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IQRAA TRUST CONFERENCE

The Iqraa Trust conference will be held at the Southern Sun Elangeni during the 1st and 2nd July 2009.

The conference is an initiative by Iqraa Trust to:

- Evaluate the role of the Muslim Community and humanitarian organisations in the social upliftment and development of the needy in our nascent democracy, and more importantly
- To focus on the challenges and opportunities of making optimum use of the resources to maximize the benefits for all South Africans in need.
- To identify between 3-6 major, long term sustainable humanitarian projects to be undertaken on a partnership basis between participating NGO's and government to make a meaningful impact on poverty alleviation and social development.

Iqraa Trust was founded by Albaraka Bank in 1994 as a vehicle for its social investment for those in need irrespective of race, colour or religion. Our focus is on empowering people through education and skills development.

Iqraa Trust believes that co-operative activity and co-ordination with all NGO's and partnerships with government agencies at all levels, with the corporate sector and individual philanthropists can greatly enhance the achievement of the above objectives and make a meaningful contribution to pushing back the frontiers of poverty. The conference will be attended by ± 250 delegates representing the NGO's, the corporate sector, academics and individual donors. The themes for the plenary and breakaway sessions have been chosen to focus on the issues of poverty alleviation and long term sustainable and innovative strategies to address the challenge.

Speakers chosen include Prof Brij Maharaj, Prof Reshma Sookrajh Dr Lubna Nadvi, Mr Charles Maisel, Father Stephen Tully, Dr Auwais Rafudeen, Ms Gita Harie, Mr Shabir Chohan, Mrs Shireen Moosa.

On the 1st July there will also be an Iqraa Trust banquet in which key note speaker Dr Yahia Abdul Rahman (Founder of the LARIBA System and Resident Shari'aa Advisor) will address the delegation.

Please visit the conference website for more information and daily updates:

www.iqraatrustconference.org

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