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On Dean's International Council

Spotlighting Mr. Hussam Abu Issa, Vice Chairman & COO of Salam International in his influential and prestigious role as council member of The Dean's International Council (DIC) of The Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies.

San Salvador: Hussam Abu Issa with other Dean's International Council members pictured with the US Ambassador to El Salvador (centre).

As far as public roles go, others pale in comparison against a seat on the University of Chicago's Dean's International Council (DIC) of The Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies. The DIC is a prestigious group of men and women from the United States and around the world, many with substantive experience in government and the private sector, and others who have served as advisors to governments, public commissions, and agencies. Council members act as an advisory group to the Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago, in issues of international importance and are a source of new policy initiatives and resource development.

Mr Hussam Abu Issa and fellow esteemed council members go beyond the attempt to inform or influence public policy studies at The Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies, they aid the school with the identification of problems that need to addressed. In a sense they assume the role of a player, a group that is influential in forming a plan to address the problem in question. Policy is the finalised course of action decided upon by the government. In most cases, policies are widely open to interpretation by non-governmental players, including those in the private sector, leaders of religious and cultural institutions.

The Dean's International Council meets twice a year; in Chicago each spring and in a foreign destination each fall. Each meeting features prominent guest speakers and faculty members and develops concepts and ideas that will help the School leverage new opportunities for improving public policy.

For Salam International, Mr Hussam Abu Issa's seat on the DIC represents not only his stature as a leading business head, it is an endorsement of the organisation that he represents. Salam International is proud of his DIC membership and the PR significance that it represents.

Hussam Abu Issa giving a short speech while Raja Kamal; Ana Vilma De Escobar, Vice President of El Salvador; Antonio Cabrales, President of FUSADES; and Susan Meyer look on

Group picture of FUSADES members and Harris School Dean's International Council members

President of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega with Hussam Abu Issa

Group picture of Harris School DIC members with President of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega; President of Honduras, Manuel Zelaya and President of El Salvador, Antonio Saca

Distinguished guests including: Mr and Mrs Hussam Abu Issa, Mark Mamolen, Jose Carlos, Mr and Mrs Antonio Cabrales, and Susan Meyer

Hussam and Suhair Abu Issa with the Ambassador of the US to El Salvador, the Ambassador's wife and Susan Meyer, Dean of Harris School

James Metzger, Antonio Cabrales, Hussam Abu Issa, Ana Vilma De Escobar and Raja Kamal

Mr. Hussam Abu Issa's various trips on DIC assignments in 2007 took him to Chicago, USA; Moscow, Russia; and most recently San Salvador, El Salvador.

DIC in El Salvador

University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy Studies and FUSADES co-hosted Central American Presidential Forum on Security, Democracy, and Trade, Oct. 29-30

The Harris School of Public Policy Studies of the University of Chicago and the Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUSADES) co-hosted a forum for Central American presidents on "Security, Democracy, and Trade" on Monday, October 29 and Tuesday, October 30 in San Salvador.

Faculty from the Harris School presented to Central American presidents on topics, including presidential powers during war, the economics of crime, human capital, and immigration. Susan Mayer, Dean of the Harris School, opened the meeting with President Elias Antonio Saca of El Salvador and Antonio Cabrales, President of FUSADES. Also attending were representatives from the United Nations, the Organization of American States, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, and the Bureau of Trade.

President of Honduras, Manuel Zelaya with Hussam Abu Issa

Kurt Wiedenhaupt, Adriane Dudley and Raja Kamal

Suhair Abu Issa with the President of Honduras, Manuel Zelaya and Brooke Eisenmenger Associate Director of International Development at Harris School

Hussam Abu Issa in between Miguel Angel Siman and Raja Kamal

Hussam Abu Issa surrounded by bodyguards

James Metzger, Hussam Abu Issa, Antonio Cabrales, and Raja Kamal

Members of DIC council with His Grace Bishop Niphon Saikaly

Hussam Abu Issa with Evgeni Ivanovich, Advisor to the Deputy Chairman, Russian Federation Council

Hussam Abu Issa with Pavel Palazchenko, Director, Department of International & Press Relations at the Gorbechev Foundation

Hussam Abu Issa surrounded by Susan Meyer and Marilyn Diamond

Hussam and Suhair Abu Issa with His Grace Bishop Niphon Saikaly

James Metzger, Maha Haddoura, Jamileh Kharrazi and Raja Kamal

Brooke Eisenmenger, Associate Director of International Development at Harris School with James Harpel, Chair of the DIC

Anthony Ghorayeb, Vice Chair of the DIC with Samir Tawile

DIC in Moscow

The Dean's International Council Meeting in Moscow (September 5-7, 2007) was most significant as it took place during election year. The keynote addresses centred on topics such as: State of the Economy of Russia, Emerging Financial Markets, US and Russia Relations, Entrepreneurship and Kyoto, Demographic Issues Facing the Russian Federation, Oil and the Russian Economy, Russia, the United States and the Future of the Arms Control, Energy and Security, EU and Russian Relations, What is going on in Russia and can the West make investments without worrying about capricious decision making?

Antonio Cabrales, President of FUSADES, Hussam Abu Issa and Ana Vilma De Escobar, Vice President of El Salvador

Hussam Abu Issa with Carmen Hernandez, Ambassador of El Salvador to the United Nations