

# NEWSLETTER



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# From the President's Desk



Dear Brothers and Sisters  
Assalam Alaikum Wa  
Rahmat Allah Wa  
Barakatu,

Alhamdulillah, all praise  
be to Allah, welcome to  
the first edition of our  
quarterly ISSA  
Newsletter.

Our newsletter aims to  
keep you connected and up to date on ISSA  
services, activities, and projects and what we  
consider will be important and beneficial for the  
wider community to be informed upon.

Currently we are focusing on how we can develop  
various services and activities for our youths.  
The Muslim youths in South Australia sadly are  
facing many challenges. These young people  
born and educated in Australia and very familiar  
with the way of life and values, still feel that they  
do not belong and face discrimination and  
barriers to participate in the wider community.  
Issues identified with the Muslim youths include  
identity, mental health, not belonging, isolation  
and communication breakdown within the family  
unit.

The ISSA Team has anticipated to provide youth  
programs in order to deal with challenges,  
communicate with different people and build up  
their life skills in a supportive and non-  
judgemental environment. Some programs to  
name a few are:

- Kick-Back Friday (KBF) and Couch-Back Friday (CBF)
- Speak Out Sessions
- Leadership Skills Course
- School Holiday Programs and Activities

Our youths are our upcoming leaders, and it is  
imperative that we invest in them for a greater  
future.

Alhamdulillah, with the grace of Allah and  
generosity of yourselves we have now received  
\$430k in donations towards the project for the  
Marion land (approximately 56%). This is such a  
magnificent effort from our amazing and selfless  
community. Your ongoing generosity and  
contribution have made a huge impact on our  
community. Thank you for helping us grow.

The settlement has been extended until 1st May  
2022 (4 weeks from today). This therefore has  
widened the window frame to collect the  
remainder of \$330,000 for the first house at 654  
Marion Road, Park Holme.

Another major milestone is nearing.  
Alhamdulillah, we are very close to establishing a  
new Islamic burial site in the northern area of  
South Australia. It is estimated that this project  
will cost \$8 million dollars which will include a  
burial site for a potential of 10,000 graveyards  
along with a prayer room, washroom facilities,  
service centre, offices, amenities, kitchen, and  
on-site car park.

Time does move fast. The blessed month of  
Ramadan is here again. This sacred month is a  
time for unity, spiritual reflection and growth,  
heightened devotion and worship, to help the  
needy and to become closer to God and loved  
ones. In support of our community, ISSA in  
previous years organised daily iftars at both  
Marion and Wandana masjids. Each night we  
served an average of 70 to 100 meals to our  
brothers and sisters. This year no difference;  
hence I would like to encourage our readers to  
sponsor an iftar for \$10 per meal or more this  
Ramadan; and share your blessings with those  
in need.

May the blessings of the month of Ramadan be  
on all of us and may Allah grant our prayers and  
accept our fasts, RAMADAN MUBARAK.

We hope you enjoy this new service, and we  
welcome any suggestions or feedback regarding  
our newsletter or any other aspect of our  
services.

**Ahmed Eid Zreika**

President of Islamic  
Society of  
South Australia



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**Community**



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**\$1.2 million** needed  
to purchase **1,187 sqm**

We are seeking 400 families or individuals to donate \$3,000 for the sake of Allah and the future generation of our children!

To make a pledge please fill the form by scanning the **QR code** or via this link:  
<https://islamicsocietysa.org.au/projects>

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**Once in a  
lifetime opportunity  
to utilise this land  
after purchase for**

- ✓ Madrasah
- ✓ Sports Centre complex
- ✓ Expansion of Mosque
- ✓ Expansion of carpark
- ✓ Expansion of services
- ✓ Expansion of community centre

"Whoever builds a Masjid for the pleasure of Allah, Allah will build for him a house in paradise". **[Sahih Al-Bukhari]**



# Ramadan 2022



## SPONSOR AN IFTAR

**\*Daily Iftar @  
Marion & Wandana Mosques**

*\*providing 70 to 100 people per night*

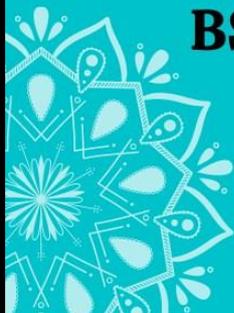
**\$10/meal per person**



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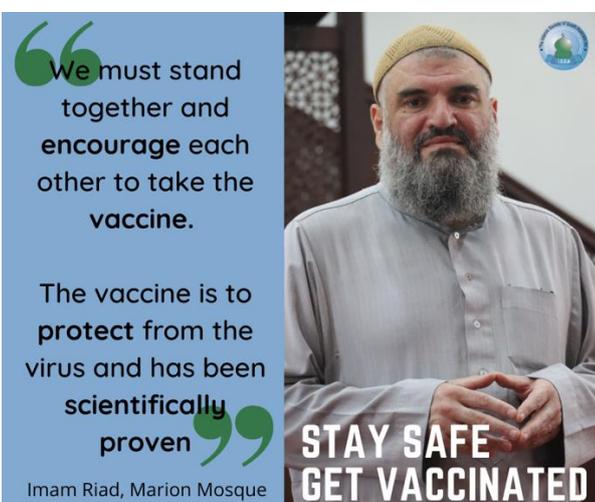


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# Pandemic: The End in Sight

While the days of lockdowns and panic buying may now seem like a distant memory, it is important for us to remember the hard work our community leaders put in to keep the wider Muslim society safe. As South Australia outlined its re-opening road map, the state was urged to brace and prepare for a surge in cases. The Muslim Community is culturally and linguistically diverse, and there are several key social, cultural, economic, and environmental determinants that make these communities particularly vulnerable to the effects of COVID. Vaccination was the key method of protection, and uptake within our communities was low. We saw the devastating effects COVID had on the Muslim communities in New South Wales and Victoria, and we were determined to avoid that in South Australia.

The Islamic Society in conjunction with Wellbeing SA worked towards providing culturally safe vaccination services to our community. The aim of the project was to reduce vaccine hesitancy through community engagement programs that



“We must stand together and encourage each other to take the vaccine.”

The vaccine is to protect from the virus and has been scientifically proven.”

Imam Riad, Marion Mosque

**STAY SAFE  
GET VACCINATED**



would provide community members with the appropriate information and tools to empower them to make informed decisions and allow for ease of access to services. The programs were continually

championed by our imams and community leaders, and it is their support that allowed the project to be successful.

Throughout the initiative from the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 until 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, Islamic Society of SA facilitated 26 pop-up vaccination clinics, resulting in hundreds of our community members getting vaccinated. A number of those presenting being some of the most vulnerable members of our community, who would have otherwise fallen through the gaps. In addition to this, the society also hosted a total of 5 information sessions and shared 28 social media posts.

We are incredibly happy with the outcome and would like to thank everyone for coming together to keep our community safe.



# YOUTHs: The New Frontier

Issues such as drugs, mental health and sexuality are experienced by youth regardless of race or religion.

However, in the Muslim community, and most migrant communities, discussing such topics are overshadowed by feelings of judgment and shame and so we see and hear of young people going without support and education.

Over the next few months, the Islamic Society aims to tailor youth programs to address the specific issues young people in Adelaide are struggling with.

The main themes will be identified through surveys, with participation expected from a broad section of young people, parents/guardians, and support workers such as teachers and councillors. An in-person youth forum will also seek young people's input.

A series of projects will then be developed to discuss the concerns with young people leading the creation and development.

The intention is to build a safe space for young people to open up and discuss and find relatable content that may guide them through life's difficulties.

Preliminary findings from the youth survey have found the Muslim youth may not be engaged with the Islamic Society or other "Islamic" organisations because they may feel judged or spiritually unready.

Therefore, a key aim of the youth projects will be to disassociate the social media pages, advertising and content from spiritual rhetoric and the Islamic Society.

By doing so, we aim to reach a broad cross section of Muslim youth who may already be marginalised, isolated and at greater risk of falling victims to mental health and substance abuse.



## Past Events & Activities

- Annual General Meeting – Saturday, 27 November 2021

The 67th AGM was held in Al Salam Community Centre, along with an award ceremony for the volunteers who have supported the mosque significantly over the past decade.



- Kick Back Saturdays – Saturday, 04 December 2021

An exclusive all girls Kick Back Saturdays (KBS) session.

KBS is an outlet for girls age ranging from 14 to 21 to chill and connect with friends.

This activity started on Saturday, 04 December 2021 and is held every weekend in Al Salam Community Centre (Marion).

Youth ambassadors, Soukaina & Syafiqah hosted and facilitated these sessions.



- Pearl of the Ummah – Saturday, 11 December 2021

Al Salam Wandana Centre took centre stage and was filled with 98 beautiful, smart, and capable women. These women have been amazing in their act of services for the family, friends, and the community; and this annual dinner was therefore an opportune time for them to relax, share, connect and celebrate each other's success.

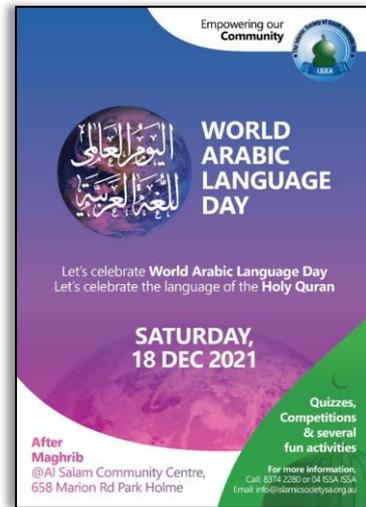


- International Arabic Language Day – Saturday, 18 December 2021



The aim of this event is to create a relationship between our new generation and the Arabic language which is the language of our holy book Quran.

Presentations, posters, quiz, and recitations of Quranic verses displayed the beauty of



Arabic language. There were also booths from IICSA, Australian Islamic College (AIC) and Al Salam Academy of Adelaide (AAA); as they showcased how their schools support and preserve the Arabic language through the various activities.

- Summer Hifz Program – January 2022

4 weeks of nourishment program for kids, where they were able to enhance their knowledge, learn new skills, explore their

potentials, made new friends and importantly, built great relationship with our holy Quran.



- Ladies Bazaar 2022 –  
Saturday, 26 February 2022

This year's bazaar brings together more than 25 stalls, showcasing fashion & beauty, health & wellbeing, and food & beverage, being held at Wandana Mosque carpark and Wandana Al Salam Community Centre.

For the first time, the bazaar also featured 4 talks on Women and Children Health. Topics on bowel, cervical, breast screening and Covid-19 vaccination for young children took central themes on that day.



**ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**  
presents

# Ladies Bazaar 2022

26th February 2022 | Saturday | 10am-3pm  
Wandana Mosque  
52-56 Wandana Ave, Gilles Plain 5086

No Eftpos facility available for the bazaar

**Women and Health talks by WellBeingSA on:**

- 11:00am : Bowel Screening
- 11:30am: Cervical Screening
- 12:00pm: Breast Screening
- 12:30pm: Children & vaccination

**Sign up and sit in for 2 or more talks; stand a chance to win Coles vouchers up to \$90! \***

\*Terms and conditions apply

Register via this link or scan the QR code for the talks:  
<https://womenandhealthtalk.eventbrite.com>

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Participating organisations and businesses:

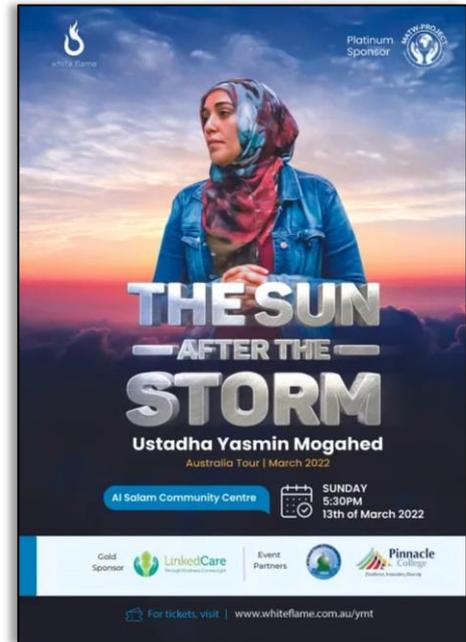


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- Sun after the Storm by Yasmin Mogahed – Sunday, 13 March 2022

Over 200 people attended and there were some great key messages, including having hope and trust in Allah when faced with tragedy.



- Youth Forum – Sunday, 20 March 2022



Youth forum was initiated to provide our youths (age from 14 to 21) an opportunity for a day of deep conversations, critical debates on

what young people need, and essential planning for the future of Muslim youth programs in Adelaide.

Dr Nadeem Memon from Centre for Islamic Thought and Education (CITE) and Zakiyyah Muhammad from Headspace Marion co-facilitated the forum. 4 key challenges were identified, and these concerns culminate in a series of recommended actions. 😊

These actions consider the real experiences and perspective of youths as well as the challenges facing young people today, ensuring that the voices of youths are properly represented in measured decisions to be made by schools, Muslim organizations, or community.

Nevertheless, it was a fun-filled afternoon with Dragon Boating as the penultimate activity that harness teamwork and good communication skills. 😊



- Kids Fest 2022 –  
Sunday, 27 March 2022



A fun-filled family event; a day of exciting opportunity for family bonding.

From face painting to balloon twisting to free arts workshop to food trucks to kids stalls; we have something for everyone.

A wonderful partnership with Wellbeing SA through the Children vaccination funding program.

A poetry competition 'Through My Eyes' attracted 23 beautifully written entries. Truly amazing work by these young minds.



# CONGRATULATIONS! Winners!



**Co-joint 1<sup>st</sup> prize winners' entries by Aaizah Najeeb & Rayyan Rahman**

## COVID-19 POEM - THROUGH MY EYES

Earth was at peace with few complains  
Everything was very well maintained  
We were in pride  
Until a heavy tide  
It was a virus so deadly and strong  
Which we never knew for so long



We hugged our families tight  
Few days later all this was not right  
We were in lockdown with plain sight  
Years passing by with all their might  
In this toxic runaway  
We felt insecure of this boring getaway



They come back with a cure  
More painful than failure for sure  
But we handled with hope  
To fight this illness to elope  
Together we will fight  
The infection that has might  
We together can make mountains move  
Trusting our strength and power to improve



We will take caution of this evolution  
With hope, prayers, and determination  
We shall live in pride yet again  
As we will fight this tide till the end

By: Aaizah Najeeb

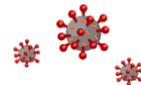


## Covid-19 Poem – Every time I Wonder

Sometimes I just think,  
Why did the pandemic start?  
This question, every time I wonder,  
The inside of my stomach turns into thunder.



This covid so dreaded, so bad,  
Everyone is going mad,  
This question, every time I wonder,  
Makes my brain, fast and quickly, turn into anger.



People with Covid test,  
People with Covid die.  
This thought, every time they wonder,  
Their hearts are broken with feelings of thunder  
and anger.



By Rayyan Rahman



# Ramadan 2022 (1443H)



starting from 02 April 2022



Daily programs for both Masjid Omar Bin Alkhattab  
(Marion) and Masjid Abu Bakr Assidiq (Wandana)

## Is'ha & Taraweeh prayers

**1st & 2nd April -**  
**9pm starts Is'ha and**  
**follows by Taraweeh**

**3rd April onwards -**  
**8pm starts Is'ha and**  
**follows by Taraweeh**

## No. of rak'at

**Marion Mosque**  
**8 rak'at**

**Wandana Mosque**  
**20 rak'at + aim to**  
**complete Quran recitation**

## Ramadan lectures/talks

**Marion Mosque**

- **daily**
- **before Is'ha**
- **after Fajr**

**Wandana Mosque**

- **every 2nd nights**
- **in between**  
**taraweeh prayer**

## I'tikaf & Tahajjud

- **time between 2.30am to 5am**
- **coffee/tea/dates/water available**

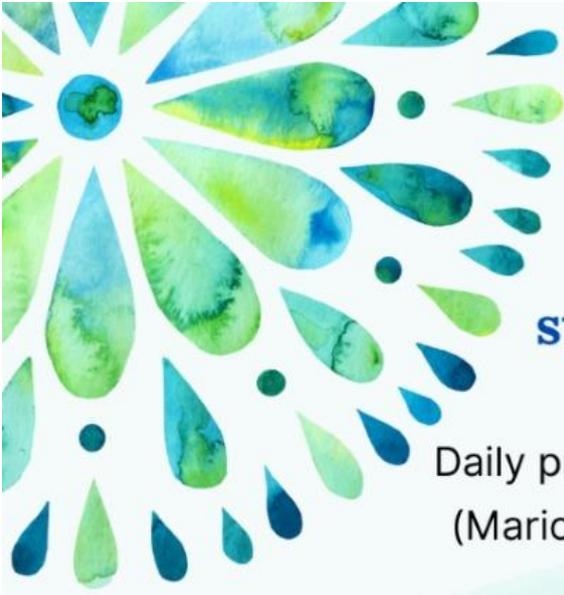
**Marion**

- **daily**

**Wandana**

- **last 10 nights**  
**of Ramadan**





# Ramadan 2022 (1443H)

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Daily programs for both Masjid Omar Bin Alkhattab  
(Marion) and Masjid Abu Bakr Assidiq (Wandana)

## Daily Iftars

- both Marion & Wandana masjids
- open to brothers and sisters (Muslims & non-Muslims)
- Sponsor \$10/meal or more to provide food for those who fast

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## Zakat Al Fitr

- Throughout Ramadan till before Eid prayer
- Payment either at Marion or Wandana masjids
- Cash, Eftpos or Bank transfer

## Fund-raising throughout Ramadan

- Marion Land Project - balance \$330K more for full payment before 01 May 2022
- General donation - cleaning, operating, maintenance costs etc

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DAYS	RAMADAN	FAJR	SUNRISE	DHUHUR	'ASR	MAGHRIB	ISHAA'
2/4 Sat	1	06:06	07:28	01:20	04:39	07:13	08:29
3/4 Sun	2	05:06	06:28	12:20	03:39	06:13	07:29
4/4 Mon	3	05:07	06:29	12:20	03:38	06:12	07:27
5/4 Tues	4	05:08	06:30	12:19	03:37	06:10	07:26
6/4 Wed	5	05:08	06:31	12:19	03:36	06:09	07:25
7/4 Thur	6	05:09	06:31	12:19	03:35	06:07	07:23
8/4 Fri	7	05:10	06:32	12:18	03:34	06:06	07:22
9/4 Sat	8	05:11	06:33	12:18	03:33	06:05	07:21
10/4 Sun	9	05:11	06:34	12:18	03:32	06:03	07:19
11/4 Mon	10	05:12	06:35	12:18	03:31	06:02	07:18
12/4 Tues	11	05:13	06:35	12:17	03:30	06:01	07:17
13/4 Wed	12	05:14	06:36	12:17	03:29	05:59	07:16
14/4 Thur	13	05:14	06:37	12:17	03:28	05:58	07:14
15/4 Fri	14	05:15	06:38	12:17	03:27	05:57	07:13
16/4 Sat	15	05:16	06:38	12:16	03:26	05:56	07:12
17/4 Sun	16	05:17	06:39	12:16	03:25	05:54	07:11
18/4 Mon	17	05:17	06:40	12:16	03:24	05:53	07:09
19/4 Tues	18	05:18	06:41	12:16	03:23	05:52	07:08
20/4 Wed	19	05:19	06:42	12:15	03:22	05:51	07:07
21/4 Thur	20	05:19	06:42	12:15	03:21	05:49	07:06
22/4 Fri	21	05:20	06:43	12:15	03:20	05:48	07:05
23/4 Sat	22	05:21	06:44	12:15	03:19	05:47	07:04
24/4 Sun	23	05:21	06:45	12:15	03:18	05:46	07:03
25/4 Mon	24	05:22	06:46	12:14	03:17	05:45	07:02
26/4 Tues	25	05:23	06:46	12:14	03:16	05:44	07:01
27/4 Wed	26	05:24	06:47	12:14	03:16	05:42	07:00
28/4 Thur	27	05:24	06:48	12:14	03:15	05:41	06:59
29/4 Fri	28	05:25	06:49	12:14	03:14	05:40	06:58
30/4 Sat	29	05:26	06:50	12:14	03:13	05:39	06:57
1/5 Sun	1 shawwal	05:26	06:50	12:13	03:12	05:38	06:56

\* The calendar is subject to changes and will be updated nearing the end of Ramadan.



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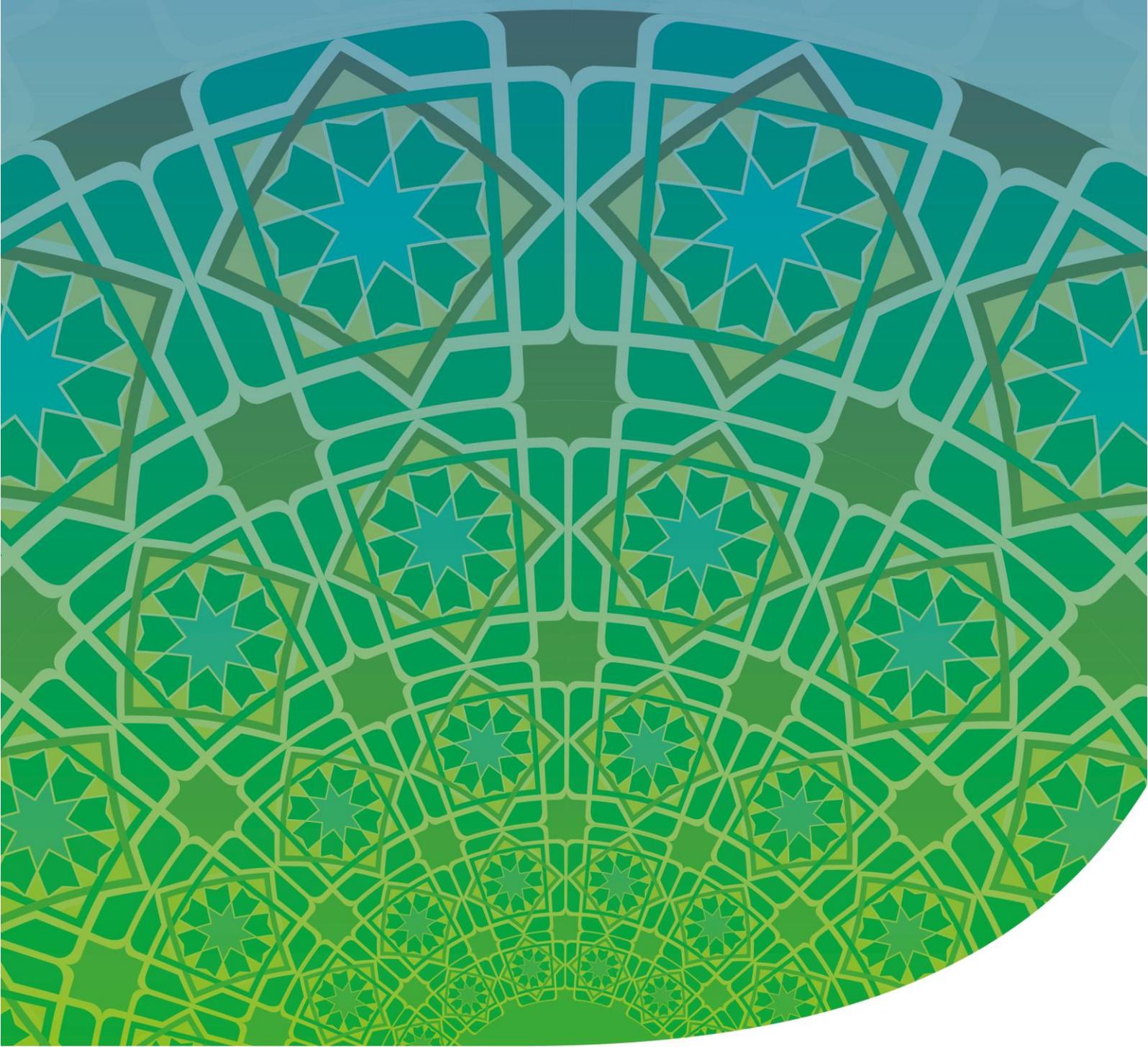
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