



## ANNEX A: List of Advisory Panel members

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<p><b>Dr Nazirudin Mohd Nasir</b></p> <p>Current Appointment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mufti of the Republic of Singapore</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Education/Professional Background</u></b></p> <p>Dr Nazirudin went to Al-Azhar University to complete a Bachelor's degree in Islamic Law. He then pursued a Master of Arts in Comparative Legal Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, where he was a Chevening Scholar and graduated with distinction. He completed his Philosophy Doctorate at St Cross College, Oxford University in the comparative study of the Abrahamic religions. His thesis examined the interrelationships between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and the emergence of the idea of the 'Abrahamic religions' in the thought of French Islamicist Louis Massignon.</p> <p><b><u>Honorary Membership/Associations</u></b></p> <p>Dr Nazirudin is the Muslim representative on the Presidential Council for Religious Harmony and a member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights.</p> <p>He is a member of the Bioethics Advisory Committee of Singapore and serves on the Panel of Community Advisors for Honour Singapore. He has also served as a member of the 9th Singapore-India Strategic Dialogue.</p> <p>Dr Nazirudin is an associate faculty member of the Singapore University of Social Sciences and speaks regularly at seminars and conferences on contemporary issues relating to religion and society.</p> <p><b><u>Accolades and Awards</u></b></p> <p>In 2022, Dr Nazirudin received the Imam Al-Qarafi Award for Distinction in Fatwa from the Grand Mufti of Egypt, Dr Shawki Allam, in Cairo, in recognition of his leadership and expedient religious guidance during the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>
<p><b>Professor Tan Tai Yong</b></p> <p>Current Appointment(s):</p>	<p><b><u>Education/Professional Background</u></b></p> <p>Professor Tan is a graduate of the National University of Singapore and completed his PhD at Cambridge University.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President of the Singapore University of Social Sciences</li> </ul>	<p>He specialises in South and Southeast Asian History, with research areas in India and Southeast Asia, Singapore History, and Maritime Southeast Asia.</p> <p><b><u>Honorary Membership/Associations</u></b>                      Professor Tan is the Chairman of the Institute of South Asian Studies. He serves on the boards of the National Library Board (NLB) and the National Heritage Board (NHB). Professor Tan also holds additional roles as Honorary Chairman of the National Museum, Co-chair of the Founders' Memorial Committee, and Chair of the National Collection Advisory Panel.</p> <p><b><u>Accolades and Awards</u></b>                      Professor Tan was awarded the National Day Administration (Silver) Award in 2009 and the Public Service Award in 2020 for his contributions to public service and education.</p>
<p><b>Professor Lily Kong</b></p> <p>Current Appointment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President of Singapore Management University</li> <li>Lee Kong Chian Chair Professor of Social Sciences</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Education/Professional Background</u></b>                      Professor Lily completed her PhD in Geography from University College London in 1991. Prior to this, she earned her MA in Geography from the National University of Singapore in 1988 and achieved a BA(Hons) in Geography with First Class Honors from the same institution in 1986. Professor Lily specialises in Social-cultural and urban geography.</p> <p><b><u>Honorary Membership/Associations</u></b>                      Prior to SMU, Professor Lily was a faculty member at the National University of Singapore's Department of Geography for nearly 25 years. She also held various senior management roles at the National University of Singapore, including Vice Provost (Education), Vice Provost (Academic Personnel), Vice President (University and Global Relations), Dean (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences), Dean of the University Scholars Programme, and Director of the Asia Research Institute.</p>



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	<p><b><u>Accolades and Awards</u></b> Professor Lily is an award-winning researcher and teacher, recognised with numerous awards including the Commonwealth Fellowship and the Fulbright Fellowship. She has also won the Robert Stoddard Award from the Association of American Geographers for her contributions to the study of religion and was conferred the Public Administration Medal (Silver) in 2006 and the Public Service Star (Bintang Bakti Masyarakat) award in 2020.</p>
<p><b>Dr Nazir Mohamed Ayyad</b> Current Appointment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grand Mufti of Egypt</li> <li>• President of the Supreme Council of the General Secretariat for Fatwa Authorities Worldwide</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Education/Professional Background</u></b> Dr. Nazir earned a Bachelor's degree in the Fundamentals of Religion (Theology and Philosophy) from the University of Al-Azhar in 1995. He later obtained a Master's degree in 2000 and a PhD in 2003, specializing in Theology and Philosophy. He has taught at Islamic universities in Libya and Saudi Arabia as well as in Egypt, notably at Mansoura University and the Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies for Girls in Kafr El Sheikh.</p> <p><b><u>Honorary Membership/Associations</u></b> Dr. Nazir is a member of the World Organization for Al-Azhar Graduates, an organisation aimed at spreading Al-Azhar's moderate Islamic teachings and combating extremism. Additionally, Dr. Nazir is involved in Egypt's "Family House" which promotes interfaith harmony, and contributes to various initiatives, including environmental protection efforts and anti-addiction campaigns with the Ministry of Youth.</p> <p><b><u>Accolades and Awards</u></b> Dr. Nazir has received numerous recognitions for his contributions to Islamic scholarship and interfaith dialogue from several institutions in Egypt and abroad, including Al-Azhar University and October 6 University in Egypt, Al-Asmariya University in Libya, Taif University in Saudi Arabia, as well as the Egyptian Consulate in Jeddah. These awards and recognitions reflect his efforts in Islamic theology, philosophy, and interfaith initiatives, as well as his role in combating extremism and promoting moderation within the Muslim community.</p>



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<p><b>Professor Dr Salama Dawood</b></p> <p>Current Appointment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President of Al-Azhar University</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Education/Professional Background</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Salama earned his Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degrees in Balaghah and Naqd (Arabic Rhetoric and Literary Criticism) from Al-Azhar University in Itay Al-Barud. He was appointed as Assistant Professor at the Department of Balaghah and Naqd, Faculty of Arabic Language, Al-Azhar University, and was later as the Head the department in 2015. Dr. Salama also served as an Associate Professor at Ummul Qura University (Al-Qunfudhah Branch) from 2003-2014.</p> <p><b><u>Honorary Membership/Associations</u></b></p> <p>Dr. Salama is a member of a number of committees, including Committee on Curriculum Development for Foreign Students at Al-Azhar, Committee on Developing Arabic Language Teaching Books for non-Arabs, Committee on Curriculum Planning at Al-Azhar University and Committee for the Preparation of Study Plan for the Balaghah Department of Graduate Studies. He also is the former Dean of the Faculty of Arabic Language at Al-Azhar University in Itay al-Barud and Chairman of Ma'had Al-Azhar.</p> <p><b><u>Accolades and Awards</u></b></p> <p>In 2023, Dr. Salama was honoured with a commemorative medal at the Faith Pavilion during The United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) for his contributions to interfaith dialogue and environmental sustainability.</p>
<p><b>Professor Driss Fassi Fihri</b></p> <p>Current Appointment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice President of Al-Qarawiyyin University in Fes and Professor at the Faculty of Islamic Jurisprudence, Al-Qarawiyyin University</li> <li>• Professor, Mohamed Bin Zayed University for Humanities in Abu Dhabi</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Education/Professional Background</u></b></p> <p>In 2001, Professor Driss completed his Post Doctorate in Islamic Jurisprudence and Principles at Université Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah, Fes. His thesis focused on "The Concept of 'Ijmaa According to Imam Al-Shafi'i: A Terminological Study." He also obtained a PhD from the same university in 1989, with a thesis on "Terminologies of Islamic Jurisprudential Principles in Imam As-Shafii's Al-Risala."</p> <p>Professor Driss also holds a Graduate Diploma and a Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Studies from Université Sidi</p>



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	<p>Mohammed Ben Abdellah. He also holds an International Humanitarian Law Training Certificate from the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC), Cairo.</p> <p><b><u>Honorary Membership/Associations</u></b> Professor Driss serves as the Imam of Al-Qarawiyyin Grand Mosque, where he is also the Chairperson for Islamic creed lessons.</p>
<p><b>Professor Dr. Abdul Rahman Alkilani</b></p> <p>Current Appointment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dean of the School of Sharia at the University of Jordan</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Education/Professional Background</u></b> Professor Dr. Alkilani earned his Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degrees in Islamic Jurisprudence and its Principles from the University of Jordan. His PhD dissertation is titled "The Principles of the Higher Objectives (<i>Maqasid</i>) According to Imam Ash-Shatibi".</p> <p><b><u>Honorary Membership/Associations</u></b> Other than his role at the University of Jordan, Professor Dr. Alkilani serves at the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and an editorial board member of the Jordanian Journal of Islamic Studies. He has made frequent appearances in various media outlets including Dubai TV's Al-Daribun fil Ard, Jordan's 7 Star Channel, Sharjah TV, and Jordanian TV and radio, discussing topics like Islamic finance, fasting, and remembrance. He also hosted a weekly radio show, "With the Prophet (PBUH)", on Radio Karak.</p> <p><b><u>Accolades and Awards</u></b> Professor Dr. Alkilani has made significant contributions to the field of Islamic Jurisprudence through the authorship and co-authorship of several books, including "Muslim Culture and the Challenges of the Era," as well as research papers. Professor Dr. Alkilani has presented in scientific conferences and seminars, addressing topics such as the modification of Jordanian Personal Status Law.</p>



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<p><b>Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano</b></p> <p>Current Appointment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Education/Professional Background</u></b></p> <p>Professor Koutoub Moustapha Sano holds a Bachelor's degree in Jurisprudence and its Fundamentals from King Saud University (1989), followed by a Master's degree in the same field (1992). He completed his Ph.D. in Law (Fundamentals of Jurisprudence) at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in 1996. He also earned a Postgraduate degree in Islamic Finance and Banking from IIUM in 1998 and a Ph.D. in Islamic Sciences (Islamic Finance) from al-Zaytuna University in Tunisia in 2001. The French Ministry of Education has granted Professor Koutoub a Higher Diploma of the French Language.</p> <p><b><u>Honorary Membership/Associations</u></b></p> <p>Professor Koutoub has extensive experience in both academic, administrative, political and diplomatic positions. He is a Trustee of IIUM, the founding Director of the International Institute for the Unity of the Islamic Nation in Malaysia, and is the Chairman of the Shariah Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions. Prof Koutoub Moustapha Sano held positions as Minister of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Guinea, Minister of International Cooperation and African Integration, and Diplomatic Advisor to the President, as well as Minister of Diplomatic Affairs in the President's Office.</p> <p><b><u>Accolades and Awards</u></b></p> <p>In 2001, Professor Koutoub was offered a chair at IIUM aged 35, making him the youngest professor in the history of the university and has been awarded the "Dato" title. He was recognized as the Best Minister of the Republic of Guinea from 2012 to 2015. In 2023, IIUM awarded him the prestigious title of Emeritus Professor, recognizing his distinguished career in academia, diplomacy, and Islamic thought. Professor Koutoub has also earned numerous awards for his research, including quality awards from IIUM for his research excellence from 2000 to 2002.</p>



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<p><b>Professor Mona Siddiqui (OBE, FRSE, FAAAS, HFRIAS)</b></p> <p>Current Appointment(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies</li> <li>• Assistant Principal for Religion and Society, University of Edinburgh</li> <li>• Jane and Aatos Erkko Chair, Helsinki Collegium</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Education/Professional Background</u></b></p> <p>Professor Mona holds a PhD in Classical Islamic Law and a Master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Manchester. She is proficient in several languages, having earned a bachelor's degree in Arabic and French. Professor Mona has a diploma in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) from the Manchester Linguarama School.</p> <p><b><u>Honorary Membership/Associations</u></b></p> <p>Professor Mona is highly sought after as a speaker in the sphere of religion, ethics and public life. As the Chair of BBC's Scottish Religious Advisory Committee, she lends her expertise in advisory roles in BBC productions. For over 20 years, she has regularly served as an expert report writer and witness in legal cases involving religious practice.</p> <p>She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the British Academy, an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, and a Member of the Commission on Scottish Devolution. She was also invited to join The World Forum Global Agenda Council on Faith.</p> <p><b><u>Accolades and Awards</u></b></p> <p>Professor Mona's notable honours include Commander of the Order of the British Empire (2020) and Officer of the Order of the British Empire (2011) for her contributions to interreligious relations, the Al-Maktoum 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Hubert Walter Award for Reconciliation and Interfaith Cooperation. She has received honorary Doctorates from several institutions for her scholarly contributions.</p>