



OICC 9th International Scientific Symposium
"ICT Impact on Municipal Service Development: Towards E-Government"
and Exhibition on
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Ankara, 18-20 June 2007 (3-5 Jamada Al-Thani 1428 H)

Symposium Bulletin
And
Call for Research and Working Papers

Introduction:

In pursuance of the tradition of the Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC) of organizing international scientific symposia to address scientific issues of interest to the municipalities of Islamic capitals and cities and in favor of the realization of one of its foremost objectives, namely that of laying the foundations and evolving appropriate tools for the sustainable development in Islamic cities;

In an effort to enhance the capacities of the member Islamic capitals and cities in the field of information and communication; and as a step towards the proper implementation and follow-up of the conclusions formulated by the World Summit on the Information Society;

And, in collaboration with Greater Ankara Municipality, the OICC will be organizing its 9th International Scientific Symposium, in parallel to its 11th General Conference due to be held in Ankara, capital of the Republic of Turkey. The Symposium will be hosted by the Municipality of Greater Ankara, member of the OICC and its Administrative Council, and cosponsored by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) - Canada, and a number of international organizations.

The OICC is pleased to invite the participation of its members as well as researchers and specialists through the submission of the presentation of their experience within the framework of the Symposium track themes, or just through their attendance.

Venue: Ankara, capital of the Republic of Turkey .

Date : 18-20 June, 2007 (3-5 Jumada Al-Thani, 1428 H).

Objectives of the Symposium:

- To emphasize the importance of utilizing the Information and Communication technologies and e-Government as a tool for the achievement of sustainable development and enhanced decision making.
- To define the basic, current and prospective, needs, obstacles and electronics-related priority issues in the field of e-government and municipal services.
- To define the strategic and empirical considerations for implementing electronic municipal and e-Government services and e-service documentation and processes.
- To exchange experiences between the different municipalities and specialized agencies, in the field of local e-Government services, and presentation of the best practices at both regional and international levels.



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Symposium Themes:

Technical aspects:

- Electronic Municipal services delivery.
- Infrastructure for e-Government and municipal e-services delivery.
- Technical requirements for implementing e-Government.
- Standards of quality and distinction in e-service delivery.

Economic and developmental aspects:

- e-Government as a tool for economic and social development.

Legal and regulatory aspects:

- Regulations, systems and applications necessary for e-Government promotion.
- Administrative and regulatory underpinnings and dimensions.

Information, awareness and social Aspects:

- Awareness dissemination and readiness for ICT utilization.
- Social impact of e-services and e-government utilization.

Experience and expertise

- Review of cities' and municipalities' e-service experience.

Capacity building

- Fields of capacity building.
- Instruments for capacity building.

Symposium Activities:

The Symposium activities break into four categories:

- Scientific lectures and keynote speeches covering main topics.
- Scientific researches and working papers.
- Workshops covering skills and capacity building.
- Presentation of experiments and experience by member Islamic capitals and cities, as well as governmental, non-governmental and international organizations.

Participation in the Symposium:

Participation may be through:

- Research papers.
- Case Studies.
- Reference papers.
- Technical, methodological and application reports.
- Attendance only.

Applicants for participation in the Symposium are invited to fill in the registration form and send it by fax, mail or e-mail, to the address shown on the form.



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Papers Acceptance Policies:

- Papers will be reviewed by an anonymous jury.
- Abstracts will be assessed based on the importance of their subject matter, their relevance to the symposium pivots and their scientific value.
- Invited papers will be accepted based on their subjects and the CV profile of their authors.

Submission of Abstracts and Paper Drafts:

The following should be taken into consideration:

- Papers should be related to one of the tracks or the subjects of the symposium.
- Abstracts and the papers should include the following elements:
 - Title of research paper, name of author/authors, job title, employer, scientific qualifications, brief of C. V., e-mail, postal address, telephone and fax.
 - Abstract.
 - Objectives of research/working paper.
 - Importance of research/working paper to the Symposium.
 - Research/working paper should be related to the Symposium's theme.
- Abstract and paper draft should not exceed 1500 words.
- Abstracts should be written in Microsoft Word, on A4 size paper. A 2.5 cm margin should be left on all four sides. For abstracts in Arabic, the font (Traditional Arabic) should be used, with font size 14 for the text and font size 16 for main headings. For abstracts in English and French, the font (Times New Roman) should be used, with font size 12 for the text, and font size 14 for main headings.
- Abstracts should be sent in the form of Microsoft Word File, along with a paper copy.

Papers Final Format

- Papers final format, including the layout and fonts, will be communicated to the authors upon notification of acceptance.
- Final papers should not exceed 12 pages.
- Papers will be presented during the symposium using PowerPoint presentation, and the author should provide the symposium committee with PowerPoint presentation file within the fixed dates.

Audiovisual equipment and Translation:

- A PC with Microsoft PowerPoint and a video projector will be made available.
- Simultaneous translation from/to Arabic, English and French will be provided.

Languages:

The official languages for the presentation of lectures, experiences and expertise are the OICC's three official languages: Arabic, English and French.

Participant International and Regional Bodies:

Islamic capitals and cities Members of the OICC and a number of international and regional organizations will participate in the Scientific Symposium. Participation will also be invited from universities, science and research institutions, non-governmental organizations, civil society institutions, experts, specialists in the Symposium's field, businessmen, private sector companies and students.



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Important Dates:

- Abstracts of working papers must be received by 28th February, 2007 (10th Safar 1428 H).
- Notification of paper acceptance, along with any relevant remarks shall be made by 20th March, 2007 (1st Rabi Al-Awal, 1428 H).
- Final working papers (printed or electronic along with Power Point presentation file) must be received by 30th April, 2007 (13th Rabi Al-Thani, 1428 H).
- Notification of any observations on final papers shall be made by 5th May, 2007 (18th Rabi Al Thani, 1428 H)
- Final papers, after implementation of remarks, must be received by 15th May, 2007 (28th Rabi Al-Thani, 1428 H)
- Applications for participation as attendees, along with the payment of registration fees must be received not later than 11:00 am of the inaugural day of the Symposium, 18th June, 2007 (3rd Jumada Al-Thani, 1428 H).
- Applications for participation in the exhibition, must be received, along with the payment of registration fees by 15th May, 2007 (28th Rabi Al-Thani, 1428 H).

Registration for the Symposium:

Applicants for participation in the Symposium are invited to fill in the registration form and send it along with payment of the appropriate fees, as indicated below, to the OICC General Secretariat's address shown on the form.

Symposium's Registration Fees:

- OICC members, lecturers and researchers whose researches are accepted by the Symposium's Scientific Committee : exempted
- Individuals : US\$ 150
- Representatives of Companies and Institutions : US\$ 300
- Students : US\$ 30

Method of Payment of Symposium's Registration Fees:

The registration fees may be paid by one of the following methods:

- 1 - **Bank Transfer:** For the benefit of the Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities – Account No. 201752010001306-Al-Rajhi Bank-Al-Azizia Branch, Makkah Al-Mukaramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. A copy of the bank transfer must be enclosed with the registration form.
- 2 - **Certified Bank Cheque:** For the order of the Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities, to be drafted on one of the banks in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The cheque should be enclosed with the registration form.
- 3 - **Cash:** to be delivered on site, to the OICC official designated at the Symposium Secretariat (Registration Desk), on 18th June, 2007 (3rd Jumada Al-Thani, 1428 H) from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The registration fees include attendance of sessions, obtaining a copy of the Symposium's documents, participation/attendance certificate to be either delivered to the concerned before or after the Symposium is concluded, or posted to them afterwards. Registration fees do not include any travel or accommodation expenses.



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Accommodation of Symposium Participants:

Greater Ankara Municipality will host the lecturers whose researches are accepted to be presented at the Symposium (one lecturer per paper) for a period of five days including the period of the Symposium itself plus one arrival and one departure days. Any additional expenses will have to be met by the lecturer.

The OICC will provide an economy class excursion air ticket (or its equivalent) for every lecturer from his place of residence to the venue of the Symposium.

Other participants may arrange their own accommodation through the Organizing Committee in Ankara, and they are themselves expected to cover any relevant expenses. Ankara boasts many world class hotels of different categories offering all facilities and services. Further details on hotels will be communicated later.

Exhibition:

A specialized international exhibition will be held in parallel to the 9th International Scientific Symposium to showcase advanced technologies in information and communication systems. Islamic capitals and cities, governmental bodies, local, regional and international institutions will participate in the exhibition and display their best practices. Furthermore, the designer, producer and developer companies for information systems, consultancy firms, and the private sector will participate and exhibit their scientific, research, applied and technological products through posters, bulletins, systems, programs and applied projects. Publications will be distributed and findings will be disseminated through website.

Registration for the Exhibition:

Applicants for participation in the exhibition are invited to fill in the registration form and send it to the OICC General Secretariat's address as indicated in the form, along with a certified cheque or copy of a bank transfer to the amount of the registration fees. Registration fees include the allocation of space inside the exhibition area, as indicated in the registration form for the registrants to display their exhibits according to availability of space as designated by the Organizing Committee. Registrants shall provide all the requirements of their own displays, at their expense and in conformity with the instructions of the Organizing Committee..

Exhibition's Registration Fee:

- Representatives of OICC members..... : exempted.
- Participants from the host country..... : US\$ 300 per square meter.
- Others : US\$ 600 per square meter.

Method of Payment of Exhibition's Registration Fee:

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Accommodation of Exhibition Participants:

Participants at the exhibition are expected to arrange for the accommodation of their delegates and bear all attendants expenses. They may arrange their own accommodation through the Organizing Committee in Ankara. Ankara boasts many world class hotels of different categories offering all facilities and services. Further details on hotels will be communicated later.

Correspondence:

Abstracts, the final working papers in electronic formats, and registration forms for both the Symposium and Exhibition should be sent to the following address:

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