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CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES AND FUTURE ASPIRATION OF ISLAMIC *DA'WAH* IN KENYA

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Introduction

Islamic *Da'wah* has been associated with Kenya for about a millennium. How it exactly came here is subject to speculation. But evidence of its long existence is beyond dispute. Muslims have been the longest settled group in Kenya. They have impacted Kenyan society at the linguistic, legal, political, economic and social levels long before the dawn of European colonization. In Kenya today, approximately 35% of Kenya's population are Muslims. It is the fastest growing religion not only in Kenya but in Africa as a whole. Unfortunately, all writings on Muslims in Kenya have treated them either as second class citizens, or a historical fragment, frozen in time or as a passing phenomenon of no future importance. Today in Kenya, Muslims come from different African ethnic backgrounds including *Kikuyu, Maasai, Luo, Luya, Kamba, Turukan, Nandi* and *Mijikenda* etc. They come from all over Kenya.

This paper is intending to present contemporary challenges facing the Islamic *Da'wah* in Kenya as well as to examine the future aspiration of the same.

The paper shall therefore be divided into the following sub-topics:

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Introduction

Definition of the Key words:

- Challenges
- Aspiration
- *Da'wah*

Geographical and Historical background of Kenya

The Coming of Islam and Muslims in Kenya

Contemporary Challenges Facing Islamic *Da'wah* in Kenya

a) Internal

b) External

Future Aspiration for Islamic *Da'wah* in Kenya

Conclusion

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