

## Al-Amal's Second Conference of Disability

“From... to”

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## Introduction

In collaboration with its partners, Al-Amal Society for Development and Social Care succeeded to convene its First Conference of Disability held in Istanbul, in 2015, establishing a link between civil society institutions on one hand, and persons with disabilities on the other. Al-Amal took advantage of that conference to introduce substantial programs and genuine services, and since persons with disabilities constitute a major social category and possess massive creativity capabilities, Al-Amal determinately decided to organize its Second Conference of Disability-2018 "From... to". This conference is intended to be an example of cooperation and creativity as it will be marked by relevant initiatives.

## Date & Place

Istanbul **16 & 17** March 2018

**Pullman** Hotel, Istanbul, Turkey.

## Main participants

Official and governmental institutions.

Arab, regional, and International organizations.

Supporting institutions and NGO's

Persons and specialists in the field of disability.

## The idea of the Conference

Its idea is based mainly on establishing contacts and links between stakeholders interested in bringing about a positive change on the lives of persons with disabilities through the launch of individual, collective or corporate initiatives. Originators of initiatives might be either persons with disabilities themselves or just people or institutions from outside this category. However, these initiatives should have left a positive impact that shored up and advanced the situation of persons with disabilities.

## Importance of the Conference

Its importance stems from the notion that the Conference lays a basis for establishing effective partnerships between the civil society and persons with disabilities, especially in places afflicted by crises and disasters where there is a particularly dire need for effective and robust initiatives that help persons with disabilities achieve their ambitions and realize their hopes.

## Objectives and targets

- 1** Set up an International platform that harmonizes the initiatives geared for persons with disabilities.
- 2** Encourage the launch of substantial initiatives so that to be exemplary models in order to create user-friendly environments for the benefit of persons with disabilities.
- 3** Amalgamate the spent efforts, and support the issues of persons with disabilities.
- 4** Alleviate the post-war and disasters consequences that lead to the increasing numbers of persons with disabilities worldwide.

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## Main topics and sessions

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**The Conference will be held throughout 2 days, and discuss 3 main topics:**

### **1.From Isolation to Integration:**

This topic will include unique initiatives about putting adjustments and accommodations. In addition, there will be a display of live experiences about promising initiatives on employment and creating work opportunities for persons with disabilities in the labor market.

### **2-From Care to Empowerment:**



Humanitarian and social gestures that shed light on the requirements of persons with disabilities. It will also include hopeful models and initiatives in the areas of health, empowerment, and war-resulted disabilities.

### **3-From Blurriness to Support:**

This session will showcase some rights-based initiatives along with an initiative about media and information, and finally a ground-breaking initiative touching on technology that facilitates their daily life and work.



## Associate activities and events:

-  A pre-conference training program, evening of 15/3/2018.
-  Art exhibitions.