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**USPA NEWS** - On June 1-3, Brookings will convene the 12th annual U.S.-Islamic World Forum in Doha, Qatar. The theme is "Changing Assumptions,"<sup>[2]</sup> which describes the historic shifts in geopolitical realities and societal and cultural norms affecting the U.S. and Muslim-majority countries.

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**AGENDA AND SESSIONS OF THE FORUM**-----

The Forum's plenary sessions will highlight several dimensions of relations with and within a rapidly changing Muslim world. Panelists will discuss a wide range of topics, including: "Strategic priorities for the United States and the Middle East" "Pluralism in the Islamic world" "The role of Iran in the region" "Advancing women's role in an unstable Middle East" "Ending civil wars

The Forum will also convene working and action groups which will focus on current issues confronting the Islamic world. Group topics include: "Here to stay and growing: Combating ISIS propaganda networks" "The Arab uprisings and the next generation of Islamists" "Strategic realignment in the Middle East" "Action Group: Jumpstarting community-led initiatives to counter violent extremism. Among the participants of the forum will include the following guests among others:

H.E. Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior

H.E. Ashraf Ghani, President Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Bruce Jones, Acting Vice President and Director, Foreign Policy, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Project on International Order and Strategy.

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