



7TH WORLD ISLAMIC ECONOMIC FORUM

“Globalising Growth: Connect, Compete, Collaborate”

8-9 June 2011 * Palace of Independence, Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan

DAY 1 (Wednesday, 8 June 2011)

8.00 am – 9.00 am	Registration Venue: Level 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan Arrival of Delegates, Guests and VIPs
10.00 am – 11.30 am	OPENING CEREMONY Venue: Great Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Quran Recital- Speech by the Hon. Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman, WIEF Foundation- Keynote Address and Official Opening of the 7th WIEF by H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of Kazakhstan - Special Addresses by Leaders.

11.30 am – 12.00 nm	Signing of Agreements		
12.00 noon – 1.30 pm	<p>LEADERS LUNCHEON Hosted by H.E. Karim Massimov, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan (By Invitation Only) Venue: Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p> <p>Delegates Lunch Venue: Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p>		
1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	<p>PLENARY ONE: LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE Entrepreneurship as a Vehicle of Growth: A Roadmap to Success</p> <p>Entrepreneurship is a mindset or culture that emerges as a result of a combination of factors involving various stakeholders and institutions in society. Institutions such as the education system, civil society, labour and the business sector play very crucial roles in creating the right ecosystem for entrepreneurship to flourish. It is therefore pivotal that government policies facilitate the empowerment of these institutions to nurture a culture of entrepreneurship amongst its people. A sound ecosystem can help create generations of citizens who can come up with innovative ideas to create products and services that can uplift society’s socio-economic wellbeing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the main role of governments in creating this ecosystem? 	1.30 pm – 4.45 pm	<p>SPECIAL FORUM ON COUNTRIES IN FOCUS “Investment Opportunities & Challenges”</p> <p>Supported by Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group</p> <p>A signature Forum for the WIEF where speakers would showcase the business and investment opportunities available in the selected countries and to promote collaboration across borders. Speakers will highlight the guidelines to doing business in the countries concerned, the incentives given, updates on specific projects, if any and other related issues of interest to investors and businessmen. The session will provide an excellent opportunity for participants to interact with policy makers and entrepreneurs from the respective countries</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can other stakeholders such as the private sector and civil society facilitate in this process? • What role can a more vigorous business sector do in opening up new markets and venturing abroad? <p>Venue: Great Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p>	<p>1.30 pm – 1.45 pm</p>	<p>Venue: Small Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p> <p>Introductory Speeches</p>
<p>3.30 pm – 5.30 pm</p>	<p>PLENARY TWO Islamic Banking and Finance in Emerging Markets: Seizing Opportunities, Overcoming Challenges Islamic banking and finance is one of the fastest growing industries in the world. The fact that the Islamic financial service industry has been largely immune to this crisis had led to its greater growth in the future. This would encourage the Islamic banking industry players to explore the possibility of expanding their operations to new emerging economies to secure greater returns on their investment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the future outlook for these emerging economies? • How can the industry capture growth potential of these emerging economies? • What are the regulatory frameworks and the challenges that could be expected? <p>Venue: Great Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p>	<p>1.45 pm – 2.45 pm</p> <p>2.45 pm – 3.45 pm</p> <p>3.45 pm – 4.45 pm</p>	<p>SESSION 1</p> <p>SESSION 2</p> <p>SESSION 3</p>

5.30 pm	Refreshments / Informal Networking		
7.00 pm – 8.30 pm	GALA DINNER Hosted by H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, the President of the Republic Kazakhstan (By Invitation Only) Venue: Saltanat Sarayi		
6.00 pm – 7.30 pm	DELEGATES DINNER Hosted by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan Venue: Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan		

DAY 2 (Thursday, 9 June 2011)

<p>9.00 am – 10.30 am</p>	<p>PARALLEL SESSIONS</p> <p>SESSION 1: Deploying Innovative Technologies for Infinite Possibilities</p> <p>The cataclysmic economic events of the past two years have demonstrated that businesses cannot afford to continue to govern and manage their organizations and institutions – both public and private – using the same assumptions or models of the past. It is important to change the perception on technology and innovation, their role in economic development and how to create policies that foster innovation. Globally, innovation is recognized as the premier path to economic expansion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • would public-private partnership be the best way to fund these technologies? What role should the government have to advance research in these areas? • what are the main challenges and obstacles? • how do we develop innovative approaches toward improving corporate culture integration and eliminating needless complexity? • should companies adopt the ‘offensive’ approach, implementing talent strategies 	<p>SESSION 2: Infrastructure Development: Investing for the Future</p> <p>A sound infrastructure is an essential backbone to a country’s economic strength. It supports economic activities, improves human capital, creates jobs, opens up new markets and improves public services Despite the challenging economic environment, infrastructure investments and projects must go on. Public-private partnerships in infrastructure development are crucial to stave off recession and continue to create employment opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • which sectors represent the greatest opportunities for growth? • where can investors, financiers, developers, and government officials discover where to invest? • how can project developers raise capital and forge the partnerships needed to get business done? 	<p>SESSION 3: Innovating SMEs: Driving Future Growth</p> <p>In an era of globalisation, for any small or medium sized enterprise to grow and prosper it must have the competitive edge. The complex yet dynamic environment of global markets today presents new and exciting challenges to even the most experienced business leaders. To remain competitive in this climate a business needs to review its practices, become innovative, increase productivity, seek new alliances and manage its resources more effectively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what are the opportunities and challenges that SMEs face in the present environment? • how could SMEs cultivate and develop an innovative culture to stay ahead in today’s technology and knowledge driven global economy? • what are the future global trends that may alter business competitiveness what is the role of
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	<p>dedicated to driving innovation?</p> <p>Venue: Great Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p>	<p>Venue: Small Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p>	<p>government in fostering creativity, innovation and productivity?</p> <p>Venue: Small Hall 2, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p>
<p>10.30 am – 11.00 am</p>	<p>Refreshments / Informal Networking</p>		
<p>11.00 am – 12.30 pm</p>	<p>SESSION 4: Food Security: Balancing Trade and Social Needs By 2050, the world’s population is projected to reach 9.1 billion. Together with the ensuing consumption growth, the global demand for food will increase for another 40 years. Growing competition for land, water, and energy as well as the overexploitation of resources, will affect our ability to produce food. The effects of climate change are a further threat. The world must produce more food and ensure that it is used more efficiently and equitably. A multifaceted and linked global strategy is needed to ensure sustainable and equitable food security.</p>	<p>SESSION 5: World of Halal: Tapping the Potential of the Global Halal Ecosystem The World Muslim population is approaching 1.6 billion people and expected to increase by 30% of the world’s population by 2025. The Halal industry is one of the fastest growing industries, with growth rates exceeding traditional industry sectors. At present, there are huge gaps between the existing trade level of Halal products and size of the market potential.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how do we harness the investment and trade opportunities available in the global halal industry? 	<p>SESSION 6: Harvesting Alternative Energy: Cleaner, Greener, Safer Energy harvesting has been around for centuries in the form of windmills, watermills and passive solar power systems. In recent decades, technologies such as wind turbines, hydro-electric generators and solar panels have turned harvesting into a small but growing contributor to the world’s energy needs. This technology offers two main advantages: virtually inexhaustible sources and little or no adverse environmental effects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what are the latest trends and current technologies being used

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how can we forge a partnership between public and private sectors to promote and improve food security? • what are the challenges, risks and possible drivers of future food crises? • how can the private sector play a role in reducing the likelihood of future crises? • what can be done to protect, conserve and enhance the natural resources required to support the required growth in the production of food? • how do we guarantee that everyone has access to the food they need for an active and healthy life? <p>Venue: Great Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what are the new research findings, emerging technologies, trends, issues and challenges in the global Halal industry? • could emerging technologies help develop new products and improve the technology in halal food and non-food products processing? • has there been a change in consumer preference and awareness level, and what is their impact? <p>Venue: Small Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p>	<p>today?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who are the leaders in renewable energy and who are the laggards? • what is the market potential for renewable energy and what level of investment is required to help it reach full potential? • what is the role of government in promoting the application of these alternative energy? What supporting policy framework and direction does the renewable energy industry need from government? • can markets and policies deliver a clean revolution at a time when climate change science is coming under fire? <p>Venue: Small Hall 2, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p>
<p>12.30 pm – 2.00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch Venue: Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p>		
<p>2.00 pm – 3.30 pm</p>	<p>PLENARY THREE: Islamic Banking and Finance: Raising the Bar Despite a global financial setback that has jeopardized the integrity of the conventional banking system, the Islamic banking industry has not been expanding at a desirable rate. Islamic finance as a whole has not been able to capitalize on the credibility gap left by the conventional system of debt and inflation. This problem can be attributed to the restricted outreach of its market</p>		

	<p>base and the lack of sound infrastructure crucial for it to grow to its maximum potential. But the current tide is in its favour. Now Islamic finance is a household name in many countries and has even made its way into different regions across Europe and North America, all competing to get a slice of lucrative Muslim capital.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current state of the Islamic finance landscape in the aftermath of the global crisis? What are its growth strategies? How do we define its next stage of evolution? • Are interpretations of Islamic finance principles real impediments to its growth? • Is harmonization possible in the varying regulatory frameworks governing Islamic banking? What are the practical steps towards this direction? <p>Venue: Great Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p>
<p>3.30 pm – 5.00 pm</p>	<p>PLENARY FOUR: GLOBAL CEO PANEL Innovative Leadership: Capitalizing on Complexity</p> <p>Today, organizations are operating in complex environment which is increasingly volatile and uncertain. Most successful organizations are using new approaches to tap new opportunities and overcome the many challenges to growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how are CEOs responding to a competitive and complex business environment? • what strategies do successful organizations employ to tap into new opportunities, and overcome the barriers to growth? • would value creation be important? What organizational capabilities do businesses need to acquire in order to capitalize on opportunities? • what individual capabilities should a leader develop in order to be effective? <p>Venue: Great Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p>
<p>5.00 pm – 5.30 pm</p>	<p>CONCLUDING SESSION Venue: Great Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7th WIEF Astana Statement read by H.E. Aset O. Issekeshov, Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan & Chairman, National Organising Committee of the 7th WIEF - Vote of Thanks by Hon. Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman, WIEF

5.45 pm

END OF FORUM & REFRESHMENTS

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