



2nd Annual
Islamic Banking Summit
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6th & 7th November 2013, Djibouti Palace Kempinski, Djibouti

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Islamic Finance & Takaful: Capturing the Africa Opportunity

Agenda v32

Conference Day 1 – Wednesday 6th November 2013

08.00 to 09.00 **Registration and Refreshments**

09.00 Opening of the 2nd Annual Islamic Banking Summit Africa (IBSA 2013)

09.00 to 09.05 **Moderator's Opening Remarks**

Moderator: **Dr. Alberto Brugnoli**, *Founder and Managing Partner, ASSAIF*

09.10 to 09.50 Opening Keynote Address: Assessing the Progress & Development of Islamic Finance in Africa

Opening Keynote Speakers:

H.E. Ahmed Osman, *Governor, Central Bank of Djibouti*

H. E. Dr. Mohamed Khair Ahmed El Zubair, *Governor, Central Bank of Sudan*

Key Discussion Points:

- *Reviewing the Islamic finance landscape in Africa and prospects for growth*
- *Government and regulatory support for Islamic finance to thrive in Africa*

09.50 to 10.10 Keynote Plenary Session: Capacity Building to Position Islamic Finance as a Catalyst for a New Wave of Economic Development in Africa

Keynote Speakers:

H.E. Khaled Mohammed Al-Aboodi, *Chief Executive Officer, The Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector, the private sector arm of the Islamic Development Bank Group (IDB), Saudi Arabia*

Abdelilah Belatik, *Assistant Secretary - General, Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB)*



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Key Discussion Points:

- Positioning Islamic Finance to better meet the economic needs of Africa
- Government and private sector imperatives for making Islamic Finance successful in Africa
- Perspectives on Global Regulatory and Capacity Building

10.10 to 10.30 Special Presidential Address by **H. E. ISMAÏL OMAR GUELLEH**, *President of the Republic of Djibouti, Head of Government*

10.30 to 11.00 Opening of the 2nd Annual Islamic Banking Summit Africa (IBSA 2013) Exhibition and Refreshment Break

11.00 to 11.45 Session 1: Industry Leaders & CEO PowerDebate: Capturing the Africa Opportunity – Scoping Market Potential & Overcoming Challenges

Discussion Leader:

Adnan Halawi, *Product Manager, Zawya Islamic Finance*

Keynote Debaters:

Amman Muhammad, *Chief Executive Officer, First National Bank (FNB) Islamic Banking, South Africa*

Hirsi Dirir, *Chief Executive Officer, Dahabshil Bank International*

Khalid Al Qattan, *First Vice President-Head of Treasury & Investments, Al Baraka Banking Group*

Sulaiman Al Harthy, *Group General Manager, Meethaq Islamic Banking Group*

Yahya Hussein Mohamed, *Assistant General Manager, Salaam African Bank*

Ehsaan Ahmed, *Head of Global Transaction Services and SME, Noor Islamic Bank, Dubai*

Key Discussion Points:

- Strengthening Islamic finance's links to the real economy in Africa
- Connecting Africa to the world of Islamic finance – Asia, the Arabian Gulf & beyond



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11.45 to 12.00 Session 2: Shari'ah-Compliant Investments: Innovative New Approaches to Better Aligning the Role of AWQAF with Islamic Finance

Speaker:

H.E. Tayeb Abdulrahman Al Rais, Secretary General, Awqaf & Minors Affairs Foundation, Dubai

12.00 to 12.30 Session 3: Addressing End-User Needs: Innovating Islamic Finance Solutions for Africa

Speakers:

Dr. Suleiman Walhad, Islamic Finance Professional

Key Discussion Points:

- What do African markets need from Islamic Finance?
- Supporting SME development in Africa
- Islamic Project & Trade Finance

12.30 to 13.15 Session 4: Scaling Up Islamic Finance in Africa: Expanding the Regional Footprint

Speakers:

Fadi Salim Al Faqih, Chief Executive Officer, Bank of Khartoum

Mohammad Farrukh Raza, Founder and Managing Director, IFAAS

Etsuaki Yoshida, Director & Senior Economist, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)

Key Discussion Points:

- How can local Islamic financial institutions work with regional and international players to build better capabilities and offerings?
- Building greater awareness for Islamic finance products.

13.15 to 14.30 Conference Luncheon



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14.30 to 15.15 **Session 5: Takaful & ReTakaful Prospects in Africa**

Speakers:

Zubairu Sulaiman Darazo, Deputy Head (Takaful Insurance Unit), Representative of the Commissioner for Insurance of Nigeria, **National Insurance Commission (NAICOM)**

Omar Clark Fisher, Managing Director, **Khidr Solutions**

Key Discussion Points:

- Takaful in Africa: what is the outlook for its growth
- Which product areas have the highest growth potential in Africa
- What are the prospects for Re Takaful in Africa

15.15 to 16.00 **Session 6: Global View – Africa Focus: International Research Findings & Implications for Islamic Finance in Africa**

Panelist:

Mohammad Farrukh Raza, Founder and Managing Director, **IFAAS**

Mahinaz El Aasser, Analyst, Head of Data - Islamic Finance Information Service (IFIS), **EuroWeek**

Key Discussion Points:

- What does the current International research trends into the Islamic finance, mean for the development of the Industry in Africa?
- What research is currently available on Islamic finance in Africa? What needs to be done to provide a platform for the industry to grow?

16:00 Close of Day 1



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Conference Day 2 – Thursday 7th November 2013

08.00 to 09.00 **Morning Refreshments**

09.00 to 09.05 **Moderator's Opening Remarks**

Moderator: **Dr. Alberto Brugnoli**, *Founder and Managing Partner, ASSAIF*

09.05 to 09.50 Session 7: Building the Regulatory, Legal & Governance Framework for Islamic Finance to Thrive in Africa

Speakers:

Dr. Bashir A Umar, *Special Advisor to the Governor – Non Interest Banking, Central Bank of Nigeria*

Dr. Ismail Ali, *Director, Banking Marketing and Global Operations, Global Financial Solutions - ITS Group*

Dr. AbdelGadir Warsama Ghalib, *Senior Legal Advisor & Professor of Law, American University (Bahrain)*

Key Discussion Points:

- *Lessons from regulatory frameworks in other jurisdiction*
- *What needs to be done and what innovations are underway in Key African market.*
- *Implementing regulatory change to make Islamic finance succeed in Africa*
- *Technology to boost governance and effectiveness of Islamic banking*

09.50 to 10.30 Session 8: Developing Islamic Capital Markets in Africa – Assessing the Role of Sukuk in Meeting the Funding Needs of Africa

Speaker:

Mahinaz El Aasser, *Analyst, Head of Data - Islamic Finance Information Service (IFIS), EuroWeek*

Key Discussion Points:

- *Infrastructure and Sukuk: A natural fit for Africa.*
- *Outlining the prospects for Sovereign and Corporate issues in key African markets.*



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10.30 to 11.10 Session 9: Assessing the Islamic Consumer Banking Opportunity in Africa

Speaker:

Dr. Suleiman Walhad, Islamic Finance Professional

Key Discussion Points:

- Retail banking – Growth prospects in Africa
- Addressing the challenges of Islamic consumer banking in Africa

11.10 to 11.40 Refreshment Break & Networking at The 2nd Annual Islamic Banking Summit – Africa (IBSA 2013)

11.40 to 12.00 Session 10: Technology for Innovation and Efficiency in Islamic Finance Institutions in Africa

Speakers:

Humayun Jamshed, Senior Director-Islamic Banking & Finance, SAB

Fadi Gedeon, Regional Sales Director, Path Solutions

Key Discussion Points:

- What technology solutions do Islamic Finance institutions in Africa need in order to compete more effectively?

12.00 to 12.35 Session 11: Key African Markets in Focus – Prospects for Growth & Development in Africa

Panelists:

Cassim Docrat, Director, DDCAP (DIFC) Limited

Etsuaki Yoshida, Director & Senior Economist, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)

Key Discussion Points:

- An interactive Q&A session providing fresh insights on which markets, Segments and Product areas will thrive.



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12.35 to 13.00 Session 12: Shari'ah Convergence – Linking Africa to the Global Islamic Finance Community

Speaker:

Dr. AbdelGadir Warsama Ghalib, Senior Legal Advisor & Professor of Law, American University (Bahrain)

Key Discussion Points:

- Addressing the need for Shariah Scholars in Africa.
- Insuring Islamic Banks in Africa have strong Shariah Support and Capabilities.

13.00 to 13.05 **Moderator's Closing Remarks**

13.05 to 15.00 **Conference Luncheon**

15.00 Close of the 2nd Annual Islamic Banking Summit Africa (IBSA 2013)



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