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# MUSLIMAH TODAY

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2018

Theme: Revisiting the Concept of Family in Islam

with special sessions on female scholarship in the field of Qur'an recitation



“Muslimah Today is one of the rare Durban events that ladies attend alone and they leave, bonded, as sisters. It is a great start for those who have never attended an event of this calibre, and always on the yearly bucket list for those of us who return year after year. Irrespective of where you are in your life, spiritual or emotional aspirations - Muslimah Today will present you with something to take into your life and enrich it. It is an amazing platform for unity and to grow in sisterhood. Gift yourself something special by attending this year, it will undoubtedly be your first of many to come. Insha'Allah. Wishing the organizers, speakers and all those involved a successful event. They outdo themselves on every level. Hope to see you there!”

(Hasina Suliman  
– regular Muslimah Today attendee)

### PROGRAMME

Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th September 2018 in Durban in sha Allah.



## Saturday 15th September 2018, in sha Allah

8.30am	Registration and tea
9.30am	Welcome and introduction
9.40am	Opening Qiraa'ah – <b>Ustaadhah Ayesha Abrahams</b>
9.50am	The Concept of Family in Islam – <b>Quraysha Ismail Sooliman</b>
10.30am	Preserving the Muslim Family: A convert's journey – <b>Amina Ngubane</b>
11.10am	Q and A – <b>Quraysha Ismail Sooliman</b> and <b>Amina Ngubane</b>
11.30am	Building family legacies in this world and the next through Waqf – <b>Zafar Ahmed</b>
12.00am	Q and A – <b>Zafar Ahmed</b>
12.10pm	Lunch and Dhuhr Salaah
1.10pm	The importance of family in shaping one's character – <b>Tshepang Mamogale</b>
1.50pm	Q and A – <b>Tshepang Mamogale</b>

### CHALLENGES FACING THE MODERN MUSLIM FAMILY

2.00pm	Factors leading to the breakdown of Muslim marriages – <b>Haafidh Fuzail Soofie</b>
2.40pm	Q and A – <b>Haafidh Fuzail Soofie</b>
2.50pm	Raising a powerful family in the 21st century – <b>Junaid Bayat</b>
3.30pm	Q and A – <b>Junaid Bayat</b>
3.40pm	Issues facing our elderly – <b>Suhaima Hoosen</b>
4.20pm	Q and A – <b>Suhaima Hoosen</b>
4.30pm	Asr Salaah and Tea
4.50pm to 5.50pm	Outstanding female scholars in the field of Qur'an and a demonstration of the importance of tajweed through group recitation of short surahs – <b>Ustaadhah Ayesha Abrahams</b>

## Sunday 16th September 2018, in sha Allah

9.30am	Registration and tea
10.00am	Explanation of key concepts in the field of Qiraa'ah, like sanad and ijazah, and a demonstration of different Qiraa'ah styles – <b>Ustaadhah Ayesha Abrahams</b>
11.00am	Dealing with loss: a personal journey – <b>Fatima Juma</b>
11.40am	Dealing with death and divorce – <b>Suhaima Hoosen</b>
12.20am	Q and A – <b>Fatima Juma</b> and <b>Suhaima Hoosen</b>
12.30pm	Lunch and Dhuhr Salaah
1.20pm	To marry or not to marry – is it even a question? – <b>Amina Ngubane</b>
2.00pm	Q and A – <b>Amina Ngubane</b>
2.10pm	A message from ILM-SA
2.20pm	Introducing Salaam Media
2.30pm	Tips for single parents – <b>Imraan Choonara</b>
3.10pm	Q and A – <b>Imraan Choonara</b>
3.20pm	The family and beyond – <b>Quraysha Ismail Sooliman</b>
4.00pm to 4.40pm	An interactive discussion with our female speakers

*\*The above programme is subject to change without prior notice, due to unforeseen circumstances; ILM-SA will not be held responsible for this, although it will make every effort to adhere thereto.*

**Amina Ngubane:** Amina was born and bred at Willowfontain village in uMgungundlovu. She has worked for Sanzaf-PMB, Verulam Islamic Institute, IMA Baytul-Nur, UKZN and Unisa. She is a disability researcher and an activist.

**Ustaadhah Ayesha Abrahams:** Ustaadhah Ayesha holds Sanad and Ijazah in the major ten Qira'at as well as the shadh Qira'at (anamalous readings). She completed a four year course at the Darun Naim Institute for Higher Islamic Studies.

**Fatima Juma:** Fatima is a skin and health specialist from Durban. She lost her 12-year-old daughter, Ayesha, one and a half years ago. Having experienced the healing process herself, she is passionate about assisting individuals who have lost their loved ones to attain a level of calmness and serenity in their lives. A mother of two, she is excited about her future and what it holds for her.

**Haafidh Fuzail Soofie:** Haafidh Fuzail holds a traditional certificate in Islamic Sciences and has served the Muslim community in South Africa as a community leader, public speaker and writer since 1992. His weekly educational talks prioritise the spiritual, traditional and scientific dimensions of Islam to meet the unique challenges of the modern era. As the Imam of the Westville Soofie Mosque in Durban, he facilitates the institution's pivotal role in the community and spearheads its various charitable projects and educational initiatives.

**Imraan Choonara:** Imraan Choonara was born in Lenasia and now resides in Rondebosch (Cape Town). His late dad, Mahomed Farid Choonara (founder of Africa Muslims Agency) was a well-known champion of the poor and destitute. In 1995 Imraan graduated top of his class in Dental Technology at Wits. He pioneered several humanitarian, business and leadership projects that continue to free people not only from poverty of food and drink but also from the poverty of negative thinking.

**Junaid Bayat:** Junaid Bayat hails from Verulam in KwaZulu-Natal. He is an author, speaker, trainer and lecturer on human performance. His training is used globally and he is widely known for his Accelerated Learning study system and his contribution to education. He has coached and trained over 110 000 students and over 10 000 parents and teachers in various topics ranging from parenting to understanding children's personalities, learning styles and everything relating to millennials. His vision is to "Transform Education."

**Quraysha Ismail Sooliman:** Quraysha is a post doctorate research fellow in the Faculty of Humanities and Mellon Foundation Public Intellectual Project at the University of Pretoria. She has also studied the Islamic Sciences intensively and is the host of Finding Me on ITV. Her work includes a strong focus on kindness to animals and an awareness of the environment.

**Suhaima Hoosen:** Suhaima is a specialist family therapist and community advocacy expert. She taught social work in the department of health sciences at the University of Kwazulu-Natal for 23 years. She has presented papers and chaired sessions at numerous local and international conferences. She currently works as a consultant for two international social welfare companies. She holds an honours degree in Social Work, a masters degree in Medical Science and a PhD in Policy Development.

## About the speakers (continued)

**Tshepang Mamogale:** Tshepang Mamogale was sexually abused as a child in the very place she called home. She grew up a timid tom boy and sought solace in the church, only to become a victim of sexual abuse again. After embracing Islam, she got married and became the mother of two girls. Unfortunately her marriage, too, was abusive. However she has found strength in single motherhood and her work, and being the warrior that she is, she loves sharing her story in the hope of inspiring others to face their challenges head-on.

**Zaffar Ahmed:** Zaffar is currently the chairperson of the Association of Muslim Schools in KwaZulu-Natal, an executive member of the National Association of Muslim Schools, and the Deputy CEO of AWQAF South Africa. He is the principal of the high school at Al Falaah College, which he joined in 2009. He obtained his teaching qualification (majoring in Accounting and Business Studies) cum laude from the University of Witwatersrand. He later completed his MBA cum laude and received the Top MBA Student Award.

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