



COMMEMORATING

1500 Years of the Prophetic Legacy:

A Message of Mercy, Environmental Awareness
and Social Justice

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1. Introduction and Purpose

The year 2025 marks 1500 years since the birth of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, a seminal figure whose teachings continue to guide over 1.9 billion Muslims worldwide. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity for Muslims globally to ponder on the enduring universal message of Islam, rooted in the civilisational values of peace, mercy, justice, and environmental awareness. For Muslims living as minorities, especially in countries like South Africa, this moment takes on additional significance.

2. Rationale and Significance

The 1500-year legacy of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is one of profound transformation, not only for the Arabian Peninsula, but also for all of humanity. The Prophet's life and message form the cornerstone of Islamic civilization and continue to inspire billions of people.

3. The Legacy 1500 Commission

The Legacy 1500 Commission – a group of diverse, but like-minded people – will steer the commemoration efforts, comprised of representatives from South Africa's leading Muslim organizations and other significant sectors. The Commission will also appoint Patron Commissioners, drawn from diverse communities, to ensure inclusivity.

4. Aims of the 1500-Year Commemoration

By engaging all sectors of the community to show what lessons can be drawn from the Prophet's life by highlighting his life and teachings. Also to showcase the contributions of the South African Muslim community as a minority, but integral member of the ummah.

5. Proposed Projects, Programmes, and Events

The LEGACY 1500 Commission will host a wide array of events during the year. These will engage the entire South African Muslim community. Organisations will have autonomy over events they host under the Project 1500 banner. These include various public programmes and publications, including an international conference.

6. Conclusion

The LEGACY 1500 Project is more than just a commemoration; it is an affirmation of the Prophet Muhammad's ﷺ enduring legacy. It is an opportunity for Muslims around the world, especially minorities, to reflect on their identity, contributions, and future role in their societies. Through this initiative, we aim to strengthen bonds within the global Muslim community, share our rich heritage with others, and ensure that the legacy of the Prophet continues to inspire future generations.

