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## SOUTH AFRICA -A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL

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### PRESENTATION ON

#### INNOVATION, COLLABORATION, & PARTNERSHIP GROUP

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INNOVATION, COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN NGO'S



*South Africa: A better life for all*

# Innovation, Collaboration and Partnership Group Proposal to the Iqraa Trust



# Building Capacity and Leadership in Civil Society

## Background

Iqraa Trust has access to a broad range of NGO's.

- Current grant recipients
- Previous grantees
- Potential grantees
- Iqraa Trust can be a positive catalyst for innovation, collaboration and partnership whilst building capacity in these grantees or organisations



All these organisations have strengths and weakness.

# Building Capacity and Leadership in Civil Society

## Project Summary

Iqraa Trust Board adopts the building of NGO capacity as one of its objectives.

Trust conducts a capacity building and leadership audit/review of its grantees.

Develops a strategy for implementation through consultation

Trust is driven by the need of grantees to be effective, have improved systems, policies, programs that make them more marketable to other donors.

Trust is motivated by encouraging a culture of collaboration and partnership

Trust wants to build leadership and the civil society sector as an independent voice of the poor.



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## Project duration : Ongoing

- **Initial Phase** : Assessment – clarify its ongoing role, establish needs of grantees, seeks best practice models and promotes participatory research and advocacy
- **Implementation Phase** : looks for expertise among grantees to implement, saving costs on hiring consultants, building trust and relationships
- **Monitoring Phase**: grantees commit to share experiences with Iqraa in pre-determined areas for impact assessment
- **Evaluation Phase** : Reports to annual conference and receives new mandate

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# A Partnership as a whole is greater than the some of its parts

Iqraa Trust makes an impact

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## Iqraa Trust

**Enhances service delivery-**

**Maximise use of limited resources-funds**  
skills material resources, reducing  
duplication

**Builds capacity-**creates synergy of  
purpose, values, skills and expertise,  
injects fresh ideas approaches, contacts  
networks and reputation is created

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## Outputs

Conducts needs assessment, through survey

Seminars

Training Programs

Facilitates Visits between organisations

Training materials

Events

Motivational speakers

Establishes a network (virtual)

Establishes a Database of skills existing amongst

Shares success stories learn from failures/problems

Employs a capacity building co-ordinator/facilitator

# Innovation, Collaboration and Partnership



“We build the road,  
and the road builds  
us”

Sri Lankan saying



# Innovation, Collaboration and Partnership



‘ As a partnership proceeds, each partner better understands the needs of the other. In a true, committed partnership, both partners learn and change – they co-evolve’

Fritjof Capra

