

Media Advisory: The Elders to visit Saudi Arabia from 25-28 February 2018

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The Elders will visit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 25-28 February 2018 for meetings with senior leadership to discuss current social and economic reforms and security issues across the Middle East.

The delegation will be headed by **Kofi Annan**, former United Nations Secretary-General and Chair of The Elders. He will be accompanied by **Martti Ahtisaari**, former Finnish President; **Lakhdar Brahimi**, former Algerian Foreign Minister and UN diplomat; **Hina Jilani**, Pakistani human rights advocate; and **Ernesto Zedillo**, former President of Mexico.

The Elders remain convinced that dialogue and diplomacy offer the best way to defuse all tensions, resolve conflicts and re-establish peace in the Middle East region.

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[Ela Bhatt](#), [Fernando Henrique Cardoso](#), [Jimmy Carter](#) and [Desmond Tutu](#) are Elders Emeritus.

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