

THE WORLD FEDERATION  
**ELECTIONS**

Thursday, January 30, 2020

**KNOW YOUR VOTE**



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**NASIMCO** 

North American Shia Ithna - Asheri Muslim Communities Organization

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# MESSAGE

## Message from NASIMCO:

Asalamun Alaykum to all NASIMCO Member Jamaats and Voters,

We pray this document reaches you in the best of health and spirituality.

As many of you know, the World Federation elections are underway with 4 candidates in the running for the position of the president. The World Federation presidency is one the highest positions held in any Shia organization worldwide and votes can not be taken lightly. It is important that everyone participates.

NASIMCO does NOT endorse or promote any particular candidate, but we feel it important to inform the voters on who is running, their experience and their pledges so that the voter can make an informed decision on Election Day. This document tries to provide pertinent information on each candidate.

The elections will take place on Thursday, January 30, 2020 for all North American Member Jamaats. Please contact your local jamaat for more information on the venue and timings.

We extend our best wishes to all the candidates and look forward to working with the elected president in the near future.

With Duas,

Arif Jacksi  
President, NASIMCO

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## Nominations for the post of Office of the President of The World Federation of KSIMC Term 2020-2023

To WF Members and Councillors

Salamun Alaikum

In accordance with clause 20.2 of the Constitution, formal notice is hereby given that by the closing date of 2 January 2020, the Electoral commission has received the following nominations for the post of the Office of the President of The World Federation of KSIMC for the next term of three years, 2020-2023.

The list is by alphabetical orders:

**Nominated by:**

Africa Federation:

Council of All KSUJ (India Federation):

NASIMCO:

The Council of European Jamaats:

**Nominee:**

Ashakhusein Rashid, Dr Husein Jiwa and Safder Jaffer.

Safder Jaffer.

Aunali Khalfan, Dr Husein Jiwa and Safder Jaffer.

Ashakhusein Rashid, Dr Husein Jiwa and Safder Jaffer.

All the nominations were received within the time frame as laid down in SOP for Electing the President of The World Federation of KSIMC, clause 2.4 and they were accompanied with signed letter of consent of the nominee as laid down in constitutional clause 20.1.2 and written confirmation that the candidate will resign from his conflicting position if elected as per the resolution passed at the Fifth Executive Council meeting of the term 2017-2020.

**Voting:**

The election will take place on 30 and 31 January 2020. The Regional Member will decide on which one of these dates the election will take place. This date will have been agreed in advance with the Electoral Commission. The election can take place in the region **only** on the agreed date, not on both dates.

**Endorsement and Campaign:**

Neither the Electoral Commission nor The World Federation is endorsing any of the nominees. The nominees must **not** give an impression either implied or otherwise in their manifesto and campaign that they are the preferred one by the Electoral Commission or the Organisation and furthermore **NOT TO USE** any archived material of the Organisation in their manifesto except for what is available on The WF social media. The use of **WF logo** in any form in the campaign **is NOT** allowed. This is to provide a level playing field for all the Nominees.

**Candidates:**

The Electoral Commission will write to all Candidates to provide them with number of eligible voters and number of Delegates of each regional member.

Mujtaba Dattoo - Chairperson

Waheeda Rahim – Member

Dr Jaffer Dharsee – Member

Electoral Commission

8 January 2020

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# FAQs

## Frequently Asked Question on the upcoming Presidential Election

### **Q: Who can stand for the post of president of The World Federation of KSIMC?**

A: Candidate for presidential elections must be a registered member of a Constituent Member and must be nominated by any member Federation.

### **Q: Who are the member Federations?**

A: There are six member Federations:

1. The Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaats of Africa (Africa Federation),
2. Council of All KSI Jamats (India Federation),
3. The Council of European Jamaats (CoEJ),
4. Federation of Australasian Communities INC. (FAC),
5. Federation of Khoja Shia Isna Asheri Jamaats of Pakistan (Pakistan Federation)
6. North American Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities (NASIMCO).

### **Q: What is a Constituent Member?**

A: 'Constituent Member' means a member of a Regional Federation which is a member of the World Federation.

### **Q: Who can vote?**

A: Only those who have been included in the eligible register of voters provided by the member Federations to the Electoral Commission.

### **Q: How will the vote take place?**

A: By ballot paper provided by the Electoral Commission to member Federations.

### **Q: Is proxy voting or by post allowed?**

A: Proxy, postal and all types of electronic voting are not permitted.

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Frequently Asked Question on the upcoming Presidential Election

**Q: When will the nominations for the post of president of The World Federation of KSIMC open for the term 2020-2023?**

A: The nominations will open on 4 December 2019.

**Q: When will the nominations close?**

A: At 17.00 hours UK time on 2 January 2020.

**Q: When can nomination be sent to the Electoral Commission?**

A: Only between when the Nominations open and close (immediately after the Notice inviting nominations is released and 17.00hrs UK time on 2 January 2020).

**Q: What is the address of the Electoral Commission?**

A: Electoral Commission, The World Federation of KSIMC, Wood Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 4LQ.

**Q: What are the requirements of nominations?**

A: In addition to a candidate must be a registered member of a Constituent Member and must be nominated by any member Federation, the nominations must be WF Presidential Election FAQ accompanied with a signed consent letter from the nominated candidate and a written confirmation from the candidate that he or she will resign his/her conflicting position if elected.

**Q: Can the nominations be sent electronically?**

A: NO. Electronic nominations submitted will NOT be accepted. The nomination papers must be received at Electoral Commission's address either by post or hand-delivered.

# FAQs

## Frequently Asked Question on the upcoming Presidential Election

### **Q: What if there is only one eligible candidate for the post of the president?**

A: If only one eligible nomination is received then the Electoral Commission will declare the candidate duly elected unopposed.

### **Q: What if there is more than one eligible candidate for the post of the president?**

A: If more than one eligible nomination is received then the Electoral Commission will activate the electoral process within 7 days after the closing date for the nominations.

### **Q: When will the voting take place?**

A: The voting will take place on either Thursday 30 January or Friday 31 January 2020. The Regional Member will choose one of these two dates mentioned for voting to take place in its region. It will have to inform the Electoral Commission in advance of the date. Voting extending to next day in the same region is not allowed. **Voting is scheduled to take place only on Thursday, 30th of January 2020 for all NASIMCO Member Jamaats.**

### **Q: When will the results of the election announced (where there is a contest)?**

A: The Electoral Commission will announce the result of the election for the post of President at least 5 days before the date set for the ensuing Ordinary Conference. The Executive Council of The World Federation of KSIMC has declared their next Ordinary Conference will take place on 13-15 March 2020.

### **Q: What is an Electoral Commission?**

A: The Electoral Commission of The World Federation is elected at its Ordinary Conference every three years.

### **Q: How is the post of electing a president of The World Federation of KSIMC governed?**

A: It is governed by the Constitution of The World Federation of KSIMC and by the Standard Operating Procedures for Electing the President of The World Federation of KSIMC (SOP).

# CANDIDATES

Meet your candidates & find out more about them



**SAFDER  
JAFFER**



**DR. HUSEIN  
JIWA**



**ASHIK  
RASHID**



**AUNALI  
KHALFAN**



# SAFDER JAFFER

## BIOGRAPHY:

Safder Jaffer was born and educated in Mombasa, Kenya until the age of 16. He completed A Levels in Karachi, Pakistan & studied for his BSc degree in Actuarial Mathematics and Statistics in Edinburg, UK. In Tehran, Iran, Safder graduated with a MA in Economics from Tehran University specialising in Islamic Economics with his thesis being on Islamic Banking, and also resided in the Holy City of Qum where he had the privilege of interacting with scholars and acquiring further knowledge in Islamic Theology.

He qualified as an Actuary in the United Kingdom (Milton Keynes & London) and registered as a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries (UK). He has lived and worked in the UK for over 10 years. Safder spent two years in Zurich, Switzerland as Vice President of insurance giant Swiss Re in Zurich. At the same time, he helped establish a madrasah in the local community as well as providing aalim services. For the last decade, Safder has lived in Dubai, UAE, where he is the Managing Director and a Partner in his practice that employs more than 20 staff.

In addition, Safder's working life and his passion for tabligh has taken him across the globe. Safder has worked with clients or lectured in countries including Europe, USA, Canada, Australia, Madagascar and in East Africa. Wherever he travels, Safder makes a point of touching base with our communities worldwide. This has given him live and real insight into the needs and issues facing our Jamaats across the world.

Safder has also led his company to win the Best Service Provider Award from the prestigious Middle East Insurance Review (MEIR) for five years in a row, the only firm to have achieved this honour. Citing the company as an "undefeated contender" in this category, the latest award recognised its market innovation in the digital space and leadership in education and research across the Middle East's insurance and reinsurance industry.

Safder is no stranger to World Federation as he has served in different areas from Appointed Head of the Curriculum Development of MCE (Head of Tarbiyah) to currently serving a second term as an Executive Councillor of WF.

# SAFDER JAFFER

## PLEDGES:

### **Provide a safe and supportive academic environment**

Provide a safe and supportive environment with a solid academic platform for community members especially the millennial and post millennial generation for learning our faith through establishing an accredited State of the art Islamic Research Institute in the West that addresses the burning spiritual and Islamic education challenges of our times.

### **Lift families out of poverty**

Lift at least 50% of our community families out of poverty by 2025 with a professional economic plan that is tangible and feasible.

### **Support parents, teachers and children**

Support parents, teachers and children through the establishment of a physical structure for the Madrasah Centre of Excellence. This will develop madaris resources, lead ongoing research and create training materials for teachers and parents, with a financial model to become self-sustaining in the long run.

### **Improve digital connectivity**

Improve the mode of connectivity of our global communities through a digital platform including community services (religious, social and economic) to bring together grassroot members worldwide.

### **Modernise operations**

Modernise the operations of the WF and reform its modus operandi to make it fit for purpose in today's fast-changing world.

# DR. HUSEIN JIWA

## BIOGRAPHY:

Dr. Husein Jiwa was born in Moshi, Tanzania to his parents Abdullah Jeraj Jiwa and Zehra bai Sharif Jiwa. His family moved to Pakistan in the late 60s. Dr. Jiwa moved to Peterborough, UK, in 1985, with his wife and two boys and his now a grandfather of three grandchildren. Dr. Jiwa is qualified as a doctor with MBBS from Liaqat Medical College, Hyderabad, Pakistan in 1980. In 1992 he undertook specialist training and graduated with a diploma in Osteopathy and Naturopathy from the British College of Naturopathy & Osteopathy.

Dr. Jiwa is currently an elected Councillor for Council of European Jamaats (CoEJ) and for the World Federation. He served at CoEJ for two terms as a President between 2009 – 2015. He also served in the organisation as Vice President for two terms (6yrs) between 2003 – 2009 and another term between 2015 -2018.

Since moving to Peterborough, he has been involved in various voluntary roles within the community, with special interest in youth and elderly related activities. He has served as the Sports Chairman for Peterborough Jamaat for many years, during which time he coordinated several youth activities and excursions. He also served as a Youth Coordinator and Committee Member of the Peterborough Jamaat till 1996. Dr. Jiwa joined CoEJ in 1996 in the capacity of Councillor and moved to become the Chairman of the council of European Jamaats (CoEJ) Medical Board. Under the CoEJ Health Improvement Board he was actively involved in establishing the annual health screening events within the UK and European Jamaats as well as delivering various health related lectures and awareness programmes to the seniors' group locally and nationally.

He performed his first Hajj in 1995 and have since been part of the European Hajj Mission (EHM) Medical Team as one of the doctors. He has been intimately involved with the development and promotion of the Sweden boys Camp and the Mulla Asghar Memorial Tournament (MAMT), both of which have been flagship projects of CoEJ. He has worked closely with women in the Mulla Asghar Memorial Tournament (MAMT) to promote and empower their leadership by creating a structure whereby women took ownership to manage their affairs and be part of the MAMT management team.

In his term as a President of CoEJ I empowered women to be part of the CoEJ executive team by ensuring they have elected or nominated seats in the COEJ executive team. He has worked closely and seamlessly with various jamaats across Europe and supported their local projects which has enabled good partnership working and enhanced togetherness and unity.

As a CoEJ Vice President during 2006 – 2009, CoEJ federated with the World Federation. This was one of the key achievements for CoEJ and the World Federation during that period. In his term as a CoEJ president, he addressed the challenge of disunity the community faced around moonsighting in particularly during the Eid celebration. Through his leadership meeting with the grand Ayatullah Sistani and through his guidance the CoEJ Hilal Committee has the mandate to liaise with the Najaf office and announce a single date for Eid for the followers of Ayatullah Sistani across Europe, successfully resolving the issue. During his term CoEJ embarked on economic self-sufficiency through investment planning. This has been a remarkable achievement for CoEJ in regards to self-sustainability.

# DR. HUSEIN JIWA

Please note: Dr. Jiwa has a detailed version of his manifesto on his website

## PLEDGES:

**Reforming Our Most Treasured Institution:** We pledge to make the office bearers of the World Federation directly accountable to the Executive Council, and the Executive Council directly accountable to the Conference.

**Empowering Our Women & Our Youth:** We promise to standardise the constitutions at regional level to ensure that women have equal voting rights as men. We will promote and advance leadership training programmes, as well as avenues for small business development, to allow women and youth to take advantage of the opportunities a reformed World Federation offers

**Defending Our Values and Identity:** as part of our first line of defence, we pledge to embed public affairs and external communications into the core strategy of the World Federation. This element of World Federation's strategy will be reviewed continually, accounting for the pace of change around us, thereby allowing us to be proactive in allocating required resources to respond to our needs in a swift manner.

**Advancing Our Faith:** we will continue to strengthen our ties and cooperation with our centres of learning in Najaf and Qom, as well as constantly engage with the Office of Ayatollah Sistani (HA) on the most important and challenging issues facing us. We will ensure that the Madressa Centre of Excellence (MCE) is adequately funded and resourced, we will significantly invest in post-Madaris and pre-marriage religious education.

**Protecting Our Less Fortunate:** We will unrelentingly assist and empower regional development projects and place equal measures across our regions to support the eradication of poverty in our community. We will support all of our regions with their housing projects, and empower our regions financially to improve on community health. This will include supporting existing health projects such as hospitals. We commit to free basic education provision for all Khoja children who are unable to access education.

**Engaging in Humanity's Shared Struggle:** We will invest in an online platform that will issue regular guidance to our community on how to reduce waste, cut our reliance on plastics and encourage reuse and recycling. Community members will be able to share ideas of best practice, monitor our collective progress, and actively challenge each other to cut our collective footprint.

**Preserving Our Khoja Heritage:** We commit to advancing the work of the Khoja Heritage Project and continue to inform our community of our history. We therefore pledge to explore the possibility of establishing a permanent, state of the art museum for Our Khoja Shia Ithna Asheri Community, curated by expert historians, and funded for by our philanthropists.

# ASHIK RASHID

## BIOGRAPHY:

He has had an authentic and genuine life experience from poverty to financial independence. He empathises with abject poverty in the community. As an 18-month old orphan he lived an impoverished life. His fledgling years were spent helping his widowed mother sell home-made food. From his late teens, he and his brother prospered in joint businesses by the blessings of the Allah (SWT) – generously giving back to the Community.

Recognition: Hussein Medal for the Somalia Rescue from Africa Federation  
Award for Selfless and Dedicated Service from Nairobi Jamaat

In summary, he has served our global community in the following capacities:

1976 – 1986 Member of Mombasa Jamaat's Management Committee and served in various capacities

1976 – 2001 Executive Councillor of Africa Federation

1980 – 2010 Executive Councillor of World Federation

1986 – 1989 Chairman of Nairobi Jafferi Sports club – brought the club into first division to become champion of Kenya Cricket; was Treasurer of Kenya Cricket Association

1987 – 1992 Chairman of Nairobi Jamaat, during which time they acquired land in Lavington at no cost to the Jamaat for the development of the Mosque (fully financed by the Rashid family), Imambargah, School and Sports Club

1992 – 2001 Chairman of the Settlement and Welfare Board of Africa Federation

2001 Upon his migration, he became an active member of the Birmingham Jamaat and CoEJ; represented them at the World Federation and served as a Vice-President of Birmingham Jamaat

2004 – 2009 Chairman of the Education Board in CoEJ

2012 – 2015 Head of Seniors for Birmingham Jamaat

2016 to date Head of Seniors Network Desk at CoEJ

# ASHIK RASHID

## PLEDGES:

**Community relationship with our Marja'** – strengthen taqleed and marja'iyah

**Enhance confidence in WF** – optimise funds, maximise resources and facilitate genuine debate from grassroots to executive councillors, revitalise relevant existing projects

**Social justice and inclusivity for all** – consistent services globally and full engagement of brothers and sisters of all ages, valuable stakeholders in every Jamaat

**Khoja Heritage activity in every Jamaat** – know and love who we are

Relieve poverty amongst the members of the Community

**Social responsibility for all by all** – no KSI sleeps hungry anywhere in the world - WF AID Khoja first as stated in our constitution – in addition to unrestricted donations, Agha has given ijaza to use huqooq funds to alleviate poverty amongst us

**Wellness and well-being** – physical and mental health services in every Jamaat

**Multi-generational housing** – homes for seniors and first-time buyers in the same complex

**Inward investment** – issue community bonds with guaranteed return – synchronise economic upliftment projects to maximise economies of scale and output to create brotherhood, so we work together as one for our community

**Educate members of the Community**

**Qur'an literacy and understanding** – focus on the Qur'an and ahadith inspire the love for the Ahlul Bayt (AS)

**Financial literacy for all**

Strengthen education projects, develop business acumen and employability

**Revive khidmat** – put the service back into "we exist to serve" – living spirituality

# AUNALI KHALFAN

## BIOGRAPHY:

Publisher and Designer Born on November, 1939 in Madagascar. Started business in Lindi, Tanzania - Signs Writers Ltd. (Signage, Design and Fine Art). Settled in New York in 1969

Founder and President of Tahrike Tarsile Qur'an, Inc.

Founder of Signs & Lucite Products & Plaques by Azra

Community affiliations:

Founding Member of the World Federation

Member of the World Federation Executive Council (First Term)

Founding Member of Al-Khoei Foundation, New York

Founding Member of Nasimco

Founding Member of the Boy Scouts of America's National Islamic Committee on Scouting and Chairperson of the Islamic Emblem

Member of the New York Host Lions Club

Former and First President of the Shia Ithna Asheri Jamaat of New York

Former President of New York Asian-American Lions Club

I would like to be the President of the WF because I think my extensive experience working with Muslims and people of other faiths across the world has given me a unique insight into the real challenges that communities like ours face. My biggest goal is to build bridge between our community and people of other faiths using the Qur'an, as the Qur'an is a best source of information to unite and guide us as a community.

I see my greatest accomplishment as my ongoing effort to reach out to the world in order to educate people about the Islam through the gift given to us by Allah swt – The Qur'an. I founded Tahrike Tarsile Qur'an, Inc., a non-profit organization which publishes and distributes Qur'an and Islamic Literature, over 30 years ago. To date we have published The Qur'an in more than 40 different editions of The Qur'an and over 50 other Islamic titles and children's books. We have distributed over 2 million copies of the Qur'an to bookstores, universities, Islamic centers, prisons, healthcare facilities, Seminaries, government officials and agencies across the globe.

On behalf of TTQ, I attend literary and religious meetings all over the world where I exhibit Qur'ans and Islamic Literature, most of the time we are only one of two or three organizations amongst hundreds representing Islam. These events include but are not limited to Book Expo America, Book Expo Canada, Boy Scouts of America Jamboree, The London Book Fair, American Academy of Religion, Middle Eastern Studies Association, Frankfurt Book Fair, New Delhi International Book Fair, Tehran International Book Fair, Sharjah Book Fair, etc.

# AUNALI KHALFAN

## PLEDGES:

### Some of my short-range objectives are as follows:

- Madressa: Children between the ages of 3-11 can easily learn the Arabic Language. It is important to teach them to Read, Write and Understand the Qur'anic Arabic.
- We made the Quran easy to understand, but is there anyone who would take heed? Holy Qur'an 54:17, 22, 32 & 40
- To improve our outreach efforts in order to educate people of other faiths about Islam
- To establish and improve educational systems within our community
- To place more emphasis on the Qur'an in our religious functions (lectures)
- To ensure that our community promotes the inclusion of groups such as women, youth, seniors and people with disabilities.
- To establish a sustainable financial support system for the community as guided by The Qur'an

### My plan for recruiting leaders to help assist you in WF:

Our community is filled with talented, educated, ambitious, sincere and professional individuals. It is important that we engage as many of these individuals as possible by creating a more

inclusive environment, especially for those who have historically been excluded. Examples of these groups include women, youth, seniors and people with disabilities.

My plan for recruiting leaders will begin with a grassroots consultation to find out why the aforementioned groups have not come forth and actively participated in the leadership of their community. This will be followed by a detailed examination of the institutional barriers that inadvertently discriminate against certain groups of people. Existing policies, programs and practices will be examined in this process.

Once we fully understand the barriers that people face in working with their community, we will develop a detailed action plan to recruit and train leaders from these marginalized groups.

### This is how I see WF in Next Five - Ten Years:

My vision for the WF is an independent, inclusive, and united Islamic organization. Become financially independent of using money of Khums and using our own resources to support our community. Improving the area of Islamic education for the enlightenment of our future generation.

Through sincerity and patience, I will strive to bring about understanding between the two organizations. We need to meet with the AF's leaders and start an ongoing dialog which leads to a greater understanding of each other and progress towards meeting our mutual goals.



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