Three new books by Shabbir Banoobhai
to celebrate his 60th birthday

Sunday, 25 Oct 09
3.30pm for 4.00pm

District Six Museum
25A Buitenkant Street, Cape Town

Guest Speaker:
Kabir Bavikatte
International environmental lawyer

Hosted by: Muslim Youth Movement of SA, Cape Town

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Michael Chapman, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, on
‘lyrics in paradise’

A wise, distinctive voice; powerful, pure poetry.

Mphutlane wa Bofelo on
‘a mountain is an upside down valley’

Shabbir Banoobhai seems to have arrived at the point where he sees in all human beings and creatures reflections of the light of God. Even in the darkest face of humanity he sees primordial and transcen
dental light.

Sa’ddiyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town, on
‘if i could write’

A luminous work of the heart; a genuine and original Sufi primer for the 21st-century seeker, reflecting an important development in con
temporary South African spiritual thought.

Kobus Moolman, University of KZN, on
‘inward moon outward sun’

In the body of South African writing, Banoobhai’s is amongst a handful of voices with the courage to articulate a contemporary spirituality and the artistic skill to do so convincingly.

Joan Metelerkamp on
‘book of songs’

Shabbir Banoobhai takes a position that requires daring combined with humility - there is no rhetoric, no propaganda, but also no slink
ing away, no hiding in the suburbs of language, no shrinking from an encounter with mystery. A meditative cycle like this one reminds us of our common thirst for love and meaning.