

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE

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To the Bahá'ís of the World

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

On the Day of the Covenant, 25 November 2025, a new five-year term of service for the members of the Continental Boards of Counsellors for the Protection and Propagation of the Faith will commence. We are delighted to announce the names of the Counsellors appointed for the coming term, whose number remains at ninety.

AFRICA (20 Counsellors): Izzat Abumba Mionda, Mariama Ousmane Djaouga, Alain Pierre Djoulde, Augustino Ibrahim, Mati Issoufou, Hamed Javaheri, Musonda Kapusa-Linsel (Trustee of the Continental Fund), Linet Nafula Kisaka, Townshend Lihanda, Makoena Martha Masha, Judicaël Mokolé, Amélia Mujinga Ngandu, Nsika Mutasa, Justave Ndjibu Kapenga, Mélanie Ngalula Muambangu, Michael Okiria, Nana Yaw Otu-Ansah, Nancy Oloro Robarts, Djamila Tchakréo, Annie Yohari Kingombe

THE AMERICAS (21 Counsellors): Vafa William Akhtar-Khavari, José Luis Almeida, Sonya Appadoo, Ayafor Temengye Ayafor, Louis Boddy, Natasha Bruss, Brígida Carrillo, Ingrid Umpierre Conter, Blas Cruz Martínez, Daniel Duhart, Farah Guchani-Rosenberg, Badi Hernandez, Nazanin Ho, Irene Iturburo, Jasmine Miller-Kleinhenz, Borna Nouredin (Trustee of the Continental Fund), Wedzer Saintea, Pejman Samoori, Bernardino Sánchez, William Silva, Margarita Valdez Martínez

ASIA (27 Counsellors): Yam Prasad Acharya, Vafa David Amirkia, Bhavna Anbarasan, Walid Ayyash, Marijini Deraoh, Gulnara Eyvazova, Shareen Farhad, Rahul Kumar, Nicholas Loh, Parimal Mahato, Tarrant Matthew Mahony, Uttam Mitra, Fares Naimi, Melonna Jane Montalban Njang, Rasha Ofazoğlu, Thi Thuc Quynh Ho, Zafar Rahimov, Foad Reyhani (Trustee of the Continental Fund), Hesham Saad, Niroshini Saleh, Omid Seioshanseian, Oxana Shulga, Dregpal Singh, Sadhu Ram Tamang, Fang Jung Tseng Chung, Lyazzat Yangaliyeva, Ozoda Zoidova

AUSTRALASIA (10 Counsellors): Bob Ale, Latai 'Atoa, Bererin Barnabas, Julie Joekari, Kirk Johnson, Taraz Nadarajah, Daniel Pierce Olam, Vahid Saberi (Trustee of the Continental Fund), Jeffrey Sabour, Reena Torabi

EUROPE (12 Counsellors): Faina Berger, Marina Bruckmann, Raffaella Capozzi Gubinelli, Orlando Ravelo Hernández, Varqá Khadem (Trustee of the Continental

Fund), Ana-Maria Marian, Puria Mahally, Veronika Medvedeva, Hedyeh Nadafi-Stoffel, Navid Sabet, Alexis Semple, Shirin Youssefian Maanian

The following believers, now being relieved of the duties of membership on the Boards of Counsellors, have earned our abiding gratitude for their sacrificial contributions to the progress of the Cause:

Jamil Aliyev, Ritia Kamauti Bakineti, Beatriz Carmona, Nadera Fikri, Kam Mui Fok Sayers, Agatha Sarinoda Gaisie-Nketsiah, Sonlla Heern, Nwandi Ngozi Lawson, Ada Micheline Leonce Ferdinand, Sabà Mazza, Jalal Rodney Mills, Maina Mkandawire, Myint Zaw Oo, Yevgeniya Poluektova, Arthur Powell, Sokuntheary Reth, Artin Rezaie, Mehdi Rezvan, Kessia Ruh, Tessa Scrine, Zebinisso Soliyeva, Ircham Sujadmiko, Jacques Tshibuabua Kabuya, Paul Verheij

These dear friends will no doubt remain a source of inspiration and strength to the believers as they continue to dedicate their efforts to the advancement of the Faith in the years ahead. We shall offer supplications in the Holy Shrines on their behalf, that their every endeavour in the path of service to the Cause of God may receive an abundant share of divine blessings.

Since the launch of the Nine Year Plan at Riḍván 2022, the Bahá'í world has been focused on the aim of releasing the society-building power of the Faith in ever-greater measures. Already great strides have been made, and in places, early signs that portend a profound transformation in the life of society are becoming evident. As the Bahá'í world enters the second phase of the Nine Year Plan this coming Riḍván, there is much experience to draw from and build upon, and we look to the Counsellors to nurture the increasingly complex processes of learning unfolding in all parts of the globe. We are calling the Counsellors from all continents to the Bahá'í World Centre for a conference that will take place from 31 December 2025 to 4 January 2026, during which deliberations will be held on the exigencies of the second phase of the Nine Year Plan and on the decisive role the Counsellors, together with their auxiliaries, are to play in meeting the challenges and taking advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead.

It is our ardent prayer at the Sacred Threshold that the Blessed Beauty may vouchsafe unto these ninety souls His unfailing protection and unceasing confirmations as they, together with cohorts of His loved ones, labour for His Cause.

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