

IsDB-WB-WFDFI Conference

Islamic Finance

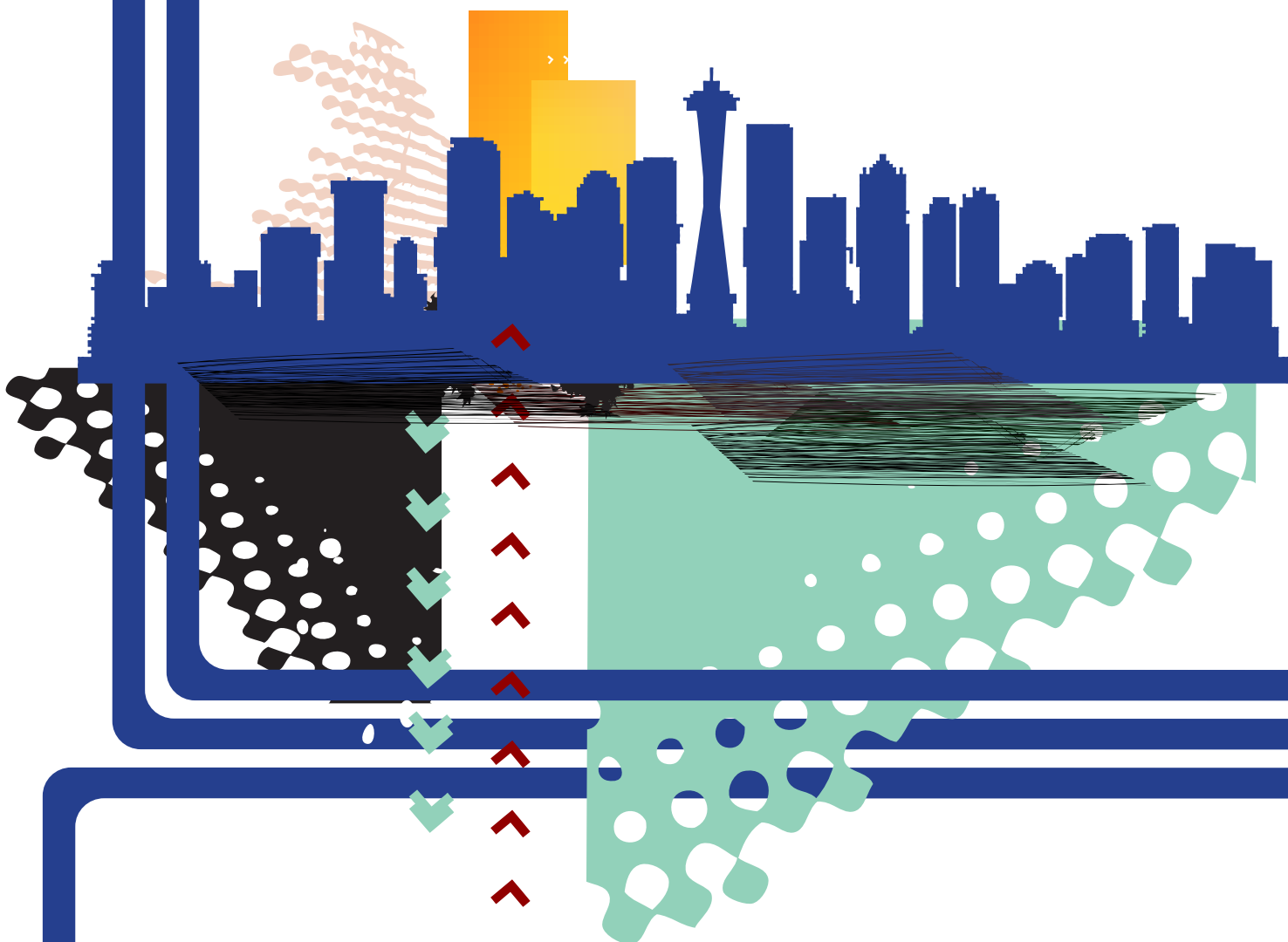
*(An event jointly organised by
the Islamic Development Bank,
World Bank and World Federation
of Development Financing
Institutions)*

Room MC 2-800, Second Floor

World Bank Main Building

Washington DC, USA

11 October 2013, 11.00-15.00 hours



Program

Time	Theme
11.00 – 11.30	Registration and Coffee
11.30 – 11.40	Opening Remarks Mr. Süleyman Aslan, CEO of Halkbank, Turkey on behalf of WFDI / ADFIMI Chairman
11.40 – 11.50	Inaugural Address by Dr Ahmad Mohamed Ali, President, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
11.50 – 12.00	Keynote Address by Dr Mahmoud Mohieldin, President’s Special Envoy, World Bank
12.00 – 12.10	Welcoming Remarks by Dr Tunc Uyanik, Director, East Asia and Pacific Region and Financial Systems Global Practice, Finance & Private Sector Development, and Chair of the World Bank Group’s Islamic Economics and Finance Working Group
12.10 – 12.50	“How does Islamic banking and finance contribute to sustainable development and inclusive growth?” <i>Moderator: Mr. Ahmed Rostom – Financial Sector Specialist – World Bank</i> - Dr Azmi Omar, Director General, Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI), IsDB - Dr Kabir Hassan, Professor of Finance, University of New Orleans
12.50 – 1.35	Lunch Break
1.35 – 2.20	“How can the Islamic financial sector contribute to a more resilient financial sector?—Lessons from the Financial Crises” <i>Moderator: Dr Azmi Omar, Director General, IRTI, IsDB</i> - Dr Zamir Iqbal, Lead Investment Officer, Treasury, World Bank - Dr. Ken Baldwin Director, Financial Policies and Planning, IsDB
2.20 – 3.00	“Towards a stronger regulatory and institutional framework of the Islamic financial sector—Challenges and perspectives” <i>Moderator: Dr Azmi Omar, Director General, IRTI, IsDB</i> - Abayomi Alawode, Financial Systems Practice Manager, World Bank - Dr Ghiath Shabsigh, Assistant Director of the Monetary and Capital Market Department at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the head of the Central Banking Operations division
3.00	End of the Conference



INTRODUCTION

The Islamic finance industry has been at the center of focus of global financial markets. The core tenets of Islamic finance calls for asset backing and strong links between the financial sector and the real sector. This reflected on a more stable performance and stronger support to economic development in many countries that adopted Islamic financial instruments particularly at stress times of financial crises.

This conference is held in partnership between the World Bank, Islamic Development Bank and the World Federation of Development Financing Institutions as part of the World Bank's/IMF annual meetings program of seminars for 2013. It provides an excellent opportunity for rich and deep discussions between global MDB's, development financial institutions, regulators and policy makers on the prospects and challenges of the industry's development.

The conference will be inaugurated by Dr. Ahmad Ali – President of Islamic Development Bank and Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin – World Bank's President Special Envoy and Dr. Tunc Uyanik – Director of Global Financial Systems Practice and East Asia and Pacific Finance and Private Sector Development and the Chair of the World Bank's Islamic Finance Working Group, as they will provide participants with a strategic outlook for the industry's development on the global level. The three sessions of the conference will host a group of global experts who will discuss the role of Islamic banks to foster sustainable development, deepening financial inclusion, ensuring financial stability in addition to the challenges of regulatory convergence and standardization to promote healthy growth for the industry.



Contributors:



Dr. Ahmad Mohamed Ali Al-Madani

Dr. Ahmad Mohamed Ali Al-Madani is the first President of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) since 1975. He holds a B.A. degree in Commerce and a degree in Law from Cairo University, Egypt. He earned M.A. and PhD degrees, both in Public Administration, from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and, State University of New York (SUNY), Albany, USA, respectively in 1962 and 1967. He is married and has four children.

Dr Ali began his career in education and manpower development in Yemen during 1958-59. He served as the Acting Rector of King Abdulaziz University in Saudi Arabia from 1967 to 1972.

Upon the initiative of the late King Faisal Bin Abdulaziz, when the member countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) decided to establish the Islamic Development Bank, he was chosen as its first President.

Not limiting the Bank's activities in one direction, Dr Ali looks at development in its totality and has spread the involvement of the Bank in several directions including trade, insurance, the private sector, as demonstrated by the establishment of the Islamic Development Bank Group of Institutions comprising the Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI), the Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC), the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD), and the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC).

In the last few years, his wealth of experience and open-minded approach, coupled with the mission of "The best amongst you are those who are beneficial for others" has led to the establishment of other entities for the alleviation of poverty, eradication of illiteracy, etc, such as the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD).

Dr Ali's views on development have been expressed in many articles, speeches, lectures and working papers on Islamic Economics, Banking and Education. He is a firm believer that Islamic principles and its applications in Economics and Banking has a lot to offer the world and thus contribute positively towards solving the current economic crisis.



Süleyman Aslan

Mr. Süleyman Aslan, born in 1970 in Osmançık/Çorum, graduated from Department of International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at the Middle East Technical University. He began his career in 1992 at the Ziraat Bank School of Banking, and then worked as a specialist in the Capital Markets Department at the same bank, as an assistant manager of the Istanbul Investment Securities Branch, following which he became a line manager of the Bonds and Bills Department of the same bank. Aslan was the

general manager and a board member of Ziraat Asset Management, as well as the head of the Foreign Exchange and Money Markets Department at Ziraat Bank. Aslan was the general manager responsible for Treasury Management and International Banking between June 17, 2005 and July 15, 2011 and has been a board member and the general manager of T. Halk Bankası A.Ş. since July 15, 2011. He is also the chairman of Halk Hayat ve Emeklilik A.Ş.



Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin

Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin is the World Bank President's Special Envoy. Dr. Mohieldin has served as the Minister of Investment for the Arab Republic of Egypt, which is responsible for Investment Policy, Management of state - owned assets including privatization and restructuring of public enterprises, joint ventures, and the non - banking financial services including capital market, insurance and mortgage finance. Dr. Mohieldin has served as an Economic Advisor to the Minister of State for Economic Affairs; Senior Economic Advisor to the Minister of Economy & Foreign Trade; and Senior Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Trade.



Dr. Tunc T. Uyanik

Dr. Tunc Tashin Uyanik is the Director of the Financial and Private Sector Development Department in East Asia and Pacific Region at the World Bank and the Director for the Financial Systems Global Practice which leads the World Bank's efforts in promoting sound, efficient and safe financial systems. Dr. Uyanik is also leading the World Bank Group's efforts on Islamic Finance by coordinating the Bank's analytical and operational work in the area. Dr. Uyanik plays a leading role in the financial and private sector development policy dialogue with the Governments and heads the World Bank's operational work in the above areas. Dr. Uyanik's areas of expertise span across several financial and private sector development issues, including banking sector restructuring; bank liquidation and privatization; asset recovery and management; financial sector policy and regulation; capital market development; lines of credit and guarantees; financial inclusion, and enterprise restructuring and privatization. Prior to the World Bank, Dr. Uyanik worked in managerial and advisory capacity in various Turkish banks and as an Associate Professor of Finance and Accounting at Hacettepe University



Dr. Azmi Omar

As the Director General of IRTI, Prof. Dato' Omar has over three decades of experience in teaching, research, consulting and academic administration related to the Islamic financial services industry. Prior to joining IRTI, Prof Dato' Omar has served as Deputy Rector (Academic and Research) and Dean, Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences, and Dean of Islamic Banking and Finance Institute of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM).

Prof Dato' Omar holds a Doctorate in Finance from the University of Wales, Bangor, United Kingdom, a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science (Finance) degree from the Northern Illinois University, United States of America. His areas of specialization include Islamic Banking and Finance, Islamic Capital Markets, Managerial and Corporate Finance, Portfolio Management and Investment Analysis and Financial Statement Analysis.

Prof Dato' Omar is a well-known consultant in the field of Islamic banking and has been extensively consulted by organizations, such as, EONCAP Islamic Bank Berhad, Bank Rakyat Malaysia, Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia, Silverlake Systems, Commerce International Merchant Bank (CIMB), KAF Discount House, Aseam Bankers Berhad, Permodalan Bank Simpanan Nasional Berhad and the Islamic Development Bank of Brunei among others.

A widely respected teacher and researcher, he has conducted numerous research projects and supervised more than fifteen doctoral students in the field of Islamic banking and finance. He has published numerous articles in refereed journals, conference proceedings and chapters in books besides presenting papers at international seminars and conferences, In recognition of his distinguished track record, he was honored with an award by the Sultan of Pahang in 2006 and later another award by the Sultan of Kelantan in 2007. Both awards carry the honorific title "Dato".



Dr M. Kabir Hassan

Dr. M. Kabir Hassan is a financial economist with consulting, research and teaching experiences in development finance, money and capital markets, Islamic finance, corporate finance, investments, monetary economics, macroeconomics and international trade and finance. He provided consulting services to the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Islamic Development Bank, African Development Bank, USAID, Government of Bangladesh, Organization of Islamic Conferences, Federal Reserve Bank, USA, and many corporations, private organizations and universities around the world. Dr. Hassan received his BA in Economics and Mathematics from Gustavus Adolphus College, Minnesota, USA, and M.A. in Economics and Ph.D. in Finance from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA respectively. He is Hibernia Professor of Economics and Finance in the Department of Economics and Finance at the University of New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. He has numerous papers and books to his credit. He is also editor and co-editor of several international journals and handbooks.



Dr. Ken Baldwin

Dr. Ken Baldwin currently works at the Islamic Development Bank as Director of Financial Policies and Planning. He has worked in the Middle East for more than half his career, previously holding positions as Chief Risk Officer and Chief Operating Officer in the Private Sector. Prior to that he was at UBS and Credit Suisse in London. He holds a first class honors degree in Physics from Oxford University, a PhD in Game Theory and is a Chartered Accountant.



Mr. Abayomi Alawode

Practice Manager, Financial Systems, Financial and Private Sector Development, The World Bank Group

Abayomi Alawode joined the Bank in 1997 and is practice manager for Financial Systems Global Practice. Previously, he was a lead financial sector specialist in the East Asia and Pacific Region and an adviser on financial stability at the Central Bank of Bahrain. Abayomi has written several papers on monetary and financial sector issues in Africa.



Dr. Zamir Iqbal

Dr. Zamir Iqbal is Lead Investment Officer with the Quantitative Strategies, Risk and Analytics department in the Treasury of the World Bank in Washington, D.C. He holds a Ph.D. in international finance from the George Washington University. He has extensive experience with structured finance, derivatives, and risk management. His research interest includes Islamic Finance, Financial Engineering, and Risk Management. He has written extensively on Islamic finance and has co-authored several books on Islamic finance on diverse topics

including risk analysis of Islamic banks, globalization, financial stability of Islamic finance, and risk-sharing in Islamic finance. He is Chairholder of YTI Chair of Islamic Finance at University Sans Islam Malaysia. He also serves as Professional faculty at Carey Business School of The Johns Hopkins University.



Ghiath Shabsigh

Mr. Shabsigh is currently the Assistant Director of the Monetary and Capital Market Department at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the head of the Central Banking Operations division. Prior responsibilities included financial sector surveillance management, oversight of the financial sector work in the Middle East and Central Asia regions, and financial sector technical assistance management.

He joined the IMF in 1992 and worked on economic and financial sector reform programs, capacity building, and FSAPs in countries in Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia.

He is also the lead IMF lead expert on Islamic banking and finance. His previous work experiences include working as a financial analyst, business development consultant, and teaching.

Mr. Shabsigh holds a Ph.D. degree in Monetary Economics and International Finance, a MA in Economic Development, a B.Sc. in Economics and Business, and a number of professional qualifications in banking and securities market operations.



Ahmed Rostom

Ahmed Rostom is a Financial Sector Specialist at The World Bank's East Asia and Pacific: Finance and Private Sector Development Department (EASFP). His duties include supporting EASFP team on conducting analysis, post implementation monitoring and evaluation for financial sector projects. He also helps the team on devising programs relating to developing regulatory frameworks and reforming financial systems in the region.

Since joining the World Bank in 2010, Mr. Rostom's professional experience spanned financial development policies, financial inclusion, Islamic finance and financial sector reform. He worked on a number of Financial Sector Development projects in MENA Region as well as Output Based Aid projects in the Finance; Economics and Urban Development Unit in the Social Development Anchor. Mr. Rostom has also worked with the advisory team to the World Bank's Managing Director on issues relating to Islamic finance and global financial architecture.

He co-authored many World Bank working papers and reports on financial development, Islamic finance and financial inclusion. Prior to joining the World Bank, he was the Head of Financial Services Policies Unit in the Egyptian Ministry of Investment from 2004 till 2009, and the Head of The International Cooperation Department in The Egyptian Money Laundering Combating Unit during 2003. He was also a Deputy Manager – Credit Risk Management Department at the Egyptian Gulf Bank that he joined in 1998 till 2003. He holds a M.Sc. in Economics from Faculty of Economics and Political Science in Cairo University and a M.Sc. in Economics and Social Policy Analysis from University of York in United Kingdom. Mr. Rostom is currently in the final stages of his Ph.D. in Economics at George Washington University at Washington D.C. in fields of Quantitative Economics and International Trade and finance. He was awarded The International Ford Foundation Fellowship for his Ph.D. studies in USA and the United Kingdom's Foreign Commonwealth Office Chevening Award for his postgraduate study in UK.



IsDB:

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) is an international financial institution established in December 1973 and began operations on 20 October 1975. The purpose of the Bank is to foster the economic development and social progress of member countries and Muslim communities individually as well as jointly in accordance with the principles of Islamic Law. The functions of the Bank are to participate in equity capital and grant loans for productive projects and enterprises besides providing financial assistance to member countries in other forms for economic and social development. The Bank is authorized to accept deposits and to mobilize financial resources through Shari'ah compatible modes.



The World Bank:

The World Bank Group has set two goals for the world to achieve by 2030:

- End extreme poverty by decreasing the percentage of people living on less than \$1.25 a day to no more than 3%
- Promote shared prosperity by fostering the income growth of the bottom 40% for every country

The World Bank is a vital source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world. It is a unique partnership to reduce poverty and support development. The World Bank Group comprises five institutions (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID) managed by their member countries.

Established in 1944, the World Bank Group is headquartered in Washington, D.C. It has more than 10,000 employees in more than 120 offices worldwide.



WFDFI:

The World Federation of Development Financing Institutions (WFDFI) was founded in June 13, 1979 among the Association of African Development Finance Institutions (AADFI) based in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, the Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP) based in Manila, Philippines and the Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE) based in Lima, Peru. The Association of National Development Finance Institutions in Member Countries of the Islamic Development Bank (ADFIMI) based in Istanbul, Turkey joined the WFDFI in 1997. To date, the four regional DFI associations have a total membership in excess of 320 institutions in over 150 countries and territories.

The World Federation of Development Financing Institutions upholds the primacy of its commitment to the development of the regional associations as well as individual member DFIs; supports not only the traditional role of development banking but also the more aggressive thrust of diversification now gaining foothold in most DFIs in order to ensure the continued impact of DFIs in the economic development.