



MAS TAM 2009: Program Executive Summary

The program committee given the responsibility to plan for TAM 2009 began meeting on August 2, 2009 under the leadership of Zia Siddiqi (TAM 2009 Chair) and Wael Hamza (MAS Tarbiya Department Director). Prior to the August meeting, the MAS Tarbiya Department executive team created a Workspace document which included organized brainstorming of all TAM related matters, including the theme, objectives and a list of potential speakers. Along with the MAS Tarbiya Department's strategy document for 2008-2012 term, these documents were the foundational centerpieces in preparing the program for TAM.

The committee worked together in developing a strategy to advance the TAM program. The strategy was initiated with communication via web conferences that resulted in a shared understanding and clear purpose behind TAM among the committee members. The committee further developed the framework of the TAM by proposing expectations for the actual meeting. To achieve these expectations the committee articulated concise objectives to formulate the sessions for the TAM 2009 program. Throughout the process of planning and executing TAM 2009, the committee evaluated the sessions and their progress versus this original document. During the process, changes to the TAM program were made to better serve and benefit the attendants.

The following pages include the summary of the Program Framework. This document was the central document in developing the sessions that were presented at TAM 2009.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the TAM 2009 Team

Purpose:

What is the purpose of having TAM?

- To provide a forum to analyze and discuss the MAS mission and vision statements, their practical implementation; their impact on the continuing understanding and personal development of MAS members and thereby the impact that MAS members can have on the American society.

Expectations:

What results do we hope to attain from TAM?

1. MAS Members to share a common understanding of the mission and vision statements
2. The understanding of what tarbiya is and its importance to collective work/MAS
3. A renewed commitment from MAS members based on the uniqueness distinguishing MAS from other organizations
4. Understanding and conviction of the five tarbiya objectives and it's relationship to the Mission statement
5. Spiritual Boost

Objectives:

What do we hope to accomplish in TAM?

1. Develop a deep understanding of the MAS Mission and Vision
 - Deep analysis of MAS mission and vision statements
 - Answer the question of why is MAS' methodology unique in achieving such a mission
2. Develop the understanding of Tarbiya and its implementation in all of our work
 - Ingrain tarbiya in all our programs and projects
 - Application of how to apply tarbiya upon ones self
3. Preparing MAS members and the environment (culture/tools etc.) to be ready for the mission

- Study the tarbiya effort needed to develop people and create the environment to achieve the mission
 - Study the nature of the 5 tarbiya objectives to achieve the MAS mission and describe what it means to be a MAS member
 - Integrating tarbiya in all that we do
 - How to live Islam in all that we do and move others to do the same
 - Not only theory, but practically
 - The Study of Usrah as a tarbiya tool
 - Let us evaluate our programs/tools/activities against the yardstick of our mission. Do they really help or are their other tools/means? Tools such as the usrah, our current curriculum, etc.; should be measured against the 5 objectives
4. Train members in the skills needed to better provide tarbiya or design, develop and execute programs doing so
- Train tarbiya crew to design, develop, and execute these programs
 - Bring the awareness of MAS members to the recent articulation of the mission, scope of work, strategy, projects, and initiatives of MAS Tarbiya Department
 - Creating a team spirit for the MAS tarbiya team
5. Create momentum and excitement among the MAS Members so they may renew their passion for working for MAS.
- Bring excitement about MAS and MAS work and rejuvenate the spirit
 - Renew the passion/motivation of working for MAS