INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON

The History & Legacy of Muslims in the Caribbean

4-6 SEPTEMBER 2023
Venue: Arthur Chung Conference Centre
GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

First Day
4th September 2023

- 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

Second Day
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
  ○ 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  
  - 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. Sadik 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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**Third Day**  
*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