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## **Statement on Fossil Fuel Divestment by the Fiqh Council of North America**

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The MJC (SA) adheres to the code of belief of the Ahlus Sunnah wal Jama'ah. It is the most representative and influential Muslim religious organization in the Western Cape, recognized locally, nationally and internationally for the religious, cultural and organizational roles it plays in South Africa.

The MJC has been a participant of the International Financing the Future Conference, where the topic of Fossil Fuel Divestment was discussed.

The Muslim Judicial Council (SA) has noted the Fatwa by the Fiqh Council of North America on Fossil Fuel Divestment.

We affirm that it is the overwhelming consensus of climate scientists that this clear and present danger is caused by the continued burning of fossil fuels. To go beyond the 1.5-degree limit will endanger all human civilization and planetary life. Scientists are already projecting that 1 in four species, 1,000,000 species, are in danger of extinction by the end of this century.

The Muslim Judicial Council (SA) Fatwa Committee has received the Fatwa by the Fiqh Council of North America, and is in the process of reviewing it. However, in principle, the MJC (SA), supports the Quranic injunction and call of the Sharia to protect Human Life, as well as the responsibility on us as human beings as custodians of the Earth, to ensure it's protection.

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