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CWSC Town Hall Participant Guidelines **Enhancing Mutual Consultation** www.cwsconline.wordpress.com

Each of us should strive to appropriately share our knowledge, skills and experience on the best practices, strategies, and implementation that have yielded success in our Islamic organizational* and broader community life experience.

To enhance the group dynamics, the following are prescribed guidelines for all CWSC event participants:

1. Make du'a for the success of the Town Hall and for the safe journey of all participants.
2. Try to prepare ahead of time. Review the [advanced preparation tools](#) available at [Town Hall Central](#). The advanced prep tools can help you engage in critical thought prior to arriving in St. Louis.
3. Try to incorporate specific Qur'anic-based and other Islamic source supports in your solution, rationale, and application. By having your reference notes readily available, you can enhance efficiency of consultation. See the online tool "[My Issues on the Front Burner](#)."
4. Encourage others who wanted to be present, but are unable to attend, to provide written input to you for sharing with CWSC Town Hall participants.
5. Be prepared to engage in honest, open, and respectful communication.
6. Be patient and allow others an opportunity to share, speak or present a shared or opposing point of view.
7. Sit next to someone you don't know and use the opportunity to add new networks.
8. Don't editorialize...be mindful of prescribed time limits.
9. Utilize Town Hall recess periods to continue the Town Hall's agenda in one-on-one conversations.
10. Give feedback during and after the Town Hall to planners that will help improve future sessions.
11. Recommend books and other resources that may help fellow participants improve knowledge, skills, or abilities. [Email](#) CWSC with title and author information so we can begin compiling a "recommended reading list for model community excellence.
12. Bring your digital camera or other device to help capture photos of our deliberations. [Email](#) your pictures for posting at Town Hall Central to help us archive our work and inspire future generations.
13. Register your talents, knowledge, and experience in the *Model Communities National Resource Directory* and encourage other believers to register.
14. Inform planners of any issues with hospitality or other customer service concerns.
15. Suggest your Shuraa guideline to help improve the consultation process: _____

* Please note CWSC is intended to bring focus to major "big picture" issues and opportunities that present for our Association in the United States and abroad and **is not intended** to address or resolve a specific issue of controversy or disagreement that may exist within a particular organization. A sensitive matter can be spoken of in general terms and yet provide participants with options that may be applied to a specific case.