



Australian Muslim Community Leaders Summit 2024

Sunday, 12 May 2024

Orion Centre - Sydney

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Thank You for your attendance to

**The Australian Muslim
Community Leaders
Summit 2024**

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Etiquettes and Reminders for The Summit:

1. Have a **POSITIVE** outlook and **OPTIMISTIC** sentiment; we are all here for the sake of Allah SWT and to serve Islam and the Muslim Community.
2. The aim of the AAM Summit is to **UNITE** the Australian Muslim Community and achieve a positive outcome for the community on the common and greater issues that we **ALL AGREE** on and see the **NEED** to achieve them.
3. The Summit will maintain a **NEUTRAL** stance on all mainstream Muslim organisations and groups.
4. During the meeting, there is to be **NO** mention or discussion of any particular groups or organisations, Islamic jurisprudence, or debatable Fiqh views.
5. This Summit **WILL NOT** discuss or interfere with any individual organisation, their affairs, activities or internal structure. The Summit will **ONLY** focus on and discuss issues and matters of commonality that unite us all and the challenges that we collectively face as a Muslim community.
6. This Summit will not solve all the issues of the community; instead, we **STRIVE** to address the most pressing matters as a matter of precedence and continue moving forward.




7. Avoid any sensitive matters that could cause a division amongst the attendees and only address topics of **COMMON GROUNDS, GOOD and BENEFIT** to the community.
8. Follow and stick to the **DISCUSSION ITEMS** mentioned on the agenda.
9. Due to the limited time, please make your suggestions and opinions **SHORT** and **CONCISE**. Please **AVOID REPETITION** of opinions, comments and statements made by others.
10. Please **RESPECT OTHERS** while they are talking and refrain from interrupting anyone whilst speaking.
11. Please be respectful of the opinions of others and understand that although we may differ in our approach, we all share the same concerns and aim to achieve the **SAME GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**.
12. **NO PUBLIC** statements are to be made regarding the Summit or AAM, unless previously agreed by the majority of attendees in the Summit.
13. Keep all discussions in the Summit **CONFIDENTIAL**.
14. Please **DO NOT** mention any name of any of the attendees outside the Summit unless granted permission by the attendee personally.
15. Regardless of the outcome, we must all **SUPPORT** and **RESPECT** each other and continue working with one another for the **COMMON GOOD** that we all agree on.
16. This Summit **MUST** not be used to exploit any personal, individual or political motives but **ONLY** for the greater good and overall **BENEFIT** of the community and the Summit.



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For Participants Using ZOOM :

1. Please **TEST** your video and audio before the meeting.
2. Please be in a **QUEIT ZONE** during the conference.
3. If you can keep your Camera **STEADY** and avoid extra movements or **DISABLE** your Camera.
4. All participants will be **MUTED**; when need to speak, Please raise your hand by **PRESSING RAISE HAND BUTTON**  and wait for your turn to speak. (you will find this in the menu at the bottom of the screen under REACTIONS)
5. Please **UNMUTE** yourself when your turn is to speak.
6. **NO RECORDING** of the meeting.

JAZAKOM ALLAHU KHAIRAN FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION

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SUMMIT AGENDA & PROGRAM

Date: Sunday, 12th of May 2024

Time: 9am – 3pm (AEST)

Venue: Orion Function Centre, 155 Beamish St, Campsie NSW 2194

Online: www.australianmuslims.org.au/zoom

No	Time	Duration	Agenda Item	Presenters	Comments
1.	08.00am-09.00am	60min	Delegate's Arrival and Breakfast	Open Buffet Breakfast	
2.	09.00am-09.05am	5min	Official Opening of the Summit		
3.	09.05am-09.10am	5min	Quran Recitation		
4.	09.10am-09.20am	10min	Welcoming all Attendees and Introduction	Sh. Shadi Alsuleiman	
5.	09.20am-09.30am	5min	A Reminder of the Summit Etiquettes Meeting	Khalid Mousa	LINK
6.	09.30am-09.40am	5min	Introduction of the Australian Muslim Leaders Summit, Objectives, Goals and Outcomes.	Sh. Shadi Alsuleiman Khalid Mousa	LINK

7.	09.45am-12.15pm	150min	Key Agenda Items & Panels	Presenters	Comments
8.	09.45am-10.15am	30min	Working together during difficult times	All Attendees	Attendees may comment from the floor
9.	10.15am-11.15am	60min	Framework for Political Engagement and Advocacy	Moderator: Samir Benne Kadi Panelists: 1- Bilal Rauf 2- Ali Kadri 3- TBC	Attendees may comment from the floor
10.	11.15am-12.15pm	60min	Role of Media & Social Media	Moderator: Ramia Abdo Sultan Panelists: 1- Mariam Ardati 2- Kamal Saleh 3- Massilia Aili 4- Ahmed Bassal	Attendees may comment from the floor
11.	12.30pm		BREAK		
12.	1.00pm		Prayer		
13.	01.15pm		Lunch to be Served - Open Buffet		
14.	01.15pm-03.00pm		GENERAL BUSINESS		
15.	02.00pm	20min	Launch of the Muslim Community Fund	Sh. Shadi Alsuleiman	LINK
16.	02.30pm	5min	Final Words & Vote of Thanks	Sh. Shadi Alsuleiman	
17.	02.45pm	5min	Conclusion of the Australian Muslim Community Leaders Summit 2024 & Dua'a		

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Key areas and discussion points at the Summit

1. Working together during difficult times

The Muslim community has worked closely and united in the past years. With all the challenges that the community had faced, the community had always shown resilience and strong faith and always emerged from these challenges stronger, wiser, and united.

The Muslim community leaders have always believed in and advocated for unity because of the fruits, great benefits, and outcomes of working together and being united.

There are no times when there is a dire need for the community to be united than this time.

Unity does not imply that the community leaders, organisations or members need to change their school of thought, organisation structures or names or to have their organisations and centres under one organisation or name. Unity implies that community leaders, organisations, and members are required to identify the common and greater denominators, benefits, interests and concerns of the community and work together to achieve them collectively, united with one voice.

Key points to discuss and identify at the summit:

1. Define what unity is in the Muslim community.
2. Define what 'the Community' implies.
3. Identify areas that unite the community to achieve.
4. Identify areas that will disunite the community to avoid.
5. Establish a charter of understanding and working relationships among the Muslim Community.

2. Framework for Political Engagement and Advocacy

The Australian Muslim community is part and parcel of the Australian fabric; in a country like Australia, all Australians have an equal right to voice and advocate their opinion and change of policy. The Australian Muslim community has an equal stake



and shared interest in policy changes of government and decision-makers and the future and direction of the country.

The Australian Muslim community must strategise and work towards influencing key decision-makers in government, media, and civil society on matters of most concern to Muslims in Australia to protect and advance the welfare of the diverse Muslim community. It is important to raise political awareness and engagement within the Muslim community, including grassroots campaigning and involvement with political parties.

Key points to discuss and identify at the summit:

1. Common areas of interest and concerns to raise and achieve in:
 - a. *Short term 12 months*
 - b. *Medium term 3 years*
 - c. *Long term 10 years*
2. The political alignment and mobilising the Muslim community during future elections at local, state and federal levels to magnify the Muslim voice.
3. How to raise political awareness and understanding in the Muslim Community.
4. Evaluate the recent events, in particular, the war on Gaza and the Palestinian cause and plight.
5. The rise of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim sentiment and how to counter them.
6. Establish a think tank comprising Muslims and experts in this field to define goals, objectives, and intended outcomes. Collaborate with both paid and voluntary experts to ensure a comprehensive approach towards achieving the intended results.

3. Role of Media & Social Media

Media plays a crucial role in influencing perceptions, policies, and the nation's future direction. Regrettably, mainstream media often exhibit bias and unfairness in their portrayal of Islam and Muslims. This biased reporting fosters negative perceptions and misunderstandings, increasing the hostility towards Islam as a religion and Muslims as a community. Such bias poses obstacles and challenges to the advancement of Islam, Muslims and their interests and institutions.

It's imperative for the Muslim community to adopt a unified strategy in engaging with the media to counter negative portrayals and promote a positive image of Islam and Muslims.

Key points to discuss and identify at the summit:

1. How to coordinate a unified Muslim voice and collaborative representation in the Australian media.
2. How to coordinate effective engagement with mainstream Australian media agencies.
3. To monitor and follow up on the MUSLIM MEDIA WATCH.
4. How to coordinate educational workshops for Muslim organisations to better engage with the media.



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4. Launch of the Muslim Community Fund (MCF)

There is a strong need for human and financial resources to achieve the objectives and outcomes that the Muslim community collectively strives to achieve. Financial resource challenges can be resolved through a fund that is owned by the community and managed by the community.

The Muslim Community Fund (MCF) is a fund that will focus on raising funds, donations, and contributions for the benefit and the greater good of the general interests of the Australian Muslim community in all states and territories.

MCF Will be a fund established by the Australian Muslim community and owned by the Australian Muslim community and no specific organisation or individuals.

MCF aims to preserve the Islamic identity and maintain the integrity of Australian Muslims in the present and in generations to come, and it also aims to advocate on all fronts and levels for the best interest of the Australian Muslim community.

The objective of the fund is to support services, programs, and initiatives in which the benefit of those services goes back to the entire community without targeting any specific ethnicity, cultural background, or people.



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PANEL GUIDELINES

- The panels will be facilitated by a Moderator and panellists who share the same objectives but adopt different strategies.
- The panel discussion will last for **60 minutes**.
- The moderator should initiate the panel with a clear objective and conclude with closing remarks, expressing gratitude to the panellists and attendees for their contributions at the end.
- Each panellist will deliver a presentation lasting between **5 to 7 minutes** at the outset, followed by an open discussion among the panellists to debate and address the issues, moderated by the Moderator.
- Before each panellist speaks, the moderator will provide a **30-second** introduction of each panellist.
- Panellists must limit their responses and replies to **2 minutes** each.
- Panellists are required to **show respect** and **refrain** from interrupting speakers while they are addressing the panel, **adhering** to the moderator's instructions.
- Panellists must maintain composed and **respectful conduct** throughout the panel.
- The moderator should entertain questions from the audience, addressing them either to themselves or to any of the panellists at their discretion.
- The moderator may ask each panellist for a final **60-second** comment and conclusion.
- Both in-person and online audiences are permitted, limited to Community leaders and Imams from across Australia.
- The panels will be documented and recorded to establish agreed-upon strategies or to maintain ongoing discussions.
- Recordings will remain private, while minutes will be circulated among Muslim community leaders and Imams post-summit.
- The panel will take place on the stage with each panellist and the moderator having a Mic.



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