With new forms of philanthropy and citizen engagement emerging in the Arab region, the lines of demarcation separating one from the other are increasingly blurred. In times of profound change, it becomes necessary to take stock of these important transformations in civic engagement and philanthropic practices, as well as understand more about how to capitalize on and better target this enormous resource.

Takaful 2013 will host around 100 participants from the region and internationally. In addition to practitioner panels and roundtables, around 25 papers will be presented on the following themes:

- Civic engagement and philanthropy through a transitional lens
- Regulation of civil society: Reflections into CSO laws
• Youth political engagement
• The role of universities in promoting philanthropy and civic engagement
• Philanthropy, civic empowerment and political mobilization
• Awqaf and socioeconomic development
• Case studies and conceptual issues

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