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Muslim World League

The Muslim World League, popularly called the Rabitah, is the important non-governmental organization of the Muslim World. It was established in 1962 following a conference of Ulama in the holy city of Macca. The main objectives of Rabitah are as followed; to explain and disseminate Islamic culture and teachings, refute false allegations against Islam, defend Islamic causes in accordance with the interests and aspirations of Muslims and solve their problems, and to provide assistance in the fields of education, culture, social welfare, health care, etc.

Rabitah's organizational structure consists of three main bodies, that are the General Islamic Conference which is the highest authority of the organization, a constituent Council and the Secretariat-General. In addition to these three main bodies, the Rabitah has another four subsidiary organs; the World Supreme Council of Mosques, the Fiqh Council or the Islamic Jurisprudence Council, the International Islamic Relief Organization, and the Commission on Scientific Signs in the Quran and Sunnah. Each of these four organs has its own specific activities and each has published its own periodicals.

Since its inception, Rabitah has many notable achievements such as the preparation of cassettes for teaching Arabic, classes for teaching Arabic to non-nations, training to Arabic teachers, establishing a big institute for training Imams and preachers at Macca, a charitable fund for mosques, local council of Mosques in a number of countries, establishing an audio-visual centre and a public library at the Rabitah head office.

However, the Rabitah's main activities can be divided into five areas; religious activities, political activities, Educational activities, humanitarian activities and research and publications. Due to all these important activities, Rabitah became well known and popular among the grass-root of the Muslim population worldwide.