



PRESENTS A SPECIAL WORKSHOP ON

ISLAMIC LAW AND LEADERSHIP

November 7, 2009

9:30AM – 5:00PM

**THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**

Program

Registration

9:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Session I: *Paving the Way for Muslim Women Leadership*

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Islamic Law provides a fundamental foundation for leadership. Dr. Al-Hibri will provide insight to the connection between Islamic Law and Leadership, as well as discuss the story of Karamah.

Session II: *Identifying Road Blocks to Leadership*

10:30 AM to Noon

This workshop seeks to identify the challenges and barriers that Muslim Women face in Belgium. Some challenges stem internally from the one's community, while others are external, and are brought forth by the laws and politics of the area they live in. Participants will be able to meet panelists from Karamah's Law and Leadership Alumni graduates and be engaged in a discussion that is specifically designed to identify the barriers that Muslim women face in Belgium.

Noon to 1:00 PM: Lunch

Session III: *The Light Ahead: A spotlight on Karamah's Jurist Network*

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Participants will get a short introduction on Karamah's Jurist Network and be able to learn how they can contribute to the Network and develop its global initiative.

Dr. Raja Makkawi, one of Karamah's most notable members of the Jurist Network, will share her personal story to success. She is specialized in domestic violence issues as it pertains to Islamic Law. Dr. Makkawi is globally renowned and respected for her modern interpretation of Islamic Law as it pertains to woman's rights.

Session IV: *Negotiating Leadership*

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

This session aims to provide simple negotiation techniques that could be used to open up avenues toward leadership. Participants will be introduced to the art of "looping", and learn other communication skills that are vital to networking. The session will also provide an overview of basic leadership skills.

Session V: *Securing Karamah's Future*

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

For the past two years, there has been much interest to establish a Karamah branch in Belgium. We hope that this session engages participants to nominate a steering committee and a chairperson that will be heading Karamah's movement in Belgium.

The steering committee would then re-commence at 7:00 PM for a dinner meeting to discuss the committee upcoming strategies.