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Syrian Dialogue Center

Syrian civil institution that aims to
reviving and empowering dialogue
over the issues that affect the Syrian
people. It aims to strengthen relations
and empower cooperation and
coordination between Syrians

The purpose of establishing the center

- Consensus on strategic issues that Syrian society can agree on
- Participating in building the future Syria in a way that guarantees stability, growth and progress
- Spreading and strengthening the culture of dialogue in the Syrian society, and the promotion of coexistence among its components
- Working to bridge the gap between the components of the Syrian society

Our Principles

- 1- Professionalism in the tools of dialogue and committing to the etiquette of dialogue
- 2- Excellence in facing challenges
- 3- Giving priority to the national interest over any factional affiliations or external connections
- 4- Accommodating and respecting all opinions and points of view

The Center Units

The Center Runs Three Thematic Units

Social Unit

Shared
Identity and
Consensus
Unit

Policy
Analysis Unit

Shared Identity and Consensus Unit

A unit within the Syrian Dialogue Center seeking to spread the culture of dialogue among the segments of the Syrian society. It seeks to reinforce the common identity of the Syrian society and build the necessary amount of consensus among its various groups. This involves working to converge the different views of the Syrian forces and their currents to come up with common positions on major national issues.

Why Shared Identity and Consensus Unit

1. Because there is no agreement without dialogue, and there is no dialogue without a culture embracing it. For decades, Syrians have suffered from a poor culture of dialogue among themselves due to the prevalence of the “one opinion” and “one party” ideology. Therefore, they are in a dire need now to have this culture prevailing among themselves and among their future generations to narrow differences, leading to the creation of the appropriate environment for harmony.
2. Syrians have the necessary ingredients and potential of agreeing on a common national identity because there is a solid common ground for this identity among members of the Syrian society; however, these components need a real and effective dialogue.
3. Because the Revolution, in its battle with tyranny and sectarianism, cannot win with the opinion of one specific current, party, or ideology. Rather, Syrians need to meet with their various opinions, components, and orientations to reject the criminal regime and stand against it.

Shared Identity and Consensus Unit

Paths of the Shared Identity and Consensus Unit:

Consensus Path

It is the path concerned with working on research and dialogues seeking to achieve the Syrian-Syrian consensus on several levels

Construction Path

It is the path concerned with creating the appropriate environment for the dialogue process, through tools

Consensus Path

The Syrian Strategic Accord

Focuses on building consensus among Syrians, whether as forces or components, towards issues of the shared Syrian identity.

The positional Syrian consensus

Despite our deep belief that plurality of opinions is a healthy condition that the Assad regime sought to negate, we believe that, in light of the current and exceptional circumstance, Syria needs Syrian-Syrian consensuses at the level of established positions, which are the bases of future trends. The difference among the Syrian forces, or the forces and supporters in this field, has serious consequences on the level of division and dispersion.

Consensus Path

Shared understanding

It is level lower than reaching consensus, in which parties to the dialogue hear the views of one another, even if the dialogue does not result in a direct in consensus or agreement. At this level, the Center is keen to approach issues with high levels of polarization among the forces or among the popular supporting forces, or even among components of the popular incubator, in a way that contributes to converging the views or to make each party understand the other.

Construction Path

The most important tools used to achieve the goals of this path:

- 1- Building dialogue capabilities, either through training or by publishing research related to dialogue philosophy and culture
- 2- Building confidence among the parties to the dialogue or among the Syrian components targeted by the dialogue

Policy Analysis Unit

The Policy Analysis Unit examines and analyzes the policies of various international, regional, and local actors involved in the Syrian file.

Why interest in the policies of different actors?

The Syrian Dialogue Center has a lofty mission that seeks to achieve harmony among Syrians and their political and societal forces in a way that leads to cooperation among them, thus reaching a new, free Syria. Since the Syrian issue has become governed by the interaction of various local, regional, and international actors and interveners, it has become necessary to understand the movements and behavior of these actors through analyzing their policies. Understanding these correctly is key to establishing the right and realistic ground for dialogue.

The Policy Analysis Unit seeks to produce professional research and analytical papers presenting distinct, in-depth knowledge, using various research and dialogue methods with experts, decision-makers, or those closest to them. The Unit, in addition, holds dialogue events with the aim of further improving its research, evaluating it, or contributing to its dissemination.

In addition, through the efforts of the Public Relations and Media paths, the unit seeks to spread political awareness among the general population of Syrians through press statements and media interviews of the Center's researchers and experts with the media.

What is the Policy Analysis Unit interested in?

The unit is concerned with analyzing the politics of the actors in the Syrian issue, and they are as follows:



Social Unit

It is a unit within the Syrian Dialogue Center that monitors various societal phenomena, both resulting from the Syrian Revolution and its repercussions, or from the experiences of displacement and asylum. It tracks the changes and transformations that have occurred to the community and examines the reasons that led to these with the aim of coming up with solutions and recommendations for improvements to actors and decision-makers.

Social Unit Interests:

The social unit is concerned with studying the conditions of Syrians, whether they are in opposition-controlled areas, (forcibly) displaced, in regime-held areas, or refugees in neighboring countries, especially Turkey, within the following research axes:

- 1- The social, intellectual, and cultural changes that occurred to Syrians because of the repercussions of the Syrian revolution
- 2- Supporting efforts of the Syrian civil society and promoting community participation
- 3- The social, economic, and educational problems facing Syrians because of displacement and asylum

Paths of Social Unit

The path of societal problems facing Syrians

The path Syrian civil society

The path of Syrian-Turkish relations at the social level

Who does the Social Unit target ?

- 1- Syrian actors: especially the influential and powerful Syrian personalities in the relevant fields
- 2- Syrian civil society organizations implementing projects that serve Syrians
- 3- Decision makers and those concerned with the situation of Syrian refugees in Turkey



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