## **Editorial**

Welcome to the first issue and volume of the journal of Islamic studies and Arabic Language. The major themes include Islamic jurisprudence, Sharia, Islamic civilization and diversity of the Arabic language.

Walusimbi presents a societal challenge concerning shelter for a widow. He reconciles culture, Islamic law and the law of the land to come up with a moderate position regarding the subject.

Jalloh looks at devotion as a wider concept in Islam that includes spiritual and material aspects. He corrects the assumption of restricting devotion to places of worship and certain rituals.

Muhindo, Basing on Arabic proverbs and poetry, depicts the status of woman in traditional societies. He renounces discrimination against the female. He stresses the complementary role of a woman to a man.

Gyagenda studies zakāt compliance among the Muslim community in Uganda. He maintains that the Muslim community would be better off if those who should pay zakāt did so.

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