



# GLOBAL **IMAMS** AND **SCHOLARS** COUNCIL

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# Empowering our communities and Ummah through collective action and positive change.

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> Strengthening our communities and Ummah through the principles of Islam

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We benchmark ideas, thoughts, practices, and worldviews on Islam's broad epistemological and ontological framework rooted in revelation and the Sunnah of the Prophet. We respectfully acknowledge the nuanced differences and views that enrich mainstream Islam's legacy of thought and tradition.

We maintain that diversity of affiliation – whether to groups (Jama'ah), parties, institutions, cooperations or organisations – should never be a barrier to mutual support and collaboration towards the Muslim community and nation (Ummah).

#### **ABOUT GISC** The unique collaboration of the worlds Imams and Scholars Council

# Strengthening our communities and Ummah through the principles of Islam

The Global Imams and Scholars Council (GISC) is a platform that unites Muslim Scholars and Imams Councils from around the world, primarily in western, non-Muslim, and English-speaking countries. We come together to address the common values, principles, and concerns of the Muslim Ummah and community, while adhering to the mainstream teachings and understanding of the Quran and Sunnah as guided by the mainstream Ahlu-Sunnah Wal-Jama'a Scholars of the past and present.







# **Mission Statement**

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To unite the Muslim Scholars and Imams Councils from English-speaking countries on the common values, principles, and concerns that they all share in preserving the mainstream understanding of Islam and its integrity by identifying the challenges that they face and solutions to them, and advancing the Muslim Ummah and community globally and collectively.



To unite and connect the English-speaking Muslim scholars and Imams Council through the GISC.

To preserve the Islamic identity, integrity, and principles in accordance with the mainstream teachings and understanding of the Quran and Sunnah and the mainstream Ahlu-Sunnah Wal-Jama'a Scholars in the past and present, particularly in non-Muslim countries.

To be an inspirational and empowering voice of the Muslim community in non-Muslim countries.

To identify the challenges that the Muslim community in non-Muslim countries are facing and identify unified solutions that will empower, enable, and advance Muslims.

To raise awareness, educate, address religious and spiritual matters, and provide relevant guidance to the Muslim Community on Islamic subjects, topics, and issues of concern to the Councils and the Muslim community in the relevant countries.

> To collaborate and coordinate the efforts of the various Councils and share experiences, knowledge, and resources.

## **GISC Charter**

Our charter outlines the principles, objectives, and guidelines that govern the functioning of GISC. It serves as a roadmap for our collective efforts in preserving the mainstream understanding of Islam and advancing the Muslim Ummah and community globally. The charter provides a framework for cooperation, collaboration, and decision-making processes within the Council.

# "And hold firmly to the rope of Allāh all together and do not become divided"



# MEMBERS

Representing the mainstream Muslim Imams and Scholars Councils from around the globe

# GISC working together all over the globe

The membership of the GISC is comprised of Imams and Scholars Councils and Boards in non-Muslim and English-speaking countries. The Imams and Scholars Councils and Boards must be representative of Ahlu-Sunnah Wal-Jama'a Imams and Scholars.





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# **GISC Members**

GISC members represent countries from the english speaking world.



AUSTRALIA Australian National Imams Council (ANIC)



#### **UNITED KINGDOM**

The British Board of Scholars & Imams (BBSI)



#### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

North American Imams Fellow (NAIF)



#### **SOUTH AFRICA**

United Ulama Council of South Africa (UUCSA)



**NEW ZEALAND** 

Ulama Council of New Zealand (UCNZ)



CANADA

Canadian Council of Imams (CCI)



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> Overall Members of the Council Organisations

> > 3,000 +

Language Spoken **30 +** 

**Ethnic Representation** 

15 +

**Representing Continents** 

4+

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## **GISC AIMS TO:**

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The best of you in Islam are those with the best character, if they have religious understanding.

Source: Musnad Ahmad 9880, Grade: Sahih

# What does GISC aim to achieve?

Our mission is to unite and connect the English-speaking Muslim scholars and Imams Council through the GISC and preserve the traditional and mainstream understanding of Islam.

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# Corporate Charter that established its core connection with the Muslim Imams and Scholars Councils

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