



**Under the auspices and supervision of the religious custodian of the
Holy Shrine of Imam al-Hussein ^(peace be upon him)
His Eminence Sheikh Abdul Mahdi al-Karbala'ī ^(may his honor endure)**

Under the theme

**Arba'een Pilgrimage: A Civilizational Mes-
sage in the Era of Digital Transformation**

Organized by Karbala Center for Studies and Research at the Holy Shrine of Imam Hussein ^(peace be upon him) **and** the Academic and Scientific Council for the Arba'een Pilgrimage, **in collaboration with** Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research — Directorate of Research and Development and Directorate of Scholarships and Cultural Relations; Ministry of Planning — Central Statistical Organization; Ministry of Culture, Tourism, and Antiquities — Heritage Preservation Center; **and** Al-Karkh University of Science.

**"The 10th International Scientific Conference
of the Arbaeen Pilgrimage"**

Dated on : 23 -24 Saffar 1448

Corresponding: 06 - 07 Aug 2026



General supervision

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The religious custodian of the Holy Shrine of Imam Hussein
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Conference director

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conferences' vision

The 10th International Scientific Conference on the Arba'een Pilgrimage serves as a Leading platform inspired by the spiritual, human, and intellectual values derived from the principles of imam Husseins' revolution. It focuses on promoting sustainability and resource management, developing future-oriented infrastructure, advancing digital transformation, and building bridges of communication among cultures and nations through this blessed pilgrimage, making it a truly global civilizational endeavor.

conference s' message

The conference aims to encourage scientific studies and research papers by gathering all of the researchers and experts for the purpose of an innovative perspective on the spiritual, cultural, and social aspects of the Arba'een Pilgrimage. It focuses on promoting sustainability in all its forms, crowd management for millions of pilgrims, artificial intelligence, and smart media, while also highlighting the economic, social, and environmental impact of the pilgrimage. The conference further emphasizes the rejection of violence and extremism, and the promotion of peaceful coexistence and dialogue among diverse cultures and human communities.

Conference Goals

- ◆ Highlighting the educational and ethical impact of the pilgrimage, and affirming the values of patience, selflessness, and humility.
- ◆ Exploring the role of the Arba'een Pilgrimage in promoting peaceful coexistence, volunteerism, and character building for both individuals and society.
- ◆ Studying sustainability across the health, environmental, service, social, and cultural sectors to ensure the continuous delivery of high-quality services.
- ◆ Proposing practical solutions for transportation, housing, hospitality, and public services, and addressing the related challenges.
- ◆ Integrating artificial intelligence technologies in crowd management, logistics, health and safety, and enhancing the digital experience of pilgrims.
- ◆ Examining monitoring tools, movement prediction systems, smart guidance mechanisms, and emergency response frameworks.
- ◆ Shedding light on the role of digital media and modern infrastructure in conveying the message of the pilgrimage to the world.
- ◆ Assessing the direct and indirect economic aspects of the pilgrimage and transforming it into a sustainable economic season.
- ◆ Establishing the pilgrimage as a project that strengthens religious and national identity, and unites diverse cultures and faiths around the values of justice and peace.
- ◆ Publishing the participants' research papers in the peer-reviewed Arba'een Scientific Journal and making it an internationally recognized academic output.



First topic

The Spiritual and Intellectual Dimensions of Arba'een

- The educational and moral impact of the pilgrimage.
- The values of patience, altruism, and humility.
- The role of the pilgrimage in refining the soul and correcting behavior.
- The influence of the pilgrimage in spreading religious awareness.
- The Arba'een as a bridge for spiritual connection among nations.

Second topic

The Sociology of the Arba'een Gathering

- The Arba'een Pilgrimage from the perspective of globalization.
- The Arba'een Pilgrimage and the principles of peaceful coexistence.
- Volunteer work during the Arba'een Pilgrimage.
- The role of the pilgrimage in building individual character.
- Responsibility and behavioral discipline within the Arba'een community.

Third topic

Sustainability and Resource Management in the Arba'een

- Health sustainability: treatments and medical services at various levels.
- Environmental sustainability: sanitation services, waste management, air pollution, visual and auditory pollution.
- Service sustainability: digital transformation and the geographical diversity of visitors.
- Social sustainability: volunteerism and support for the local economy.
- Cultural and cognitive sustainability: digital media and support for scientific research.

Fourth topic

The Future Infrastructure of the Arba'een

- International and regional transportation: airports and border crossings.
- Internal transportation: main routes within the city of Karbala.
- Housing and hospitality: service stations, hotels, and visitor accommodations.
- Public services.
- Obstacles and challenges.





Fifth topic

Digital Transformation in the Arba'een

- Logistical services: transportation management, food services, and service stations organization.
- Health and safety: smart clinics, medical analysis systems, and early warning tools.
- Digital experience: instant translation and virtual assistance.
- Post-pilgrimage analytics: reporting and statistical publications.

Sixth topic

Crowd Management through Artificial Intelligence

- Monitoring and real-time analysis (smart cameras, data analysis rooms).
- Movement prediction and direction (developing algorithms to understand visitor flow).
- Smart crowd guidance to reduce congestion and streamline movement.
- Emergency management (early warning and notification systems).
- Post-event analysis: data collection and the development of simulation models.

Seventh topic

Smart Media and International Communications

- Next-generation infrastructure (5G networks and satellites).
- International communication and cooperation with global organizations; worldwide media coverage.
- Security and communications: smart operations rooms and intelligent monitoring systems.

Eighth topic

The Economics of the Arba'een

- Expenditure on transportation, housing, and services.
- Indirect economy: agricultural, food, and industrial sectors.
- Community economy: volunteerism and free public services.
- Digital economy: mobile applications and electronic visitor services.
- Economic challenges and opportunities: transforming the Arba'een Pilgrimage into a sustainable annual economic season.





Participation Requirements

- 1.** The research must not have been previously published, nor presented at other scientific seminars or conferences.
- 2.** Graduate students are allowed to participate, provided that their research is based on their theses or dissertations, as long as it has not been previously published.
- 3.** Research paper must address one of the main topics of the conference and focus specifically on the Arba'een pilgrimage.
- 4.** Research paper must adhere to scientific methodology and standards, demonstrating originality and objectivity in analysis, with reliance on field studies and statistical data.
- 5.** Researcher must submit an abstract of the research in both Arabic and English, including the full title of the research, the researcher's name, academic degree, affiliation, and contact information (phone number, email), along with a brief academic CV.
- 6.** Researcher must submit the full text of the research online in Word format, not exceeding 25 pages (A4 size), including references and appendices. The research must be written in Simplified Arabic font (size 14 for the main text, size 12 for footnotes), with references automatically formatted at the end of the paper according to the APA citation style.
- 7.** Researcher must upload their paper to the conference's online platform; otherwise, the paper will not be considered or accepted, the platform can be accessed via the following link:





Deadline for Abstract Submission: 30 / 03 / 2026

Deadline for Full Paper Submission: 16 / 05 / 2026

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