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Assalamulaikum

Re: REQUEST TO PARTNER | 2022 NATIONAL MOSQUE OPEN DAY

The United Ulama Council of South Africa (UUCSA) supports the National Open Day Mosque campaign and accordingly agrees to partner SAMNET in promoting the campaign. UUCSA will request all of its affiliate members to promote the National Open Mosque Day within their respective constituencies. The open Day will entail:

- Meet and Greet
- Masjid Tour
- Explanation of prayer and ablution
- Brief introduction to Islam
- Question and Answer session.

Recent events across the globe demonstrate the importance of reaching out *'to the other'* in the hope of promoting healthy coexistence across the religious divide. The "Open Day" is also in fulfilment of a Quranic injunction that says: "Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in a way that is best. Indeed, your Lord is most knowing of who has strayed from His way, and He is most knowing of who is [rightly] guided." (16:125)

As former South African president, Nelson Mandela said, "When our first democratically-elected government decided to make Heritage Day one of our national days, we did so

because we knew that our rich and varied cultural heritage has a profound power to help build our new nation.”

In any multi-faith country, knowledge of self must include knowledge of our neighbours. Ignorance of each other has often been the cause of fear, suspicion and phobia.

Wasalaam

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