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## Press Release

### Family of King Abdullah announces major new initiatives to promote King Abdullah's legacy

King Abdullah Foundation furthers King Abdullah's enduring legacy through a range of international humanitarian programs and investments

**23 January 2016, Riyadh** --Marking the first anniversary of King Abdullah's passing, his family have launched a series of new initiatives to sustain the late King's values and vision – his vision for a better world, based on the values he espoused of tolerance, virtue and peace.

The King Abdullah Foundation for Humanitarian Activities, based in Riyadh, will promote King Abdullah's enduring legacy through a range of international humanitarian programs and investments. These will focus on seven key areas: education, economic development, healthcare, science and technology, social relief and inclusion, interfaith dialogue and peace and security.

To preserve and to document King Abdullah's legacy, the Foundation, in coordination with the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives, will focus initially on four principal initiatives:

#### 1. King Abdullah Prize for Humanitarian Efforts

The King Abdullah Prize for Humanitarian Efforts will celebrate both individual and collective humanitarian efforts and achievements. This will include fostering dialogue and understanding between peoples, encouraging peaceful co-existence and consolidating international security.

The King Abdullah Prize for Humanitarian Efforts will focus on four key areas, with a distinct award for:

- Dialogue and peace
- Innovation
- Childhood development
- Outstanding individuals and institutions

#### 2. King Abdullah: Values & Vision

A museum-quality exhibition will feature engaging examples of King Abdullah's values and vision. It will include, for example, rarely seen personal art and artefacts that highlight the King's long and prosperous life, his love and promotion of Saudi cultural heritage, and his interest and encouragement of science, technology and entrepreneurship.

**3. King Abdullah Symposium**

An international symposium will provide the first scholarly retrospective on the life and times of King Abdullah, and build on his work to address global priorities such as education, economic development, interfaith dialogue and innovation. The symposium will foster discussions between those individuals close to King Abdullah, as well as the world's most eminent thinkers and practitioners, and include a gala dinner to honor recipients of the King Abdullah Prize.

**4. King Abdullah: Documentary Film**

A character-driven documentary film will explore the life and times of King Abdullah, portraying the humanity of his reign and the enduring characteristics of his legacy. It will highlight both the man and the monarch, as well as the institutions and programs he founded.

The family officially launched the legacy program at a private event celebrating the King's life at the foundation's new headquarters in Riyadh.

Speaking on the occasion of the launch, the late King's son and Chairman of the Foundation, **HRH Prince Khaled Bin Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud**, said:

"Throughout his life, King Abdullah worked tirelessly to bring people together, fulfil their potential and live better lives. On the first anniversary of his passing, it is our great honor to be launching today these important initiatives that bear his name.

"Based on the values of tolerance, virtue and peace which King Abdullah held so dear, the King Abdullah Foundation will establish a global prize for humanitarian efforts, alongside a range of other international initiatives. In so doing, we hope to sustain King Abdullah's vision and promote his enduring legacy over the years and decades ahead."

**HRH Prince Mutaib Bin Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud**, the late King's son, Minister of National Guard, and Vice-Chairman of the Foundation, said:

"The life of King Abdullah cannot be separated from that of his people. He devoted his existence to the service of his country, the Islamic-Arab nation and humanity as a whole. His devotion now lives on through the King Abdullah Foundation.

"With characteristic humility and graciousness, King Abdullah's final words to his grateful nation were simple: "Remember me in your prayers". The King Abdullah Foundation will ensure that our father is not only remembered in our prayers, but honored forever through its work."

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. An online media center with a range of downloadable media materials is available on the King Abdullah Foundation website: [www.kingabdullahfoundation.org](http://www.kingabdullahfoundation.org)

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2. King Abdullah Foundation's Board of Trustees are:

- Chairman HRH Prince Khaled Bin Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
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3. The King Abdullah Foundation has undertaken a wide range of projects and initiatives within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and internationally, including:

- Building and operating seven world-class dialysis centers across Saudi Arabia
- Establishing The King Abdulaziz and His Companions Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity (MAWHIBA), a major educational initiative in Saudi Arabia
- Renovating the Al-Azhar Mosque and its academic colleges in Cairo, Egypt

Working with The Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah, the Foundation has supported projects and initiatives across the world:

- Mobile clinics in Pakistan, Yemen, India and Afghanistan
- Helping people affected by Cyclone Sidr in Bangladesh
- Building and educational center for girls in Niger
- Fighting Ebola in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone
- Drilling water wells in Somalia
- Sheltering Tsunami orphans in Aceh, Indonesia

4. The King Abdullah Foundation's location is Al Urubah Road, Ar Rahmanyah, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia