

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE BAHÁ'ÍS OF THE UNITED STATES

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To all Arabic-speaking
Bahá'ís in the United States

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

We write once again to warmly invite your participation in the quickly approaching Arab American Conference, being held August 16–19 in the Chicago area. **The deadline for registration is August 13.** You are also strongly encouraged to extend this invitation to any Arabic-speaking friends from the wider community who share an interest in “Unity in Diversity,” the theme of this year’s conference. The program will include artistic performances, focused workshops and presentations by the following esteemed academics and professionals, from the United States, Canada, and the Arab world:

Dr. Nadia Buhannad, founder and managing director of Sikololgia Consultancy and Training. Dr. Buhannad, based in the United Arab Emirates, has presented at several national and international conferences and regularly hosts and presents on Arabic television on physiological, family, and women’s issues.

Dr. Sawsan Hosny Elhady, professor and author. Dr. Elhady was one of the first females to study in and graduate from Al-Azhar University in Cairo. She has taught Arabic and worked as a linguistic specialist in several universities in China, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Sam Hindawi, business development specialist and senior management consultant, based in Toronto, Canada. Mr. Hindawi has extensive experience in science and technology, economy, and education, and has collaborated with several nonprofit organizations focusing on individual and societal development.

Ms. Nuha Karmustaji, certified trainer, life coach, artist, and coexistence activist. Ms. Karmustaji is a member of the Bahrain Foundation for Dialogue, the Bahrain Society for Training and Development, and Social Media Club Bahrain.

Dr. Hoda Mahmoudi, research professor and holder of the Bahá'í Chair for World Peace at the University of Maryland. Dr. Mahmoudi works with a wide range of scholars and practitioners to develop strategies that explore the role of social actors and structures in removing obstacles to peace.

Mr. Mariwan Naqshbandi, director of religious coexistence at the Endowment and Religious Affairs Ministry for Iraqi Kurdistan. He is a researcher and media activist focusing on coexistence and religious freedoms.

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To register for the conference, please click [here](#). To ensure you receive the negotiated discounted rate at the DoubleTree hotel, where the conference is taking place, [visit this link](#) and reserve your room by **July 27**. More information is available through the conference website (www.arabamericanconference.com); any questions may be directed to the conference committee by email (committee@arabamericanconference.com).

We look forward to welcoming you and your friends in August.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,



Kenneth E. Bowers
Secretary