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**AMP Decennial Convention to Gather Professionals to Discuss Strategies and Ideate Solutions for Issues of Concern to the Muslim Community**

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1. AMP Singapore will be organising its fourth decennial convention of Singapore Muslim professionals in October this year, where it will gather 500 professionals, practitioners, and activists to discuss strategies and ideate solutions for issues of concern to the Muslim community here. The AMP 4<sup>th</sup> National Convention, which will be held on **Saturday 15 October 2022** at **8.30am** at **MAX Atria at the Singapore EXPO** (1 Expo Drive, Level 2), follows three years of planning and preparation work involving multiple research studies, strategic conversations and ideation exercises organised since 2020.
2. Mr Lawrence Wong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, will be gracing the event as Guest of Honour.
3. The Convention is an opportunity to gather Muslim professionals especially young and emerging professionals to be involved in the ideation of solutions for the community and harness their potential, considering the larger proportion of youths amongst Singapore Muslims. Of interest to younger professionals would be two youth-centred themes that will be highlighted at the Convention, namely youth leadership and succession planning in Community and Muslim organisations (CMOs) and mental health and economic issues affecting Muslim youths.
4. Research comprising in-depth interviews conducted for the Convention shows that there is a perception among youths that the older generation of leaders are reluctant to provide leadership opportunities for youth in CMOs while the role of women in board positions are often perceived as tokenistic in nature.

5. Research also showed that mental health issues among youths may be intertwined with socio-economic ones. The perceived cost of seeking professional help, lack of knowledge and awareness of relevant sources of help and lack of empathy by social service providers are some of the challenges that youths face when seeking help for mental health issues.
6. Among the issues that will be raised at the Convention include gaps in the provision of social assistance to address mental health and low-income challenges, and the development of youth and women leaders in CMOs, which affect the future of the community.
7. The 4<sup>th</sup> Convention will differ from previous Conventions as it will adopt a human-centred design thinking approach for the first time ever. Through this approach, the Convention will look at issues from the perspective of four personas pertinent to the long-term development of the community, namely youths, community advocates, families and seniors. Panels looking into these personas have been established, comprising professionals from different backgrounds to lend their expertise in identifying issues that concern these personas and to facilitate the ideation process for strategies and solutions to these issues. The full list of panel members can be found in Annex A.
8. Registration for the Convention will open on Thursday 1 September 2022. More details will be shared on the Convention social media channels on Instagram and Facebook – [http://www.instagram.com/convo\\_4](http://www.instagram.com/convo_4) and [www.facebook.com/convo4.sg](http://www.facebook.com/convo4.sg)
9. AMP Singapore organises a national convention every decade and dedicates it as a platform for local Muslim professionals to discuss new strategies that can propel the Muslim community in Singapore towards greater success. Each convention has resulted in significant solutions that have been critical to the development of the Singapore Muslim community, including the formation of AMP in 1991, a year after the first Convention was held. As a platform, the Convention offers opportunities for critical discourse on issues relevant to the community, which is reflective of AMP's consultative and collaborative approach. The 1<sup>st</sup> Convention was held in 1990, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Convention was held in 2000, while the 3<sup>rd</sup> Convention was held in 2012.

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AMP 4<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION – LIST OF PANEL MEMBERS

## CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE (CSC)

Name	Professional Designation	AMP/RIMA Designation	Convention Designation
Hazni Aris	Global MBA candidate, University of Manchester	Vice-Chairman, AMP	Chairman, Convention Steering Committee
Edwin Ignatious M @ Muhammed Faiz, PBM, PBS	Deputy Director (Legal), Singapore Food Agency	Board Member, AMP	Head, Seniors Panel
Fathurrahman Hj M Dawoed	Executive Director, Andalus Corporation Pte Ltd	Board Member, AMP Singapore	Head, Family Panel
Khairulnizam Massuan	Senior Manager, International Programmes, Mercy Relief	Board Member, AMP Singapore	Head, Community Advocates
Dr Humairah Zainal	Research Fellow, Singapore General Hospital   Associate Lecturer, Singapore University of Social Sciences	Exco Member, Centre for Research on Islamic & Malay Affairs (RIMA)	Head, Youth Panel

## PANEL MEMBERS

Name	Professional Designation	Role
<b>COMMUNITY ADVOCATES PANEL</b>		
Khairulnizam Massuan	Senior Manager, International Programmes, Mercy Relief	Head
Mohamad Hairil Johari	Senior Academy Officer, Physical Education and Sports Teacher Academy, Academy of Singapore Teachers	Member
Nailul Hafiz Abd Rahim	CEO, Principal Consultant, Asian Leaders Institute	Member
Nor Lastrina Hamid	Sustainability Advocate   Co-Founder, Singapore Youth for Climate Action	Member
Nur Suliani Md Noor	Co-Founder, Kowabunga! Global Pte Ltd	Member
Dr Walid Jumblatt Abdullah	Assistant Professor, Public Policy and Global Affairs, Nanyang Technological University	Member
<b>FAMILY PANEL</b>		
Fathurrahman Hj M Dawoed	Executive Director, Andalus Corporation Pte Ltd	Head
Mohamed Noordin Yusuff Marican	Director, Cyber Security and IT, Circles.Life	Member
Hafiz Othman	Executive Director, Emaan Catalyst Community Ltd	Member
Khairul Ruzaini	Owner, SmartMamat.com   Lead, Marketing & Partnerships, ShopBack	Member
Nadia Hanim A. R.	Head, Religious Teacher, Al-Wafa'	Member
Zakiah Humaira	Senior Medical Social Worker, KK Women's & Children's Hospital	Member
<b>SENIORS PANEL</b>		
Edwin Ignatious M @ Muhammed Faiz	Deputy Director (Legal), Singapore Food Agency	Head
Abdul Hamid Abdullah	Active Aging Advocate	Member
Normala Manap	Director, Age Matters Consultancy and Training	Member
Dr Nur Farhan Alami	Geriatrician, Raffles Medical Group	Member
Siti Mariam Mohamad Salim	Part-time Tutor, Social Work Department, National University of Singapore	Member

YOUTH PANEL		
Dr Humairah Zainal	Research Fellow, Singapore General Hospital   Associate Lecturer, Singapore University of Social Sciences	Head
Faris Ridzuan	Master's Candidate, Malay Studies, National University of Singapore   Teaching Assistant, Asian Studies, National University of Singapore	Member
Farisha Ishak	Singer & Youth Advocate   MBA Candidate, UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School	Member
Kaven Siddique Lim	Director, Converts Central	Member
Khairul Rusydi	Co-Founder & CEO, Reactor School	Member