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## A Muslim Voter's Guide to Making an Informed Choice



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## A GUIDE TO INFORMED ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION

Human dignity, justice, trust, public welfare and equity are central to Islam and to the aspirations of South Africa's liberation struggle. These commitments remain essential to civic life, and assessing how political parties uphold them is a continuing responsibility, requiring recognition of achievements alongside honest scrutiny of failures. This report card approaches that responsibility without prescribing allegiance to, or departure from, any party.

Concerns about corruption, failing services, municipal debt, unaffordable tariffs and unemployment have prompted calls for electoral guidance from the 'Ulama. Such challenges make sustained civic engagement essential. UUCSA responded to these calls, by convening the Civic Indaba in June 2026, to engage political parties, articulate community priorities and enable informed decisions. The Civic Consensus and this report card form part of that continuing process of engagement and accountability.

Furthermore, calls for a unified Muslim voting bloc reflect a desire for meaningful influence. However, Muslims are not a homogeneous political constituency: our experiences, circumstances and judgements differ. In a polarised environment, and at this early stage of collective engagement, assuming agreement on a single electoral position would be premature. A more enduring foundation is unity around principles, with space for informed disagreement and cooperation.

Those principles are rooted in faith. The Qur'an commands justice even against ourselves and those closest to us (4:135), prohibits allowing hostility to produce injustice (5:8), and requires trustworthiness and fairness in judgement (4:58). They require consistent scrutiny of political leadership and concern for the dignity and wellbeing of all people.

## HOW TO READ THE REPORT CARD

UUCSA commissioned political analysts and commentators to assess parties against seven priorities drawn from the Civic Consensus: Youth Unemployment, Public Health, Climate, Corruption, Crime, Online Gambling and the Genocide in Palestine. The report card is an aid to judgement.

These priorities should be read together.

The genocide in Palestine is included deliberately, while recognising that foreign policy is not a municipal function. A party's response to genocide is relevant to assessing its commitment to human dignity, justice and the protection of life. This moral consideration belongs alongside careful scrutiny of its responsibilities and performance at home.

**For a local government election, readers should also assess:**

- **Local performance and candidates:** service delivery, financial stewardship, affordability, integrity, competence and responsiveness.
- **Responsibility and opportunity:** distinguish municipal, provincial and national powers, and assess what each party could reasonably have done with the authority it held.
- **Coalition conduct:** examine previous partnerships, commitments honoured or abandoned, and stated preferences for future cooperation. Consider how likely alliances could affect policy, accountability and the stability of a council.

The report card neither prescribes a single Muslim vote nor makes political disagreement a judgement on anyone's faith. It supports informed participation on the basis of core values and principles, while preserving the independence of UUCSA and its members for inter and intra party politics.

We acknowledge the assessment's limitations and welcome constructive feedback to strengthen future editions. Electoral responsibility extends beyond voting: it includes continued engagement, scrutiny of commitments and holding those entrusted with public office accountable.

# African National Congress

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| **Policy direction** | **A state-led developmental approach:**<br>• public employment,<br>• infrastructure investment,<br>• National Health Insurance,<br>• a just energy transition,<br>• and Palestinian self-determination, backed by South Africa's ICJ case against Israel. |
| **Implementation record** | • ANC-led governments established public employment programmes and expanded the state's role in social protection.<br>• ANC-led governments commitments on jobs, healthcare and infrastructure must be distinguished from implementation and outcomes.<br>• State capture exposed serious accountability failures; the ANC acknowledged that its organisational weaknesses helped enable it.<br>• The Ramaphosa Administration instituted ICJ proceedings against Israel in December 2023, translating its Palestine position into concrete legal action. |
| **Reasons not to vote for the ANC** | • State capture occurred under its leadership, undermining public institutions and confidence in its accountability.<br>• Its acknowledged governance and service-delivery failures weaken confidence in renewed promises.<br>• ANC-led governments established a licensed gambling industry, pursuing regulation rather than a blanket prohibition. |
| **Reasons to vote for the ANC** | • The Ramaphosa Administration backed Palestinian rights through international legal action against Israel.<br>• It supports public employment and infrastructure investment to address unemployment and inequality.<br>• It proposes universal healthcare through NHI and a just energy transition that protects workers and livelihoods. |

# African National Congress




- Favours a state-led developmental approach to job creation.
- Proposes infrastructure investment, public employment and youth skills training.
- Supports township businesses, informal traders and local suppliers.




- Supports state-led universal healthcare through NHI.
- Proposes pooled public funding to purchase care from public and private providers.
- Prioritises stronger health services and affordable access for all.




- Supports a just transition balancing emissions cuts, jobs and development.
- Promotes renewable energy within a diversified energy mix.
- Prioritises climate planning, water security and protection from floods.




- Favours institutional reform and stronger procurement controls to combat corruption.
- Supports restrictions on officials doing business with the state.
- Proposes transparent public spending and accountability for financial misconduct.




- Supports a regulated gambling industry rather than blanket prohibition.
- Advocates stronger enforcement against unlicensed online operators.
- Supports self-exclusion safeguards and restrictions on predatory advertising.




- Favours stronger public policing alongside community crime prevention.
- Supports action against gangsterism, drugs and gender-based violence.
- Explicitly condemns Islamophobia, racism and religious hate speech.




- Frames Palestinian liberation through its anti-apartheid tradition; explicitly condemns Israel's actions as genocide.
- Facilitated South Africa's ICJ case and ending Israel's unlawful occupation of Palestinian territory.
- Supports Palestinian statehood and a two-state settlement; backed conditional closure of Israel's embassy and suspension of diplomatic relations.

# Economic Freedom Fighters

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| **Policy direction** | **Socialist, redistributive and state-led:**<br>• land expropriation without compensation,<br>• nationalisation of strategic industries,<br>• insourcing and secure employment,<br>• expanded public healthcare and local procurement, and<br>• Palestinian liberation, including closing Israel's embassy and suspending diplomatic ties. |
| **Implementation record** | • It helped secure the insourcing of over 3,700 Johannesburg security guards by 2019, improving pay and pension benefits.<br>• Its litigation, alongside the other parties, secured the Nkandla judgment enforcing the Public Protector's remedial action and repayment of public money.<br>• It introduced the motion adopted by Parliament in November 2023 calling for Israel's embassy to close and diplomatic relations to be suspended. |
| **Reasons not to vote for the EFF** | • Its programme requires extensive public funding and administrative capacity; delivery depends on meeting those demands.<br>• Its proposed state custodianship of land would fundamentally change private landownership.<br>• Disputes with coalition partners raise concerns about governing stability and sustained cooperation. |
| **Reasons to vote for the EFF** | • It has translated its Palestine position into parliamentary action seeking diplomatic consequences for Israel.<br>• It has called for gambling-advertising restrictions, while it has explicitly condemned Xenophobia.<br>• Its employment, redistribution and public-services agenda prioritises poor and working-class communities. |

# Economic Freedom Fighters




- Favours a redistributive, state-led approach to employment and economic development.
- Proposes expanded public works and permanent municipal jobs.
- Uses procurement to support township businesses and cooperatives.




- Favours a stronger public healthcare system centred on equitable access.
- Opposes private profiteering taking precedence over patients' right to healthcare.
- Prioritises equitable health funding and stronger primary healthcare services.




- Favours state-led energy development, including renewables through Eskom.
- Supports renewables alongside continued coal, gas and nuclear generation.
- Proposes climate-adaptation planning and protection of rivers, wetlands and biodiversity.




- Favours stronger state capacity and insourcing to reduce dependence on contractors.
- Proposes transparent procurement to prevent manipulation, corruption and waste.
- Supports public oversight and consequences for corrupt officials.




- Frames gambling harm as exploitation linked to poverty and unemployment.
- Calls for banning gambling advertising and removing gambling sponsorship from sport.
- Demands stronger penalties for illegal gambling operators.




- Favours state-led policing reform, shaped by its socialist and Pan-African ideology.
- Prioritises public safety alongside police accountability and human rights.
- Condemns Afrophobia and xenophobic violence; supports legislation against hate crimes and hate speech.




- Takes an anti-imperialist, pro-liberation position; explicitly identifies Israel as an apartheid state committing genocide.
- Calls for closing Israel's embassy and severing diplomatic, economic, cultural and sporting ties.
- Demands an unconditional ceasefire, Palestinian liberation and enforcement of international court decisions and arrest warrants.

# Rise Mzansi

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| **Policy direction** | **A social-democratic approach:**<br>• accountable, ethical government and professional public services,<br>• small-business support, skills and transport access for jobs,<br>• renewable energy and a just transition,<br>• tighter gambling controls to reduce harm, and<br>• Palestinian rights, including support for South Africa's ICJ case. |
| **Implementation record** | • Through its SCOPA chairmanship, it led Parliament's inquiry into financial mismanagement at the Road Accident Fund, showing determination and resilience.<br>• It secured a parliamentary debate on gambling harm and a departmental commitment to tighten advertising controls.<br>• Under its Gauteng agriculture MEC, the department supplied seedlings to Orange Farm farming cooperatives to support food production. |
| **Reasons not to vote for Rise Mzansi** | • Its governing experience is recent and limited;<br>• Its small parliamentary representation makes implementation dependent on cooperation with larger parties.<br>• Its electoral partnership with GOOD in Cape Town requires scrutiny of shared candidates and commitments |
| **Reasons to vote for Rise Mzansi** | • It combines anti-corruption commitments with an established parliamentary oversight role, ethical leaders, and strong social-democratic policy positions. Have punched above their weight, showing hard work and determination.<br>• Its leader has explicitly described Israel's actions as genocide, and the party supports the ICJ case, and the Joburg Mayoral candidate has spoken about this as the Morality of leadership.<br>• It advocates renewable energy, employment opportunities and stronger protections against gambling harm. |

# Rise Mzansi




- Emphasises inclusive economic growth through accountable government and enterprise.
- Supports small businesses and entrepreneurship.
- Proposes better transport links connecting communities to jobs.




- Supports universal coverage through cooperation between public and private healthcare.
- Rejects the proposed NHI model's funding, governance and implementation arrangements.
- Prioritises rebuilding public facilities, staffing and preventative care.




- Links climate action to social justice and community participation.
- Supports rapid renewable-energy expansion while protecting workers and energy security.
- Prioritises climate-resilient infrastructure and protection for vulnerable communities.




- Emphasises ethical leadership and accountable public institutions.
- Supports transparent procurement and independent scrutiny of municipal spending.
- Calls for officials to face consequences for corruption and financial misconduct.




- Proposes banning gambling with credit or overdrafts and restricting advertising
- Favours strict harm-reduction regulation rather than blanket prohibition.
- Supports higher industry contributions towards addiction prevention and rehabilitation.




- Treats community safety as a constitutional right linked to equality.
- Combines effective policing with prevention and social interventions.
- Explicitly opposes Islamophobic prejudice and targeting people for Muslim identities.




- Grounds Palestinian solidarity in universal human rights; its leader explicitly condemns Israel's genocide in Gaza
- Supports South Africa's ICJ case and independent investigations into violations of international law.
- Advocates a fully independent Palestinian state, a permanent ceasefire and humanitarian access

# uMkhonto weSizwe

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| **Policy direction** | **A redistributive, state-led approach:**<br>• state control of strategic resources,<br>• land expropriation without compensation,<br>• renewed coal generation and expanded nuclear power,<br>• parliamentary supremacy replacing constitutional supremacy, and<br>• an anti-imperialist foreign policy supporting Palestine. |
| **Implementation record** | • In Parliament, MK condemned genocide in Gaza and called for boycotts, closure of South Africa's mission to Israel and international accountability.<br>• It demanded a gambling-advertising ban and opposed the 2025/26 health budget, challenging inadequate funding and unfinished health infrastructure.<br>• It submitted a proposal to abolish the Investigating Directorate Against Corruption, arguing that existing law-enforcement institutions should be strengthened instead. |
| **Reasons not to vote for MK** | • Replacing constitutional supremacy with unrestricted parliamentary power would weaken constitutional checks on political majorities.<br>• Personality driven leading to internal party instability with 8 Secretary Generals since 2023<br>• Its leadership is tied to the state-capture era the preamble criticises, and it has no governing record. |
| **Reasons to vote for MK** | • It proposes land redistribution and greater public control of economic resources to address inequality.<br>• It has explicitly called for banning gambling advertising to protect people from gambling-related harm.<br>• It supports Palestinian liberation and has publicly condemned Israeli military aggression. |

# uMkhonto weSizwe




- Emphasises community-centred development and local economic participation.
- Prioritises local hiring and infrastructure-led employment.
- Supports township businesses through procurement and enterprise development.




- Favours a redistributive approach to healthcare funding.
- Its manifesto supports NHI to shift resources away from expensive private healthcare.
- Proposes adequately funded facilities operating around the clock, with ambulance services.




- Favours state control of energy and natural resources.
- Opposes the transition away from coal and proposes renewing Eskom's coal fleet.
- Supports expanding nuclear generation as part of its energy strategy.




- Emphasises stronger state institutions and protection of public resources.
- Proposes overhauling law-enforcement agencies to combat corruption.
- Calls for improved transparency and accountability in municipal contracting.




- Favours tighter state control over gambling operators and financial flows.
- Calls for a complete ban on gambling advertising.
- Proposes locally hosted gambling services and an online-gambling tax funding education.




- Favours strong state authority and traditional leadership in governance and community affairs.
- Proposes restructuring law enforcement to combat crime and corruption.
- States opposition to tribalism, xenophobia and violence, alongside stricter immigration enforcement.




- Adopts a Pan-African, anti-imperialist foreign policy, explicitly committing to solidarity with Palestine.
- Opposes Israeli occupation and expansionism; supports Palestinian sovereignty and liberation from oppression.
- Calls for an immediate ceasefire, international diplomatic pressure on Israel and negotiations that includes Palestinian representatives.

# Democratic Alliance

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| **Policy direction** | **A liberal, market-led approach:**<br>• private investment and business-led job creation,<br>• merit-based appointments and ending cadre deployment,<br>• a mixed public-private healthcare system,<br>• renewable energy and independent electricity supply,<br>• and devolved policing with independent anti-corruption institutions. |
| **Implementation record** | • It secured court-ordered disclosure of ANC cadre-deployment records, advancing transparency without achieving a legal ban on the practice.<br>• Its Cape Town administration implemented payments for surplus solar electricity and signed agreements to purchase independently generated solar power. Cape Town is cited as the DA model of implementation success and governance for the middle class and the wealthy.<br>• It advanced legislation to legalise remote gambling<br>• Opposed Parliament's proposal to close Israel's embassy and suspend diplomatic relations. |
| **Reasons not to vote for the DA** | • Does not support the ICJ case nor acknowledge that Genocide has taken place in Gaza. It opposed embassy closure and suspension of diplomatic ties as measures to pressure Israel over Gaza. The party refuses to congratulate Navi Pillay on her Nobel Peace Price for promoting International Law saying it would be divisive.<br>• Its Remote Gambling Bill would expand legal gambling through licensing and regulation, rather than prohibition.<br>• The Public Protector found maladministration in basic services in Langa and Khayelitsha; the Constitutional Court declared the Tafelberg sale unlawful and found failures to fulfil affordable-housing obligations in central Cape Town. |
| **Reasons to vote for the DA** | • Its litigation has produced concrete transparency gains by obtaining and publishing cadre-deployment records.<br>• Its Cape Town administration is acknowledged as being well run, offering policies and a business environment supporting business growth and professional public administration.<br>• Implemented renewable energy measures, including surplus power payments and independent procurement |

# Democratic Alliance




- Favours a market-led approach centred on private-sector growth.
- Proposes reliable services, faster approvals and reduced business red tape.
- Supports skills development and youth employment.




- Supports universal coverage through a mixed public–private healthcare system.
- Opposes centralised NHI and retains a role for private medical schemes.
- Proposes stronger public-hospital management and reforms to private healthcare financing.




- Links environmental protection to economic growth and private investment.
- Supports renewable-energy expansion and greater municipal energy procurement.
- Promotes recycling partnerships, biodiversity protection and climate-resilient infrastructure.




- Favours a professional public service with appointments based on merit.
- Proposes ending cadre deployment and increasing procurement transparency.
- Supports stronger oversight and consequences for misconduct.




- Supports legalising and regulating online gambling through its Remote Gambling Bill.
- Proposes provincial licensing and financial-compliance requirements.
- Supports advertising controls and safeguards for minors and vulnerable players.




- Favours devolving policing powers to capable provincial and local governments.
- Proposes professional police leadership and stronger integrity oversight.
- Supports religious freedom and protection of individual and community religious rights.




- Takes a liberal, negotiated two-state approach, supporting a sovereign Palestine alongside a secure Israel.
- Recognises Israel's right to self-defence, subject to international law; frames the conflict around opposing radicalism on both sides.
- Has reserved judgement on whether Israel has committed genocide.

# Inkatha Freedom Party

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| **Policy direction** | A socially conservative, community-centred approach:<br>• jobs through small businesses, informal traders and small farmers;<br>• universal healthcare, with revised NHI funding and a defined private-sector role;<br>• energy security through coal, nuclear and renewables; and,<br>• Palestinian statehood through negotiations, while retaining diplomatic ties with Israel. |
| **Implementation record** | • Through its SCOPA chairmanship, it led hearings questioning law-enforcement agencies about alleged Eskom corruption.<br>• In Parliament, it opposed closing Israel's embassy and suspending diplomatic relations.<br>• In the 2025 parliamentary gambling debate, it called for a policy review covering online and cryptocurrency betting. |
| **Reasons not to vote for the IFP** | • It opposes the diplomatic isolation of Israel and does not name genocide. Strong historical ties to Israel.<br>• It treats online gambling largely as a matter of freedom of choice.<br>• Its commitment to maintaining coal production conflicts with a faster transition away from fossil fuels.<br>• Actively supports and defends the March on March movement even after its actions have lead to violence and islamophobia. |
| **Reasons to vote for the IFP** | • Its jobs programme prioritises small businesses, informal traders and small farmers.<br>• Its parliamentary record includes scrutiny of corruption allegations and public spending.<br>• It calls for action against corruption in healthcare. |

# Inkatha Freedom Party




- Emphasises local enterprise and community-based economic development.
- Proposes economic hubs supporting businesses and employment.
- Supports informal traders, small farmers and fair business licensing.




- Favours a redistributive approach to healthcare funding.
- Its manifesto supports NHI to shift resources away from expensive private healthcare.
- Proposes adequately funded facilities operating around the clock, with ambulance services.




- Emphasises natural-resource conservation and reliable, diversified energy supply.
- Supports renewable energy within a mixed energy strategy.
- Prioritises biodiversity, water security and reduced plastic pollution.




- Emphasises servant leadership, financial discipline and accountable administration.
- Supports fair, competitive and transparent municipal procurement.
- Proposes investigations and disciplinary or criminal action for wrongdoing.




- Balances freedom of choice with protection against gambling-related harm.
- Calls for updated regulation covering online and cryptocurrency-based betting.
- Proposes an industry-funded public-awareness and rehabilitation fund.




- Grounds its approach in ubuntu, community responsibility and devolved government.
- Supports professional policing, stronger visible policing and municipal police services.
- Defends religious freedom, including in schools, and condemns xenophobia and violence against foreign nationals.




- Favours negotiated coexistence and a two-state solution, emphasising non-violence and impartial mediation.
- Opposes diplomatic isolation and ambassador expulsions; explicitly argues that mediators should treat all parties equally.
- Supports compliance with the ICJ ruling, but its response describes a humanitarian crisis and conflict without expressly identifying genocide.

# ActionSA

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| **Policy direction** | **A market-led approach centred on jobs and accountable government:**<br>• business growth through less red tape and skills training;<br>• stronger anti-corruption enforcement and whistleblower protection;<br>• a gradual renewable-energy transition protecting workers; and<br>• negotiated peace in Palestine, retaining diplomatic engagement with Israel. |
| **Implementation record** | • It introduced legislation to protect and reward whistleblowers exposing procurement corruption.<br>• It introduced bills to abolish deputy ministers and curb Cabinet perks.<br>• It tabled legislation making MPs' participation in the Parmed medical scheme voluntary; this would not compel public-healthcare use. |
| **Reasons not to vote for ActionSA** | • It favours continued diplomatic ties with Israel and defers to the ICJ process on genocide. Condemns civilian killings without explicitly identifying genocide.<br>• It opposes outright bans on online gambling and gambling advertising.<br>• Its proposed experience-based minimum wage could weaken wage protection for new workers.<br>• Actively supports and defends the March on March movement even after its actions have lead to violence and islamophobia. |
| **Reasons to vote for ActionSA** | • It has translated anti-corruption proposals into legislation on whistleblower protection and incentives.<br>• Its jobs programme connects skills development with business growth and employment opportunities.<br>• Its green transition includes retraining and support for workers in fossil-fuel industries. |

# ActionSA




- Favours a business-led approach supported by efficient municipal government.
- Proposes reduced red tape and town-centre revitalisation.
- Connects young people with skills, employers and job opportunities.




- Supports stronger public healthcare alongside more affordable private medical cover.
- Opposes the current NHI model, prioritising reform of existing public institutions.
- Proposes expanding public hospitals, clinics and healthcare staffing.




- Supports a gradual green transition that protects workers and mining communities.
- Favours renewable-energy expansion and a responsible reduction in fossil-fuel dependence.
- Proposes recycling partnerships, pollution reduction and stronger disaster preparedness.




- Favours stronger enforcement, lifestyle audits and independent corruption watchdogs.
- Proposes protection and financial incentives for whistleblowers exposing procurement corruption.
- Supports blacklisting corrupt suppliers and recovering stolen public funds.




- Supports regulation rather than outright bans on online gambling or advertising.
- Advocates taxing the industry to address its social costs.
- Proposes funding addiction support, rehabilitation and essential public services.




- Emphasises restoring the rule of law and professional policing.
- Proposes specialist units tackling gangs, organised crime and financial crime.
- Defends religious freedom while supporting oversight that protects vulnerable people.




- Takes a universal human-rights approach, emphasising civilian suffering on both sides without distinguishing occupier and occupied in its published statement.
- Calls for de-escalation, diplomatic dialogue and a negotiated end to hostilities.
- Condemns civilian killings without explicitly identifying genocide

# Al Jama-ah

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| **Policy direction** | **An Islamic values-based approach centred on social justice:**<br>• community empowerment through cooperatives and skills development;<br>• NHI and stronger safeguards against healthcare corruption;<br>• food security and support for vulnerable households; and<br>• Palestinian liberation through embassy closure, boycotts, divestment and sanctions. |
| **Implementation record** | • It introduced several private members' bills<br>• It supported Parliament's 2023 motion to close Israel's embassy and suspend diplomatic relations.<br>• It published proposals to incorporate the UN Apartheid Convention into domestic law. |
| **Reasons not to vote for Al Jama-ah** | • Its manifesto gives limited detail on implementation costs and measurable delivery targets.<br>• Its Johannesburg mayoralty raised serious concerns about administrative competence.<br>• Its small representation makes implementing its programme dependent on larger coalition partners. |
| **Reasons to vote for Al Jama-ah** | • Its Palestine advocacy includes parliamentary support for diplomatic pressure and public boycott campaigns.<br>• Opposes gambling on moral grounds, consistent with Islamic principles.<br>• It explicitly challenges Islamophobia, xenophobia and discrimination, alongside poverty and spatial injustice. |

# Al Jama-ah




- Emphasises community-based economic empowerment and livelihood support.
- Proposes municipal employment centres linking residents to jobs.
- Supports township enterprises, youth skills and learnerships.




- Supports NHI as a means of achieving equitable, universal healthcare.
- Advocates public–private collaboration within NHI implementation.
- Prioritises better infrastructure and access to professionals in underserved communities.




- Emphasises community protection through environmental care and reliable basic services.
- Supports solar generation and independent power producers in municipal energy planning.
- Prioritises waste management, water and sanitation, and local climate resilience.




- Advocates values-based government led by ethical, competent officials.
- Supports transparent tender processes and stronger financial oversight.
- Emphasises accountable spending that serves communities and prevents abuse.




- Opposes gambling on moral grounds, consistent with Islamic principles.
- Condemns gambling's harmful social and financial consequences.
- Emphasises protecting money needed for essential household needs.




- Grounds community safety in justice and opposition to oppression.
- Calls for coordinated police action against violent crime and femicide.
- Explicitly opposes Islamophobia alongside racism, xenophobia and other discrimination.




- Grounds its position in solidarity with oppressed Palestinians; explicitly condemns Israeli occupation, apartheid and genocide.
- Calls for closing Israel's embassy, cutting trade and imposing boycotts, divestment and sanctions.
- Demands that South Africa translate condemnation into economic action, criticising government's failure to sever economic ties.

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## Score each party /10 for each category considering policy and implementation in your Municipality

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| Youth Unemployment | | | | |
| Public Health | | | | |
| Climate & Environmental Justice | | | | |
| Corruption & Procurement Transparency | | | | |
| Online Gambling | | | | |
| Fighting Crime & Islamophobia | | | | |
| Palestine & Foreign-policy Coherence | | | | |

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## Score each party /10 for each category considering policy and implementation in your Municipality

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## WHO WE ARE

The United Ulama Council of South Africa (UUCSA) is a national umbrella body established in 1994 to promote unity, cooperation and collective engagement among Muslim theological organisations and religious leadership in South Africa.

It provides a platform for the Ulama to deliberate on matters affecting the Muslim community and to develop coordinated responses to significant religious, social, legal and national issues.

UUCSA brings together established Ulama formations from across the country, seeking to strengthen collaboration, collective leadership and a unified voice on matters of common concern.

## OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

UUCSA seeks to promote Islamic teachings, protect religious freedom, advance the interests of the Muslim community and encourage constructive engagement with wider South African society. Through consultation and cooperation, it works to address contemporary challenges while upholding the principles of justice, dignity, accountability and social responsibility.

## KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

1. **Religious Leadership and Guidance**
Facilitating consultation among the Ulama and developing collective positions on religious matters and issues affecting Muslims.

2. **Advocacy and Religious Freedom**
Engaging with government, Parliament and relevant institutions on legislation, public policy, Muslim personal law and the protection of constitutional rights.

3. **Civic Participation and Governance**
Encouraging informed civic participation and constructive engagement with public representatives. Through its Political Strategy Committee, UUCSA promotes political education, community mobilisation, policy engagement and evidence-based advocacy without endorsing political parties or candidates.

4. **Social Justice and Community Development**
Promoting dignity, equality, social cohesion and the interests of vulnerable communities through dialogue, advocacy and collaboration with civil society and other stakeholders.

5. National and International Engagement
Building relationships with faith-based organisations, traditional leadership, civil society and international Muslim institutions to advance shared concerns and strengthen cooperation.

## OUR APPROACH

UUCSA is committed to consultation, collective responsibility and principled engagement. It seeks to translate shared values and community concerns into constructive dialogue, informed public participation and practical action. Its work recognises that the Muslim community has both a responsibility to uphold its religious principles and an important role to play in South Africa's democratic and social development.

## OUR VISION

A united, informed and empowered Muslim community that contributes meaningfully to a just, ethical, inclusive and democratic South Africa.

## LOOKING AHEAD

UUCSA continues to strengthen institutional cooperation, broaden stakeholder engagement and develop coordinated responses to issues affecting Muslims and wider society. Through religious leadership, policy advocacy, civic participation and strategic partnerships, it seeks to ensure that the voice and concerns of the Muslim community contribute meaningfully to the country's future.

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***A High-Impact Civic Investment in the Muslim Community's Political Future***

# Who is J Fund

Established following the United Ulama Council of South Africa's (UUCSA) Political Strategy Indaba in November 2024, which deliberated and concluded on the need for a non- partisan civic initiative to resource and support structured Muslim political engagement in South Africa.

The J Fund operates as the funding and implementation arm of the Muslim political advocacy strategy developed and overseen by the UUCSA Political Strategy Committee — the vehicle mandated to guide, coordinate, and steward this work on behalf of the community.

Through mobilising resources, developing leadership capacity, and supporting data-informed advocacy, the J Fund enables the execution of a long-term, values-driven political engagement strategy rooted in justice, dignity, and equitable development.

# Overview

South Africa's political landscape is rapidly evolving, with coalition governance, shifting voter behaviour, and increased competition for influence becoming the norm. In this environment, organised communities with clear strategies are best positioned to shape policy, protect their interests, and contribute meaningfully to national development.

This initiative represents a decisive shift in how the Muslim community engages the political system — moving from fragmented and reactive participation toward a structured, unified, and nationally coordinated approach.

Guided and overseen by the UUCSA Political Strategy Committee and driven operationally through the J Fund, this work is anchored in four core focus areas:

- Political education and advocacy to inform and empower voters
- Community mobilisation to strengthen civic participation
- Research and policy development to clearly articulate Muslim community priorities
- Cross-community alliance building that advances social justice, religious tolerance, and equitable development

**Our vision is a future where the Muslim community is not only heard, but consistently and credibly shaping the policies that define South Africa's shared society.**

# Strategic Outcomes

**By strengthening coordination, capacity, and engagement, this initiative seeks to:**

- **Increase meaningful Muslim participation in political processes at local, provincial, and national levels**
- **Strengthen Muslim representation and leadership pipelines across political and civic spaces**
- **Advance the articulation and uptake of Muslim community priorities within broader policy and legislative debates**
- **Establish a sustained, professional platform for long-term political engagement rooted in Islamic values**
- **Position the Muslim community as a credible, organised stakeholder in shaping South Africa's democratic future**

# Why Invest?



**Building Civic Capacity**

This is not a political party, but a long-term community investment in civic infrastructure, leadership development, and institutional capability.



**Structured Engagement**

Your contribution supports a coordinated, professional approach to political engagement — enabling consistent participation where decisions are made.



**Collective Obligation**

It is our collective obligation (fard kifayah) to ensure that the Muslim community is not marginalised or left without a voice in shaping the country's future.

***The return on this investment is generational: political access, policy protection, and social justice guided by Islamic principles.***

# The Directors of the J Fund



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# Get In Touch

We welcome **strategic enquiries and expressions of interest** from individuals and institutions that align with the values and vision of this initiative.

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