Pilgrimage, Lifestyles & Tourism 2021

Greening the Hajj

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“And [mention, O Muhammad], when We designated for Abraham the site of the House, [saying], "Do not associate anything with Me and purify My House for those who perform Tawaf and those who stand [in prayer] and those who bow and prostrate. And proclaim to the people the Hajj [pilgrimage]; they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every distant pass” [Quran, 22:26-27]
The rituals that pilgrims will undertake:

- Performing the **circular walk** (Tawaf) around the Kaa’ba
- Running or brisk walking between the **Safa and Marwah hills 7 times**
- Drinking of water from the Well of **Zamzam**
- Performing the **vigil** on the plains of Mount Arafat
- Performing the **symbolic stoning** of the Satan
- Shaving off or **cutting of hair**
- Performing an **animal sacrifice**
In the previous decade we published the Green Guide for Hajj booklet, Islam and Water the Hajjar story. Cartoons to engage children, Roaming Green Hajj Exhibitions.
“Verily never Will Allah change the condition, Of a people until they, Change what is in themselves” [Quran 13:11]
The story of Hajjar (r.a) is an inspiration to all women not just Muslim women.

It is a story of faith in action.

It highlights the importance of water for humanity’s existence.

It shows how the actions of a woman have been embedded into one of the pillars of Islam.
Indonesian Roaming Green Hajj Exhibition
What is left after the pilgrimage?
The Green Hajj Guide

- Asking pilgrims to purchase environmentally-friendly products and services
- Encouraging pilgrims to reduce waste and consumption
- Advising pilgrims to live environmentally-friendly lifestyles after the pilgrimage
Values and Principles of Islam: Conservation of the Environment

- Submission to Allah
- Vicegerency on earth
- A Balanced Approach to life
- In Transit on this earth
- Accountability for our actions
Muslims should remember that:

• **The environment is Allah’s creation and must be respected**

• **All creation is in a state of submission to Allah and has a relationship with Allah**

• **All of nature is a sign from Allah and humans are stewards of the planet and have a custodial relationship with the environment**

• **All forms of life possess rights and duties**
Recommendations

• Reduce Waste
• Go Solar
• Advocate
• Green Buildings, Mosques, Cities and Festivals
- **Be Sustainable**: No Single-Use Plastics. Use reusable bottles. Buy products from sustainable sources. Do Your Best To Keep The Environment Clean

- **Use Less Water for Wudhu**: If the quantity of water required for Wudhu is excessive, we can perform Tayammum with sand or earth to be more sustainable in our use of water.

- **Consider Only Sacrificing 1 Animal Per Family**: The high demand for animals during Hajj means farm land is used for animal rearing rather than agricultural produce, which increases the deterioration of farm land in Africa and Asia.
Perform The Hajj Once In Your Lifetime: The money used to complete the Hajj multiple times could be better used donated to the poor and needy in charitable giving or to help them complete Hajj.

Do Your Best To Keep The Environment Clean: Consider picking up discarded rubbish and disposing of it properly to keep our sacred route as clean as it
Use of resources:
Turning Unused Charitable Resources into Awqaf Revenues

Unused parts (wool & Skin) of the sacrificial animal could be better utilised to generate further income and provide the donor with the contentment that the whole animal will become part of their Qurbani.

Unfortunately the wool, skin & bones of these animals are not claimed and the potential of a further benefit excluded from the donated animal. The objective is to turn the unclaimed parts of these animals into Waqf (Endowment) revenues.

Individuals/organisations that are involved in the charitable & Relief industries will be pleased to see that the unclaimed parts of their animals will be utilised 100% for the purpose of the sacrifice. Currently there is no infrastructure in place to handle this industry globally. We are strongly motivated to fill this gap.
Moving Forward:

- Second version of the Green Guide for Hajj: providing forward innovative and practical solutions to greening the Hajj for pilgrims.

- Hajj & Umrah App: educate pilgrims about their responsibilities as stewards of the earth and to motivate them to do their bit for the environment.
Ummah for Earth is an alliance-led initiative, with the goal to empower Muslim communities who are facing crises.

Our strength lies in our unity. By coming together, we can make the change we need to protect the earth and the most vulnerable among us.

We have a responsibility to maintain the balance (mizan) on earth as stewards (khalifah).

We seek to build a more dignified, sustainable, and safer way of living, with good intentions & well-
Thank you!