



Nigeria Muslim Forum (UK)

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Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah,
Brothers and Sisters,

INVITATION TO THE 2008 SUMMER CONFERENCE

You are cordially invited to attend this year's Spring Conference organized by the Nigeria Muslim Forum (UK). It is scheduled to take place at as follows:

Date: 23rd of August 2008
Venue: The Leeds Grand Mosque, 9 Woodsley Road, Leeds LS6 1SN, United Kingdom (Free parking available)
Time: 10:00am – 6:30pm
Theme: **Muslims in Diaspora and the Socio-economic Development of Nigeria**

As usual, the Conference is planned to be a one-day event. Activities scheduled for the day include Lectures, Workshop and General Discussion Session. The Sub-themes of the Conference include:

- To Come or Not To Come: Nigerians In Diaspora.
- Defining Some of the Most Urgent Socio-Economic Issues.
- Nigerian Muslims in Diaspora: A Blueprint for Meaningful Contribution Towards Nigeria's Economic Development.
- Muslims in Diaspora and the Socio-economic Development of Nigeria
- Islamic Micro-Finance and Poverty Alleviation in Nigeria: The Role of Muslims in Diaspora
- Education, Good Governance and Nigerian Muslims in Diaspora

Invited Speakers include Professor Osman Ahmed Isma'il, one time Sudan's Minister of Education and Visiting Professor, Cambridge University, Dr Bala A. Muhammad, Director, Kano State Directorate of Societal Reorientation Dr Hadiza Isa Wada, Media Consultant and former Broadcaster at the Hausa Service of Voice of America, Dr Kamorudeen Abidogun, Ameer, Nigerian Muslim Network (NMN), and Dr Hassan Al-Katip, Campus Imam, University Leeds, Leeds, UK.

Feeding: Adequate arrangements food and drinks have been made.

Children Activities: Very exiting children activities have been arranged, including Quiz competitions.

Additional information can be found on the conference website: <http://www.nmfuk.org/leeds2008.htm>

A link to the event's page is also available on the Forum's home page – www.nmfuk.org

May Allah (SWT) enable you and your family, as well as other brothers and sisters in your locality to attend, ameen.

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Directions to the Venue

(The Leeds Grand Mosque, 9 Woodsley Road, Leeds)

By Public Transport: Train or Bus to Leeds, then Bus or Taxi to the Leeds Grand Mosque and Islamic Centre, 9 Woodsley Road, Leeds. Buses 49, 50 and 50A go towards the Mosque.

By Car:

▪ **From London:**

Leave London and join the M1 at the M1/J1 junction direction [M1] The North. Continue on M1 until you reach junction 42 (M62). At Junction 42 continue forward onto the M1 (signposted The North). Branch right onto the M621 (signposted Leeds Centre). Leave the M621 at junction 2, then at roundabout take the 3rd exit onto the A643 (signposted Wetherby, Harrogate, York). Continue forward onto the A58 and at roundabout take the 4th exit onto the A58 (signposted City Centre, Wetherby, York). Branch left, then merge onto the A58 (signposted Ilkley A65, Airport, Station) Bear left onto Wellington Street - A65 (signposted Ilkley, Airport, Kirkstall). At the junction ahead turn right onto Studio Road, and a few yards away turn left onto Burley Road. Continue forward and a few yards away turn right onto Westfield Terrace. Continue forward and a few yards away turn right onto Woodsley Road, and a few yards away you will be at the Mosque.

▪ **From Birmingham, Leicester, Nottingham and other Cities:**

Head towards M1 and use the direction given above (for London).

For further information and directions from other cities, visit either the AA site at http://www.theaa.com/travelwatch/inc/planner_places_redirect.jsp or the RAC site at <http://www.rac.co.uk>

Please note that there is provision for free parking within the Conference Venue

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Summer Conference 2008 - Programme of Events

TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN
10.00 am – 10.45am	Arrival and Registration		Mahmud Dodo, NMF Treasurer & LOC Chair
10.45 am – 11.00 am	Opening address by the Amir NMF UK	Mohd Jameel Yushau	Mahmud Dodo
11.00 am – 12.00 pm	The Sokoto Literature and its Relevance to present day Muslims in Nigeria and Abroad	Prof Osman Ahmed Ismail, General Supervisor (Director), Centre for Muslim Contribution to Civilisation, Doha, Qatar	Dr Arabo Ibrahim Bayo
12.00 pm – 13.00 pm	Defining Some of the Most Urgent Socio Economic Issues	Dr Hadiza Isa Wada Media Consultant and Lecturer	Aisha Buba, Sisters' Amirah
13.00 pm – 14.30 pm	Zuhr and Lunch break		
14.30 pm – 15.00 pm	Nigerian Muslims in Diaspora: A Blueprint for Meaningful Contribution towards Nigerian Economic Development	Dr Kamorudeen Abidogun SABIC E & PM, Jubail, Saudi Arabia	Mal Mohammed Jameel Yushau, Amir, NMF
15.00 pm – 16.00 pm	To come or not to come: Nigerians in Diaspora	Dr Bala A Muhammad Directorate for Social Orientation	Dr Ashiru Sani Daura, Abuja - Nigeria
16.00pm – 17.00 pm	Challenges of Fasting in a non Muslim Country	Dr Hassan Al-Katip Imam, Leeds University	Mal Bashir M Shuwa
17.00 pm – 17.30pm	Workshop – Good Governance as a Pancea to Socio-Economic Development in Nigeria	Prof Osman Ismail Dr Bala Muhammad Dr Hadiza Isa Wada Dr Ashiru Sani Daura	Alhaji Sani M. Tambuwal, Nattional Assembly Member, Abuja – Nigeria
17.30 pm – 18.20 pm	Asr Prayer and Tea Break		
18.20 pm – 18.40 pm	Gift Presentation		D. Maliki/ Nurain Ibrahim
18.40 pm – 18.55 pm	Photo Session	Abubakar D.Abba	D. Maliki/ Nurain Ibrahim
18.55 pm – 19.00pm	Vote of Thanks	Mahmud Dodo	D. Maliki/ Nurain Ibrahim
19.00 pm – 19.05 pm	Closing Prayer	Mal Mahmoud Garba	D. Maliki/ Nurain Ibrahim