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The 9th OICOA Board of Directors & 3rd General Assembly Meetings: “A leap towards navigating the future of Ombudsmanship”

As the calendar pages flip towards October, the anticipation among the members of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Ombudsman Association (OICOA) heightens. The eyes of Ombudsmanship enthusiasts are set on Istanbul, Türkiye, where the 9th Board of Directors Meeting and the 3rd General Assembly Meeting are slated to take place on 05-06 October 2023. These meetings are not just a congregation of minds, but a crucible where ideas will meld to redefine and enhance the role of Ombudsmanship across Islamic countries, marking a significant stride towards global outreach.

The Board of Directors Meeting scheduled to take place on 5th October, 2023 is poised to commence with insightful opening remarks from the Chairperson and the Host, thereby laying a constructive foundation for the ensuing discussions. A spotlight among the key agenda items is the envisioned upgradation of the Resource Centre at the OICOA Secretariat. This initiative is geared towards transforming the OICOA into a wellspring of knowledge on Ombudsmanship, encapsulating a rich array of documents, research papers, and publications that resonate with the pursuits of OICOA members.

Furthermore, the agenda has designated a segment for deliberation on the E-Profiling Directory of OICOA Members and Alumni, a stride towards weaving a more closely-knit community. The meeting is also set to explore the avenues of expanding OICOA membership, a strategic move aimed at amplifying the association's impact and extending its reach.

Upnext is the General Assembly Meeting scheduled for the 6th October, 2023 where the broader outlines drawn by the Board of Directors in the BOD Meeting will be filled with colors of insight and expertise from a wider spectrum of members. The assembly will be

opened by the Chairperson of OIC Ombudsman Association, followed by a warm welcome from His Excellency Mr. Seref Malkoc, the President of OICOA.

One of the focal points of the Assembly's agenda is the endorsement and appreciation of the efforts to upgrade the Resource Centre at the OICOA Secretariat. It is highly anticipated that the members will actively contribute to this initiative, making it a collaborative venture.

The Assembly will also turn its attention towards the E-Profile Directory and the Alumni Directory on the OICOA website, urging member institutions to keep the information updated. This reflects OICOA's commitment to fostering a well-connected community that thrives on shared knowledge and experiences.

The agenda of expanding the membership of OICOA will resonate through the halls, urging members to extend the invitation to other institutions, thereby promoting the cause of ombudsmanship on a larger scale.

Moreover, the assembly will discuss the OICOA Calendar of activities for 2022-2023, encouraging members to propose and host events in 2024. This is a testament to OICOA's forward-thinking approach, always keeping the wheels of progress in motion.

As the dates of the meetings draw near, the members of OICOA are gearing up to make the most out of this opportunity. The discussions to be held and decisions to be made during these meetings will not only shape the future of OICOA but also carve the path for the advancement of ombudsmanship on a global scale. The beautiful city of Istanbul is not just going to be a host but a witness to the history being made, as OICOA takes a giant leap towards pioneering global ombudsmanship.