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Dear Dr. Shaukatali,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to two events of the West Asia – North Africa (WANA) Forum in Amman this year. It is an honour to invite you to become a member of the International Senior Advisory Board (ISAB) of the WANA Forum, and to join us in our annual meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>. I believe we would greatly benefit from your experience and guidance without imposing too much on your valuable time.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to take part in the Fourth WANA Forum to be held on May 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme will focus on the issue of Identity and the positive role it can play in shaping the region's future.

Over the past year, the West Asia & North Africa region has witnessed historic changes that have led to inevitable questions about the future. Identity is the central nexus in the discussion of what the region may look like a decade from now. The nations of West Asia & North Africa have much in common but are also home to unique, heterogeneous populations. It is my belief that the diversity of experiences and traditions in the region is a strength, not a weakness. The WANA Forum aims to address the longstanding challenges the region faces, to consider the many issues linked to identity, and to explore 'the common' within the diverse and multi-layered identities of the region.

The WANA Forum focuses on finding homegrown collaborative solutions to the problems facing the region by bringing together members of the public and private



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sectors as well as civil society to express their views in a non-threatening and open setting. It is my sincere hope that you accept my invitation to become a member of the International Senior Advisory Board and that you will be able to join us at the 4<sup>th</sup> WANA Forum, as your participation is vital to this regional effort. I look forward to welcoming you in Amman.

Yours Sincerely,

El Hassan bin Talal