

## Registration Form

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## Registration Fee

☐ Before 31st Aug: RM 500 per pax  
(includes conference dinner on 1st September)

☐ On site registration : RM 600

*Please tick appropriately.*

### Payment Declaration:

Kindly make cheques payable to  
**Muslim Professionals Forum**  
Maybank, Bukit Damansara Branch  
AC No: 564-324-333558

## Faculty

- 1 Heba Rauf (Egypt)
- 2 Dr. Haitham Khayat (Egypt)
- 3 Dr. Sulaiman Dufford (USA)
- 4 Assoc. Prof. Harlina Siraj (UKM)
- 5 Assoc. Prof. Zaleha (UIA)
- 6 Dr. Kamar Ainiah (Lawyer)
- 7 Zainah Anwar (SIS)
- 8 Roselainya Abdul Rahman (UTM)
- 9 Kamaliah Noordin (JIM)
- 10 Dr. Syed Ali Tawfik Al-Attas (IKIM)
- 11 Other speakers To Be Confirmed

## Who should attend

- 1 General public
- 2 Young professionals
- 3 NGOs
- 4 Academia
- 5 Representatives from Islamic and Government institutions
- 6 International participants

## Further Information

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# “ MUSLIM WOMEN IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE ”

DATE :  
**1-2 SEPTEMBER 2007**

VENUE :  
**KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTRE  
Kuala Lumpur 50088  
Wilayah Persekutuan  
Malaysia**

Organised by :  
**Muslim Professionals Forum in collaboration  
with the Ministry of Women, Family and  
Community Development**

## Introduction

The status, role and real world situation of Muslim women have occupied a central position in present discussions on Islam and the modern world, alongside the much questioned capability of Muslims to deal with democratic values and modern day ideas on human rights.

This stems mainly from the actual condition of women in Muslim societies that was contributed by local traditions and practices than due to Islam itself. Nonetheless, it has to be recognized that the Islamic position and specific teachings with regard to gender equity, the institution of the family, personal and social behavioural mores do not accord with secular liberalism's notion of gender equality and individual liberty.

The Muslim Professionals Forum (MPF) as a Muslim NGO that concerns itself with issues relevant to Islam and Muslims in the wider world and also within the context of modern, pluralistic Malaysian society, endeavours to address these issues by organizing an international conference on "MUSLIM WOMEN IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE"

## Objectives

1. To understand the history and evolution of feminist "traditions" within Islam.
2. To discuss Muslim gender roles from the Quran and Sunnah.
3. To examine the injustices against women in Muslim societies and recommend solutions.

## Programme

**31st AUGUST 2007 - FRIDAY**  
**1400 – 1700 REGISTRATION**

1st SEPT 2007 (DAY 1) - SATURDAY	
0830 - 1000	<b>REGISTRATION</b> <b>OPENING CEREMONY</b> <b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>"MUSLIM WOMEN IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE"</b> <i>- by Minister of Women, Family &amp; Community Development</i>
1000 - 1030	TEA BREAK
1030 – 1115	<b>PLENARY 1</b> <b>"FEMINIST THINKING REVISITED"</b> <i>- speaker TBC</i>
1115 - 1130	BREAK
1130 - 1215	<b>PLENARY 2</b> <b>"ISLAM &amp; GENDER"</b> <i>- by Dr. M. Haitham Khayat (Egypt)</i>
1215 - 1400	LUNCH & PRAYERS
1400 - 1630	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b> <b>"MUSLIM WOMEN IN HISTORY &amp; THE CHALLENGES OF MODERNITY"</b> Panelists : 1 Zainah Anwar (M'sia) 2 Dr. M. Haitham Khayat (Egypt) 3 Heba Rauf (Egypt)
1630 - 1700	TEA BREAK
2000 - 2200	<b>BANQUET DINNER</b> <b>DINNER TALK</b> <i>Moez Masoud (TBC)</i>

## 2nd SEPTEMBER 2007 (DAY 2) - SUNDAY

0830 - 0915	<b>PLENARY 3</b> MUSLIM WOMEN AT THE CROSS ROADS – CULTURAL & TRADITIONAL VALUES VS RELIGIOUS IMPERATIVES <i>- by Heba Rauf (Egypt)</i>
0915 - 1030	<b>WORKSHOP FACILITATORS</b> 1 AP Dr. Harlina ( UKM ) 2 AP Zaleha ( UIA ) 3 Kamar Ainiah ( Lawyer ) 4 Kamaliah Nordin 5 Roselainy Abdul Rahman 6 Others TBC  <b>WORKSHOP RESOURCE PERSONS</b> 1 Dr. M. Haitham Khayat 2 Heba Rauf 3 Dr. Sulaiman Dufford (USA) 4 Dr. Syed Ali Tawfik Al-Attas (IKIM)  <b>TOPICS</b> 1 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 2 HIJAB 3 INHERITANCE 4 HONOUR KILLINGS 5 POLYGYNY 6 FEMALE CIRCUMCISION 7 DIVORCE 8 WOMEN LEADERS 9 IMPLEMENTATION OF SYARIAH
1030 - 1100	TEA BREAK
1100 – 1230	<b>WORKSHOPS CONTINUE</b>
1230 - 1400	LUNCH
1400 - 1630	<b>OPEN FORUM</b> 1 Dr. M. Haitham Khayat 2 Heba Rauf 3 Others TBC <b>SEMINAR RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
1630 - 1700	TEA BREAK