



## **Subject Matter Speaker Bios**

### **Military: General Raheel Sharif**

General Raheel Sharif is a retired four-star rank army general who served as the 15th Chief of Army Staff of the Pakistan Army from 29 November 2013 until his retirement on 29 November 2016. He is widely credited with reducing terrorism inside the country; violence in the country was reduced to its lowest level since 2006, with an overall decline of 70% in terrorist attacks under his tenure. In January 2017, Gen. Sharif took up the position of military commander of the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition.

### **Ideology: Dr. Mohammad bin Abdul Karim Al-Issa**

Dr. Mohammad bin Abdul Karim Al-Issa is Secretary General of the Muslim World League, the international, non-governmental Islamic organization based in the Holy City of Makkah whose goal is to clarify the true message of Islam. Dr Issa lectures in Saudi Arabia and abroad about Islamic Jurisprudence and Islamic Judicial Rulings, and lectures on comparative legal and religious studies around the world.. about the Comparisons and Contrasts between Islamic Jurisprudence and Constitutions, Laws, and Judicial Precedence in other countries.

### **Communications: Mohammad al Momami**

Mohammad al Momami is Jordan's Minister of State for Media Affairs. Born in 1973, Momani holds a PhD in political science from the University of North Texas. He obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from the University of Jordan. He previously served as a consultant for the Jordanian Prime Ministry, and was Minister of State for Media Affairs and Communications and government spokesperson in Prime Minister Abdullah Ensour's Cabinet.

### **Counter Terrorist Finance: H.E. Dr Ahmed Abdulkarim Alkholifey**

Dr Ahmed Abdulkarim Alkholifey is Governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (Central Bank of Saudi Arabia). He started his career at the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources as a legal specialist and later as an economic researcher. Mr Alkholifey joined the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority in 1995 and worked as economic adviser and director general of economic research and statistics department. In 2011, Mr Alkholifey was appointed executive director for Saudi Arabia at the International Monetary Fund and worked there until 2013, when he was appointed Deputy Governor for research and international affairs at the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority. He was appointed Governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority in May 2016. He obtained his MBA and PhD in economics from Colorado State University in the USA.