



SOUTHERN AFRICA CHRISTIAN CONCERN

A Network for the Salvation of Muslims

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HISTORY OF ISLAM IN SOUTH AFRICA

Islam in South Africa is a minority religion, practised, according to 2015 estimates, by roughly 1.5% of the total population. Islam in South Africa has grown in three phases.

The first phase brought the earliest Muslims as part of the involuntary migration of slaves, political prisoners and political exiles from Africa and Asia that lasted from about 1652 to the mid-1800s.

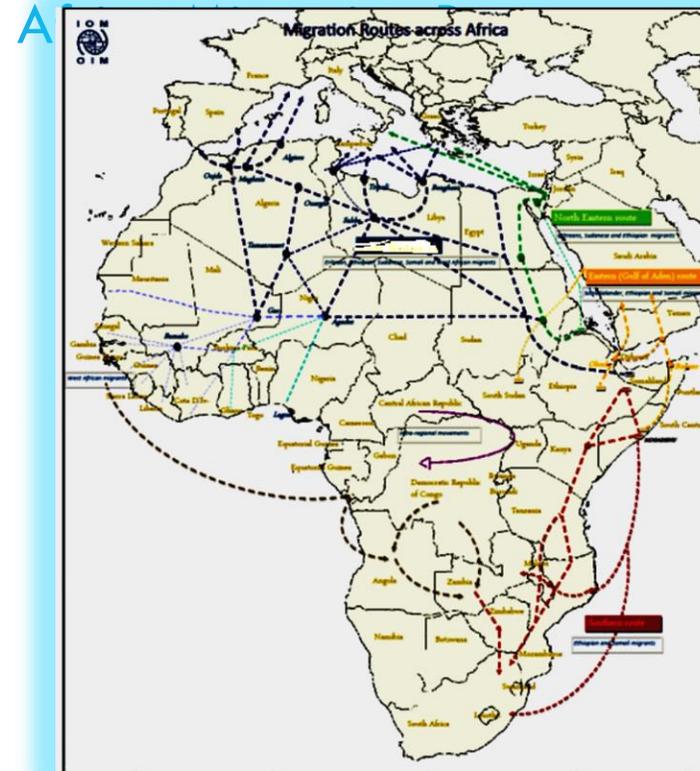
The second phase was the arrival of indentured labourers from British India to work in the sugar-cane fields in Natal between 1860 and 1868,

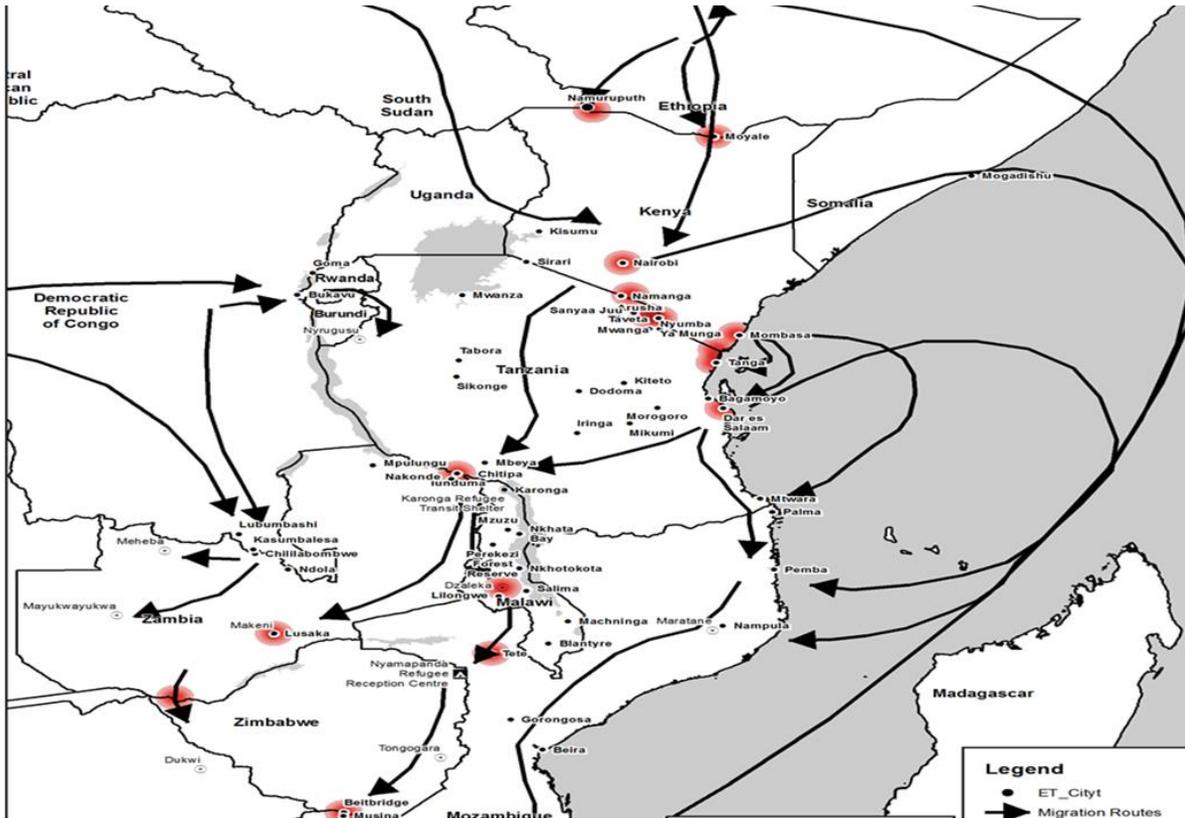
And again from 1874 to 1911. Of the approximately 176,000 Indians of all faiths who were transported to the Natal province, almost 7-10% of the first shipment were Muslims.

AFRICA MIGRATION DYNAMICS

Intraregional & interregional migration

- According to the International Organisation for Migration Africa remains a continent with complex migration dynamics.
- Africa has a long history of intraregional as well as interregional migration flows.





Migration trends for Southern Africa show that the region continues to experience a significant rise in mixed and irregular migration flows.

Flows originate mostly from the Horn of Africa, particularly Ethiopia and Somalia.

SOUTHERN AFRICA MIGRATION DYNAMICS

Need

Need to share experiences, and to develop materials and best strategies for Muslim outreach in Southern Africa,

Need

Need to share resources and information,

Need

Need to coordinate our efforts and avoid duplication,

Need

Need to reach out and professionally network to others.

WHY A REGIONAL NETWORK

VISION

Through networking encourage and empower each other as servants of Christ to reach the Muslims with the Gospel.



MASJIDS / ISLAMIC CENTRES IN SOUTH AFRICA

OBJECTIVES

1. Set up a regional network for Christian believers with a common concern for the salvation of Muslims;
2. Provide a platform for peer learning and sharing experiences, good practices and lessons learned to accelerate implementation of the Christian concern to reach the Muslims with the gospel;
3. Carry out a regional follow-up to and review of the implementation of the various strategies put in place by different churches, mission organisations, ministries, networks, and others to reach Muslims with the gospel and to address challenges and opportunities associated with the implementation;
4. Deliberate and agree on the priorities and recommendations of good strategies and best practices in the form of key messages as the region's collective input.

HOW IT WILL WORK



Annual or mid-annual forums/meetings at regional level,



Online Platform (email discussion groups),



Strong presence and active involvement and participation in different regional and global conferences,



Website

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP

South Africa

Zimbabwe,

Lesotho.

Swaziland,

Mozambique

Angola,

Zambia

Botswana

Malawi

Eswatini (former Swaziland)

SADC COUNTRIES

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Zimbabwe,

Lesotho.

Swaziland,

Mozambique

Angola,

Zambia

Botswana

Malawi

Eswatini (former Swaziland)

Madagascar

Mauritius

Seychelles



Contact

Contact potential countries and stakeholders to explore their interest to join the network.

Organize

Organize an event in 2019 to launch the network.

Develop

Develop the structures, guidelines and the plan of action of the network.

NEXT STEP



JOIN THE NETWORK

Send your enquiry to info@ebed-melech.org