs others of the human rights and environmental atrocities occurring in Sindh. With support from contributors and volunteers from around the world, WSI Board of Directors and Advisors, and a small staff of employees, WSI strives to achieve human rights and security for Sindhis in a stable Pakistan.

*Services/Publications/Activities:*

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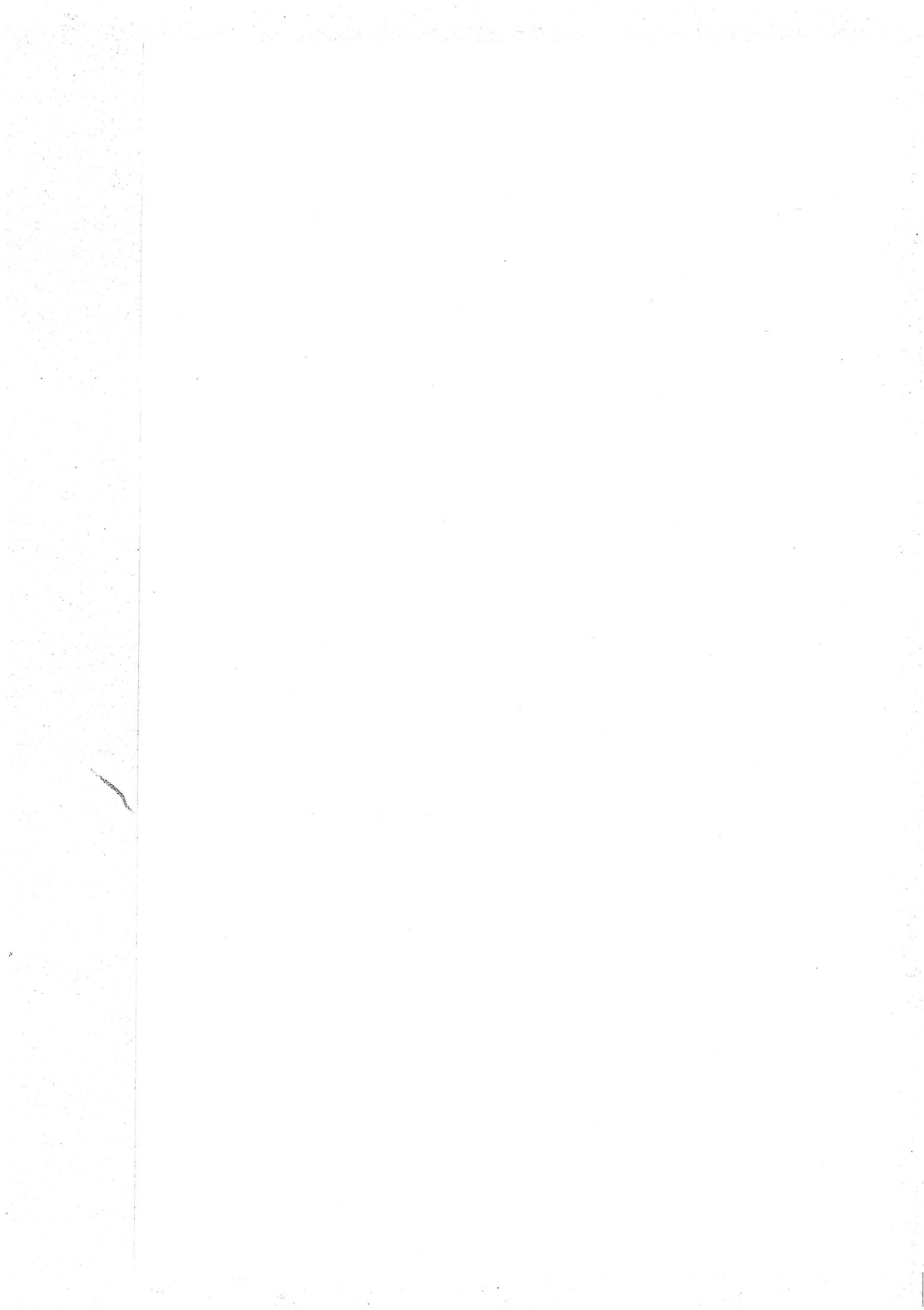
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