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**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**AIM:**

The establishment of the Arabic Language and Cultural Centre in Pretoria, South Africa.

**INTENDED CITY OF ESTABLISHMENT:**

Pretoria, South Africa.

**RATIONALE AND PURPOSE BEHIND THE ESTABLISHMENT:**

The Arabic language which is deeply rooted in Islam arrived in South Africa in 1654 through the migration of Muslims from different parts of the world. Unfortunately, after more than three hundred years of existence within the country, the Arabic language has not received the desired recognition.

Currently there are 226 foreign embassies and consulates which are located in Pretoria, Cape Town and Johannesburg. In addition to this, there are many cultural centres representing a wide variety of cultures and languages. However, the Arabic language is currently underrepresented. As the International Knowledge Foundation - South Africa, we aim to shine the spotlight on the importance and significance of the Arabic language. We believe that this can be achieved through the establishment of the Arabic Language and Cultural Centre. Through this envisioned establishment, the International Knowledge Foundation- South Africa aims to provide a facility for the South African public to embrace and celebrate the beauty of the Arabic language.

**INTENDED YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT:**

As soon as possible, starting from 2024

**DESIRED OUTCOME:**

Through the establishment of the Arabic Language and Cultural Centre, it is hoped that the Arabic language as the official language of 22 countries, one of the six official languages of the United Nations, the language of Islamic religion, with 1.5 billion Muslims globally, which is 23% of the world's population and more than 2% of South Africa's population will be celebrated amongst a much broader audience and contribute towards efforts of social cohesion and nation building in South Africa.

In addition to that it's well known that some Arab countries such as State of Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman are extremely rich in natural resources. Someone who speaks Arabic among South African youth will be in an extremely advantageous position job-wise in those region.

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