

The Fifth International Islamic Universities Conference

**MAJOR TRENDS IN ISLAMIC INTELLECTUAL
THOUGHT: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS**

Friday 17th – Sunday 19th November 2023

Venue: Muslim University of Morogoro, Tanzania



Organized by the
Muslim University of Morogoro [MUM]



In collaboration with
The International Institute of Islamic Thought [IIIT]

About the Conference

“The rise and decline of Islamic civilization has always coincided with the Ummah’s vibrancy or lethargy in the pursuit of knowledge and learning. This is not surprising because right from the beginning, Islam identified itself with learning and knowledge as constituting both, its condition and engine, and Tawhid as its bedrock and essence. With the fall and dismemberment of the Ummah into different enclaves under different colonial masters Muslims were introduced to a new system of education.”

The above statement from the first, inaugural conference of 2014, set the tone of the central focus of this series of International Conferences, namely, to address the twin crises – a knowledge crisis and a thought crisis – which are weakening or coarsening our intellectual and moral fibre. The biennial conferences serve as a platform for scholars to exchange notes and share experiences about their researches and other intellectual pursuits on matters of great interest to the Ummah and humanity in general.

The Conference Key Themes

The Main Theme:

Major Trends in Islamic Intellectual Thought: Challenges and Prospects

Group A

Contemporary Thought

- Artificial Intelligence and Society
- The Role of Universities in Our Time
- Radical Technologies and the Future of Humanity

Group B

Knowledge

- Knowledge Production and IOK
- IOK Research Projects in Africa
- Transdisciplinarity as an Intellectual Tool for IOK Research
- Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment of IOK

Group C

Islamophobia

- Religious Identities & Civic Rights in Multi-religious Societies
- Islamophobia in Higher Learning Institutions
- The Rise of Islamophobia in Europe and India
- Interfaith Dialogues in East Africa

Group D

Culture and Civilization

- Challenges of Sustainable Development in Societies
- Advent and Growth of Islam in East Africa (i.e. Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, DRC,)
- Islamic Renaissance: Challenges and Prospects
- Intellectual Currents and Reformation Movements in Africa

Call for Papers

We invite interested scholars [including university students from the East African region] to write and submit academic papers relevant to the General Theme of the Conference to **Mr. Fadhili Mtani**, the Chairman of Kitwana Kondo Intellectual Desk, MUM Steering Committee: email: mtani@mum.ac.tz

The following deadlines should be strictly observed:

Abstracts: Paper abstracts of not more than 200 words be submitted by **15th September 2023.**

Authors of accepted abstracts shall be notified by **20th September 2023.**

Full papers should be submitted by **31st October 2023.**

Note to Students: University students from the East African region, [except Tanzania] whose abstracts will be accepted will be refunded their bus travel tickets upon arrival to Morogoro and will be provided full board during the 3 days of the conference.



Travel Advice:

The Venue: Morogoro is home to the Muslim University of Morogoro, (MUM) it is a city located in the eastern part of Tanzania, approximately 196 kilometers (122 mi) west of Dar es Salaam.

Accommodation: There is a simple accommodation around the university to suit your pocket, prices can range from 15usd to 30usd.

Transport: Getting into Morogoro one can take a bus from Dar es Salaam at Magufuli Bus Terminal. The buses are scheduled every 30 minutes, prices range from 3usd to 5usd.

For more information contact, **Mr. Fadhili Mtani**, the Chairman of Kitwana Kondo Intellectual Desk, MUM Steering Committee: email: mtani@mum.ac.tz