Prince Hussain, the third of His Highness the Aga Khan’s four children, has been involved with the work of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) in a number of leadership capacities since 1997. He serves on the boards of the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture. His involvement in a wide range of issues has emphasized the importance of projects that safeguard the environment, protect biodiversity, promote cultural preservation and address natural disaster mitigation and prevention. Prince Hussain is also the founder of Focused On Nature, an organisation dedicated to the conservation and protection of threatened and endangered species, as well as habitat conservation efforts.

Prince Hussain was born on 10 April 1974, in Geneva, Switzerland. He received his secondary education at Deerfield Academy, Massachusetts, USA, and graduated from Williams College, Massachusetts, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 2004, he received a Master of International Affairs degree from Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs. At Columbia, Prince Hussain’s main area of study was Economic and Political Development with a regional focus on the Middle East and North Africa.

Prince Hussain’s membership on the AKDN Committee, the administrative body that oversees the institutions of the Aga Khan Development Network, has offered him a first-hand view of the array of development projects in Africa and Asia in which the organisation is active. His AKDN work has included travel to some of the most remote parts of the world with a focus on improving the quality of life for all.

A lifelong enthusiast for issues related to nature and conservation, Prince Hussain is an avid photographer. His work has been featured in various publications and exhibitions. A collection of his photographs was published in 2004 in Animal Voyage (Editions de l’œil, France) and in 2015 in Focused on Nature (focusedonnature.org), Underwater Expeditions (Editions de l’œil, France), and in Diving Into Wildlife (Private Edition). An assembly of his rainforest photographs from seven countries, entitled Rainforests, appeared in three exhibits in the US in 2004. His work has also been exhibited in Geneva, Switzerland, Paris, France and Washington, DC, USA. His most recent exhibition, Living Sea, was featured at Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs in 2017. Prince Hussain’s photographs have also been featured in several National Geographic blogs.

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