



CALL FOR PAPERS



The 4TH OIC, IRCICA, and Awqaf SA International Conference on “The Representation of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in Muslim Scholarship and Literature in Africa”

Exploring the Historical, Cultural and Contemporary Representations of the Legacy of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in African Muslim Scholarship

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IMPORTANT DATES

3 JUNE 2025

Notification of
Call for Papers

20 JUNE 2025

Abstract
Submission
Deadline

30 JUNE 2025

Notification of
Acceptance

14 SEPTEMBER 2025

Full Paper
Submission

21-23 SEPTEMBER 2025

Conference
date

SUB-THEMES

- ✓ Historical development of *sira* scholarship in Africa
- ✓ Major African scholars of the *sira* and their contributions
- ✓ The *sira* in African, Arabic, *Ajami*, and vernacular literature
- ✓ Representation of the Prophet (SAW) in African Islamic poetry
- ✓ Representation of the political and administrative legacies of the Prophet (SAW) as founder and first head of the Islamic state
- ✓ Governance and Leadership in the Prophetic Tradition
- ✓ Lessons from the *sira* of the Prophet (SAW) for contemporary diplomacy and international relations
- ✓ Representation of the legislative and judicial legacies of the Prophet (SAW) as the overall head of the legislature and judiciary of the Islamic state
- ✓ Representation of his legacy as the founder of the principles of the Islamic political economy
- ✓ The representation of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) in economic and commercial relations
- ✓ Representation of his role in laying the foundations and promotion of education and culture in the Islamic state
- ✓ Manuscripts and oral traditions of the *sira* in African contexts
- ✓ Teaching of the *sira* in traditional Islamic schools (*madrasas*, *zawiyas*)
- ✓ The role of the *sira* in contemporary African Muslim identity
- ✓ Prophetic ethics and intercultural, group and religious solidarity in African Contexts
- ✓ Building ethical communities across cultures and faith traditions: African Perspectives
- ✓ Sufi versus non-Sufi notions of the *sira*
- ✓ The *sira* as viewed by children and young adults
- ✓ The shaping of the minds of communities about the Prophet (SAW)
- ✓ Representation of the Prophet (SAW) in *Waqf* and *Zakah* studies

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- ✓ **Abstract Submission:** An abstract of 250–300 words, clearly outlining the aim of the article and its expected contribution
- ✓ **Referencing style:** All submissions must follow the latest Chicago citation style. A sample guide is available at the following [link](#)
- ✓ **Full Paper Submission:** Papers should be between 4,000 and 7,000 words, inclusive of references, figures, and tables
- ✓ **Submission Platform:** Please forward all submissions to the following email addresses: ircica@ircica.org and congress@awqafsa.or.za

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