

## Announcement

### RCD Forum 2021 (Solutions)

**29-31 August 2021; Babylon Rotana Hotel (Baghdad).**

This year the modern Iraqi state reached its 100th anniversary amid serious challenges domestically, regionally, and globally, most noteworthy: results of October 2019 protests and early elections, with the government working simultaneously to face the economic challenges resulting from Covid-19 pandemic and low oil prices by adopting a new economic policy that adjusted exchange rates in addition to other reform measures, such as fighting corruption. Furthermore, new alliances and balances have emerged regionally, which was met by the Iraqi government with a policy of impartiality and openness towards all regional actors. Similarly, there were global changes that reflected an imminent change in the whole international order, and the possibility of the rise of new global powers that use the Middle East as an arena for influence and activity.

RCD Forum 2021 seeks to discuss solutions for the political, economic, and security aspects of Iraq's reality in the domestic, regional, and global dimensions, with a deep trust in impartial dialogue and creative ideas as means to solve problems and introduce remarkable initiatives by enriching discussions, converging views, exchanging ideas and opinions about how to create a positive change in Iraq.

RCD Forum 2021 is going to host many notable figures from Iraq, the Arab world, and the whole world, varying from the top official offices to parliament members, top administrators, law experts, academics and researchers from renowned universities and think tanks in Iraq and the world, experts in governmental and non-governmental organizations, dignitaries from the private sector in Iraq and the whole world, and several experts and public officials.

### Inauguration Ceremonies

RCD Forum 2021 is going to be held under the motto "Solutions" in (29-31 August 2021) at Babylon Rotana Hotel (Baghdad), and will be launched with inauguration ceremonies on (29 August 2021, 19:00) with speeches by top Iraqi officials, including: the president, the prime minister, and speaker of the parliament.



### Objectives of RCD Forum 2021 (Solutions)

- Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Iraqi state, and evaluating its course and the societal, political, economic, and cultural outcomes.
- Enriching national discussion about political, economic, and security issues that gained priority in the current stage, which is to be achieved via bringing together opinion leaders and decision makers, in addition to experts and academics specialized in the discussed subjects.
- Dialoguing about political and economic situations in the region and the whole world in light of the ramifications of Covid-19 pandemic and its regional and global effects.
- Providing a platform for exchanging ideas and promote cooperation between think tanks and research centers in Iraq and the whole world.
- Assertion that Baghdad is, and will remain as it was, a city for dialogue, peace, and finding creative solutions and ideas in a positive and remarkable environment.

### Main Topics of RCD Forum 2021 (Solutions)

- 1.The Middle East: Ongoing Conflicts and Temporary Solutions.
- 2.Iraq in 100 years: Turbulent Courses and Recurrent Crises.
- 3.Economic Stimulus Packages as a Tool for the Advancement of the Economic Reality.
- 4.Federalism and Decentralization: Dialectic of Politics and Development.
- 5.Popular Mobilization Forces PMF: Necessities of its Existence between Political Affiliation and Religious Duty.
- 6.Iraq and Super Powers: Cooperation Relations and Mutual Interests.
- 7.Security and Defense System: Tasks, Challenges, and Distribution of Responsibilities.
- 8.Telecommunications and Internet: Technical Development and Investment Regulations.
- 9.October Protests: Courses of Political Change.
- 10.Energy: Administration Crisis, Development Prospects, and Sustainability Courses.
- 11.The White Paper: Requirements of the Recent Stage and Courses of Reform.
- 12.Fighting Corruption: Between Multiplicity of Agencies, Proliferation of Methods, and Effectiveness of Legislations.

### Specialized Workshops

- 1.Legislative Authority: Between National Responsibility and Political Accord.
- 2.Water Resources: Between the Policies of Riparian Countries and the Requirements of National Solutions.
- 3.Higher Education and Scientific Research: Opportunities and Challenges.
- 4.Health System: Post-Pandemic Prospects.
- 5.Policies of the Central Bank of Iraq CBI: Between Stability Requirements and Advancing Rules.
6. Private Sector and Support Mechanism in Light of the Economic Challenges.

### Participants and Attendees

RCD Forum 2021 is going to be attended by several esteemed think tanks and research centers from around the world (Arab states, Iran, EU states, UK, USA, Asia, etc...). Furthermore, financial sponsorship comes from Iraqi and foreign economic, financial and trade institutions, in addition to international organization that are concerned with Iraqi affairs. Finally, several renowned Iraqi and foreign media networks will provide comprehensive media coverage throughout the duration of the forum.

### RCD

Al-Rafidain Center for Dialogue RCD is an independent think tank that works on encouraging economic, cultural, and political dialogues to enhance the democratic experience, achieve societal peace and help governmental institutions actualize their role and enhance their performance by providing them with experiences and strategic visions. RCD represents a forum for dialogue characterized by objectivity and impartiality and it invests its outcomes to put pressure on decision-makers and guide public opinion towards establishing a state based on institutions.

