



UMMA UNIVERSITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ISLAMIC THOUGHT (IIIT)

CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS

4TH INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITIES CONFERENCE 2021

15-18th DECEMBER 2021

1. INTRODUCTION

Umma University in partnership with the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) is accepting papers for its two - day 4th International Islamic Universities Conference for 2021 scheduled from October 27-29th 2021 at the UU Main Campus – Kajiado, Kenya. The conference theme is “**Integration of Knowledge (IOK): The Way Forward**” with objective of enhancing capacity of integration of knowledge in African Islamic universities.

Nations and civilizations are built on holistic, complete and solid knowledge that is deeply rooted in religious thoughts, believe systems and practices for the purpose of achieving sustainable development in our societies. Today, humanity is faced with deficiency in knowledge, thought and worldviews. Such gaps have resulted to discrimination, racism, hate, immorality, corruption, radicalization, terrorism and poor societal leadership. On the contrary, knowledge and faith for personality development has seldom been given an academic-religious thought. The world is experiencing a general outcry regarding knowledge for transforming behavior in relation to society and in-service to humanity. Of recent, there has been anawakening among Muslim scholars to the realities that there is need to integrate knowledge with faith and religious practices so that the desired higher education and social reforms can be achieved. Islam has always remained ahead of humanity for promoting knowledge for this world and hereafter.

This awakening is important for all stakeholders to galvanize efforts geared towards bridging the generational socio-cultural relation and knowledge gap. The trend among scholars, since early 1990s, global Muslim scholars have been making efforts to encourage integration of knowledge to foster political, economic and social development as the western model of education has fallen short in Africa to address challenge of poverty, hunger, diseases and conflicts. Since Islam is a complete and perfect holistic system that fully impacts an individual's life, Muslim scholars, community leaders and scholars ought to equally embrace the notion of holistic knowledge for societal development and how it is fostered and nurtured through the institution of higher education.

This 4th International Islamic Universities Conference 2021 shall focus on integrating of knowledge as a strategy for driving reforms in Muslims Higher Education Institutions in Africa. It aims to stimulate, document, and promote academic- religious discourses in Islamic social sciences, and applied sciences through dialogue, capacity building, and developing strategies that will engage the Muslim communities in Africa to assume their original responsibility of fostering and nurturing personality development and leadership. The conference will offer a platform for Muslim academics and community leaders to present papers; promote scholarly development and recommend a new paradigm shift in the methodological approach of higher education delivery in Islamic universities in Africa in the light of sustainable development goals.

The This 4th International Islamic Universities Conference 2021 is jointly organized by the School of Islamic Sharia and Islamic Studies and School of Education and Social Sciences of Umma University.

2. BACKGROUND

International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) in partnership with Umma University, Kenya, is planning to hold its 4th International Islamic Universities Conference in December 2021. The 1st Conference was held in August 2014 at Muslim University of Morogoro, Tanzania. The 2nd was held in August 2016 at Islamic University in Uganda. The 3rd was held at Sumait University, Zanzibar in August 2019. In the 1st Conference, The Vice Chancellors Round Table Forum decided to have a platform where VC's, Rectors and DVCs from various universities in the region would meet and share information and experiences.

During the 3rd Conference at Vice Chancellors Round Table Forum, Umma University, Kenya offered to hold the 4th conference. Within the broad theme of the conference, topics for papers include the following:

- i. Decolonization of Islamic Education in Africa
- ii. Revitalization of Philosophy of Islamic education
- iii. Applicability of Integration of Knowledge in the Contemporary World
- iv. Integration of Knowledge for interfaith cooperation & social transformation
- v. IIIT's achievements on IOK in the East African Region

The goal of the conference is to inspire and strengthen the capacity of the African Islamic universities in the Integration of knowledge to accelerate quality learning, stakeholder's engagement and sustainable development. The ultimate purpose of Knowledge is to benefit humanity. The specific objective of the 4th International Islamic Universities Conference for 2021 are as follows:-

1. To promote better understanding of the role of integration of knowledge at the higher education institution.
2. To contribute to the revitalization of Islamic philosophy of education.
3. To support decolonization of knowledge for sustainable development.
4. To strengthen collaborative partnership between African Islamic universities and partners

C- ABSTRACT AND PAPER SUBMISSION

- Abstract and full papers can be submitted in the following languages:
 - English
 - Arabic
 - Kiswahili
- All abstracts must be submitted and presented in English. Please submit abstracts using the template word file. Please use one word file for one submission. (THERE SHOULD A LINK HERE FOR THE TEMPLATE).
- The paper submission guidelines can be accessed via conference website <https://conference.umma.ac.ke>

- All abstracts and papers should be submitted and sent to this Email:
conference2021@umma.ac.ke

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D- IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstract submission deadline: **5th October 2021**
- Feedback of Abstract: **15th October 2021**
- Final Paper submission deadline **05th November 2021**
- Arrival afternoon of 15th December, **2021**
- Registration: 16th December **2021**
- Departure 18th December 2021 after breakfast
- Conference Dates: 15-18th December 2021, Kajiado at Umma University Main Campus.

E- CONFERENCE FEES

- 1- Each participant will cater for his/her travel costs.
- 2- Publication fee \$ **50** only or 6500, Kshs. Free Hostel Accommodation and food.
 - All accepted manuscripts written in English after the review process will be published in selected reader's insight journals (free of charge).
 - Reviewed manuscripts written in Arabic and Kiswahili will be sent to Umma University Journal for publication.
- 3- In ISI indexed conference proceedings (with additional of **70 euro** per article).
- 4- Participation fee 3,000/-Kshs

F- PUBLICATIONS AND PARTICIPATION FEES INCLUDE:

- Conference bag (abstract book, note book, pen and name tag)
- Admission to opening and closing ceremony
- Admission to all sessions
- Meals during conference
- Review of paper and Publication
- Certificate of presentation
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- Free hostel accommodation

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE, PLEASE VISIT THE
CONFERENCE WEBSITE 21 <https://conference.umma.ac.ke> AND COMMUNICATE
WITH US: Email: conference2021@umma.ac.ke



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE: THE WAY FORWARD 2021 CONFERENCE

Please submit your registration by October 15th, 2021 to the email address below:

Email: aadan@umma.ac.ke

Last Name:

First Name:

Dr./Prof/Eng./Mr./Ms.:

Position held:

Address/Institution:

Phone Number (country code + #):

E-mail:

I am coming from (country):

I will attend the conference: Yes (from to)

No

Participation: Presenter Attendee

Terms and conditions

Accommodation, meals, and inland travels will be covered by UU and IIIT funds from 4th International Islamic Universities Conference 2021 only. Participants will incur all international travel expenses. I accept that in case of extension of my stay, all additional expenses shall to be covered by my own funds. Should I be unable to attend the conference, I will inform the organizers at (aadan@umma.ac.ke) by October 15th, 2021.

I hereby agree to the above terms and conditions.

Date and Place Signature
