



**First Day**

**4th September 2023**

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON

# The History & Legacy of Muslims in the Caribbean

4-6 SEPTEMBER 2023

Venue: Arthur Chung Conference Centre  
GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

• 09.00 - 10.45 Opening Session

*Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Al Creighton*

9:00 National Anthem of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

9:05 Quran Recitation and Translation by Hafiz Salih Rahim

9:10 Welcoming Remarks by the Honourable Hugh H. Todd,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

9:25 Remarks by Dr. Abdullah Hakim Quick, IRCICA's Special  
Envoy to the Caribbean

9:40 Cultural Item Islamic Chant in Urdu Language – Imran Ally  
– Deputy President of the Muslim Youth Organization

9:45 Remarks by H.E. Prof. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General  
of IRCICA

10:00 Remarks by H.E. Tarig Ali Bakheet, Assistant Secretary  
General, Organization of Islamic Cooperation

10:15 Cultural Item – Islamic Chant in Yoruba Language by Toyib  
Hamza

10:20 Feature Address by H.E. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President  
of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

• 10.45 - 11.00 Coffee Break



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- **11.00 - 12.40 First Session:** *Globalization and Localization in the Caribbean*

**Moderator: Dr. Halima Saadia Kassim**

- **Aliyah Khan**, University of Michigan | *The Qasida and Muslim Devotional Music in Guyana and Trinidad*
- **Frank J. Korom**, Boston University | *The Current State of Hosay (Moharram) Observances in the Caribbean*
- **Abdin Chande**, Adelphi University | *Migration and Identity of South Asians of the Caribbean and East African Indian Ocean Region: A Comparative Analysis*
- **Maurits S. Hassankhan**, Anton de Kom University of Suriname | *Localization and Globalization of Religion: The Case of Hindustani Muslims in Suriname*

- **12.40 - 13.45 Lunch & Prayer**

- **13.45 - 15.25 Second Session:** *Islam in the Greater Caribbean from Early History to Today*

**Moderator: Mr. Neaz Subhan**

- **Abdullah Hakim Quick**, The Islamic Institute of Toronto | *Aspects of Muslim History and Legacy in Pre-Columbian America*
- **Juan Thomas Ordóñez**, Universidad del Rosario | *Caribbean Lebanon: The Muslim Experience on the Colombia/Venezuela Border*
- **Mohamed A. Hakim**, Islamic Educator and Social Activist in Haiti | *History of Muslims in Haiti*
- **Nuri Muhammad**, Imam, Radio Commentator and Social Activist | *The Evolution of Muslim Presence in Belize and the Significance of Garifuna Cultural Retrieval*

- **15.25 - 15.45 Coffee Break**

- **15.45 - 17.00 Third Session** | Panel on Black Atlantic Muslim Movements - ReMapping and Theorizing Global South Migrations

**Moderator: Prof. Aboubacar Abdullah Senghore**

- **Youssef Carter**, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill | *Western Sunrise in the Global South: The Islamic Party comes to the Caribbean*
- **Tasneem Siddiqui**, Drexel University | *The Caribbean is No Island: Rethinking Black Geographies through Muslim Resistance Movements*
- **Nsenga Knight**, Artist & Storyteller | *Irregular Black Muslims: Diasporic Exchange & The Caribbean Elsewhere*

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## 5th September 2023

- **09.00 - 10.40 First Session:** *Guyanese Experience*

**Moderator: Ms. Ryhaan Shah**

- **Ateeka Khan**, McMaster University | *East Indians, Religion, and Politics in 20th Century Guyana*
- **Nazim Baksh**, Former Investigative Producer with Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) | *Conflict, Continuity and Change of Religious Narratives and Practices of Muslims in Guyana (1977-1981)*
- **Ahmad Hamid**, Imam and Researcher | *The Challenges and Role of CIOG in the Transformation of the Muslim Community of Guyana from Chaos to Stability*
- **Wazir Baksh**, Historian and Community Activist | *The Masjid as an Essential Institution to Preserve Faith and Social Cohesion: The Case of Guyana*

- **10.40 - 11.00 Coffee Break**



- **11.00 - 12.15 Second Session: Voices from Trinidad and Tobago**  
**Moderator: Mr. Wazir Baksh**
  - **Halima-Sa'adia Kassim**, University of the West Indies | *An Evaluation of the Resultant Negotiations of Living in an Alien Society: The Indo-Muslims of Trinidad Claiming Their Place*
  - **Nasser Mustapha & Mirza Ali Mohammad**, University of the West Indies | *Race and Ethnic Relations in Trinidad and Tobago*
  - **Anand Rampersad**, University of the West Indies | *Successful Muslim Cricketers in Trinidad and Tobago*

- **12.15 - 13.15 Lunch & Prayer**

- **13.15 - 14.55 Third Session: Economy, Identity and Decolonization in the Caribbean**

**Moderator: Mr. Alim Hosein**

- **Ibraheem Musa Tijani**, International Islamic University Malaysia | *The Economic Development and Commerce of the Muslim Communities in the Caribbean and the Emergence of Islamic Finance in the Region*
- **Stanley L. Soeropawiro**, Policy Advisor Religious Affairs-Ministry of Home Affairs (Suriname) | *Economic Development among the Javanese Muslims in Suriname*
- **Karimah Rahman**, Toronto Metropolitan University | *Decolonizing Muslim Indo-Caribbean Mental Health*
- **Suleiman Bulbulia & Sabir Nakhuda**, Historian and Author | *The Muslims of Barbados: Sustaining a Muslim Identity*

- **14.55 - 15.15 Coffee Break**

- **15.15 - 16.00 Evaluation and Suggestions**

- Brief Remarks and Evaluation by Mr. Mirza Ali Mohammed

- **16.00 - 16.30 Formal Closing**

**MC: Prof. Sadık Ünay**

- Remarks by Prof. Dr. Aboubacar Abdullah Senghore, Assistant Director General, IRCICA
- Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Elisabeth Harper, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

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6th September 2023

### Cultural Excursion

- **09.30 - 11.00** Special Presentation at the University of Guyana by:
  - Abdullah Hakim Quick
  - Nuri Muhammad
  - Mohamed A. Hakim
  - Stanley L. Soeropawiro
- **After 11.00** Tour of sites including Queenstown Masjid (Central), the 1763 Monument, Demerara Harbor Bridge, Versailles Masjid in Region 3