



## **IFD Profile**

Ideas for Development (IFD) is a virtual think-tank. This initiative was first conceptualized through an email on January 18, 2007. This think-tank does not have any office; its website and email address are its identity. Mr Mabroor Mahmood, an expatriate Bangladeshi national living in Saudi Arabia, is the founder of this think-tank. IFD is his brain child.

The prime objective of this think-tank is to ensure the welfare of the humanity through the exchange of development related ideas with the help of the Internet. This is the mission statement of this think-tank.

This mission statement is also reflected in its logo. The logo comprises four colored blocks, denoting four dominant races in the world. IFD believes that the persisting inequality amongst nations is the root of continuing global tension and absence of peace all over the world. So IFD believes that such tensions will be significantly reduced if this inequality can be resolved.

But we need new development ideas to resolve such inequality. At present, the developed nations are consistently formulating new ideas with the help of research and moving forward through their successful implementation. However, the less developed countries are lagging behind due to either the lack of resources or indiscriminate wastage of such resources. This phenomenon causes the gradual expansion of inequality between the developed and less developed nations, and as a result, poverty and exploitation are increasing all over the world.

IFD has been created with a noble aim to reduce this disparity amongst nations with the help of generating new ideas. IFD wants to be the platform for exchanging ideas of all thinkers and creative people of the world. We expect the thinkers all over the world would exchange their ideas through this platform.

A potential thinker will receive some specific benefits if he/she exchanges his/her ideas through the IFD.

First of all, the generation of an idea only is not sufficient to ensure development; in fact it is only the beginning of a long process. A thinker should not stop after

generating an idea, rather he also needs to describe in detail the solution of the problem in the form of a model. This model has to be implementable as well. Otherwise, this idea won't have any value.

We actually don't have any shortage of people having new ideas. But we really lack people who can provide us a nicely presented idea, which is also worthy for implementation.

To resolve this problem, IFD would guide a potential thinker on how to present an idea in a logical fashion. IFD will also give necessary guidance in this respect, and provide the required assistance to make a potential yet immature idea presentable.

Secondly, one does not need any qualification to send an idea to IFD. Any person can send an idea to IFD from anywhere with the help of any medium.

Thirdly, although IFD is temporarily focused on exchanging economic ideas only, eventually its activity would also expand to cover other disciplines as well.

Fourthly, if an idea is publicized by the IFD, everybody would be ensured of its reliability and its power to change the society in the right direction. It will enhance the credibility of the idea itself. It has to be highlighted that IFD will not publicize any idea that it will receive. The selection of an idea for publication would entirely depend on its ability to contribute to the welfare of the society.

And fifthly and the most important benefit is that, the potential thinkers won't have to spend any money for sending an idea to IFD, except for the charges for email or postage. He/she won't also have to give any money to IFD if the idea is eventually published in IFD website.

One might ask, if a potential thinker gives us a valuable idea, it might eventually be stolen. As a result the true inventor of the idea would lose his/her proper recognition. Then what is the protection for the owners of the idea?

In this connection, we assure you that we won't publish your idea anywhere else under a different name without your permission. We strongly believe that an idea generator can be properly valued only by another idea generator.

IFD believes an idea is properly valued when it is implemented, either partially or completely, and benefits the people. IFD has a limitation from this perspective. It is because in order to implement an idea successfully, one needs assistance from Government bodies or other organizations. Therefore, IFD cannot guarantee that the circulation of an idea through the IFD would ensure its successful implementation.

IFD intends to act as a platform for circulating and publishing the ideas only. IFD will not be responsible for implementing these ideas.

But IFD's activity will not be limited only to generation and publication of an idea. In order to generate new ideas and ensure its successful implementation, we not only need prospective thinkers, but also need proper political leadership, strong Government apparatus, modern education system, and above all, a peaceful political and social climate. Prospective thinkers will not be born unless proper environment is ensured, and their ideas will not be properly valued and implemented in an unstable social and political atmosphere.

So besides circulating development related ideas, IFD would also act to ensure an environment where the number of prospective thinkers will increase, they will be properly valued, and their ideas will be successfully implemented. To serve this purpose, IFD will publish special articles highlighting various social issues.

At last, we want to say if you are confident on any prospective idea, and firmly believe that this idea, if implemented, would benefit the society to an extent, then we request you to send us this idea. You can primarily send us an email in our address. You can also visit our website to know more about us.

We believe such exchange of ideas would help to develop prospective thinkers all around us. Everybody would also be benefited if their ideas are eventually implemented successfully. So we need cooperation from all for moving forward. We thus welcome any cooperation in order to exchange these development related ideas through the IFD.

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