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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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Definition of the Key words:

- Challenges
- Aspiration
- *Da’wah*

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Contemporary Challenges Facing Islamic *Da’wah* in Kenya
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