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Islamic Microfinance Conference 2010



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In light of the current financial crisis there have been growing calls for financial institutions to behave in a more just and ethical manner towards their clients. Nowhere is the need for such an approach so great than in developing countries which are set to suffer the most as a result of recent events.

Celebrate 25 years of Islamic Relief through an introduction to the core principles of Islamic finance and how Islamic Relief has embraced the challenges and opportunities of Shariah compliant microfinance programmes.

Date:

Tuesday 19th January 2010

Time:

10.00am – 2.00pm

Venue and canapés as courtesy of Clifford Chance

Venue:

Clifford Chance LLP,
10 Upper Bank Street,
London E14 5JJ

Includes 'The Exhibition', showcasing the photography of Stephano Massimo and Shaista Chishty

RSVP:

rsvp@islamic-relief.org.uk to book your place by 19th December 2009.

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.





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Mohammed Amin (Chair)

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Partner in PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and leads PWC's Islamic Finance practice in the UK

Amin is a member of the HM Treasury Islamic Finance Experts Group, established by the Economic Secretary to the Treasury to advise the Government on their Islamic Finance strategy. He also chairs the Business and Economics Committee of the Muslim Council of Britain.

He has presented on Islamic finance on every continent, except Antarctica! Many of his articles and presentations can be found on his Islamic Finance blog at <http://pwc.blogs.com/islamicfinance>



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Amjid Ali

UK Head & Senior Manager,
HSBC Amanah Global

Amjid Ali has a total of 22 years retail branch banking experience with Midland Bank plc and HSBC Bank plc. He joined HSBC Amanah UK in September 2003 as Senior Business Development Manager where he was responsible for raising the profile of Amanah Home Finance in the UK. He took over as UK Head in January 2005 where he was responsible for Strategy, Distribution and Sales Management. In August 2008 he was appointed to the role of Senior Manager, HSBC Amanah Global working as part of the HSBC Amanah Central team headquartered in Dubai.

In January 2007, Amjid was recognised as one of the 100 most influential Muslims in the UK (Muslim Power 100 Awards) for his work on the development and introduction of Islamic Financial Solutions in the UK.

In addition to his role within HSBC Amjid has been actively involved in community work on both a local and national level including Chair of 'Community Action Group' (Race for Opportunity) and a local Muslim community based organisation (Bristol Muslim Cultural Society). He also spent 18 months as a Non-Executive Director of a local NHS Trust.



Riaz Hassan

National Sales Manager

Having graduated from the University of Glamorgan with a BA (Hons) in Business Studies, Riaz has worked for Lombard North Central, Peugeot Financial Services and HSBC Bank plc.

Riaz's first role with HSBC Bank plc was working for the Corporate Sales team in the South West before being appointed as the National Sales Manager for HSBC Amanah, in August 2008. He has responsibility for the front-line sales operation and works very closely with his UK and Group Amanah colleagues to ensure the strategy for the UK is in line with HSBC Bank plc's global requirements.

Riaz views his main priority as ensuring that the UK Islamic finance industry is able to navigate successfully through a challenging economic climate. He hopes that, in turn, Islamic financial services will become the natural choice for the UK Muslim community.





Dr Ajaz Ahmed Khan

Senior Policy Advisor for Islamic Relief

Dr Ajaz Ahmed Khan will present the opportunities and challenges of Shariah compliant microfinance programmes in developing countries. He will highlight the importance of such programmes for Muslims living in poverty around the world and the

benefits that they can bring to Muslim and non-Muslim beneficiaries alike. He will also discuss the limitations of such approaches, based on past experience and projections for the future.

Dr Khan holds a PhD in Development Economics and recently returned to the UK after spending more than 16 years working in several countries throughout the developing world. In conjunction with colleagues from Islamic Relief, he is developing pioneering Islamic microfinance programmes that try and provide sustainable financial services to those in need. He has written a number of articles and books on microfinance in general and Islamic microfinance in particular.



Islamic Relief Microfinance in Kosovo

In addition, a leading field worker from Islamic Relief, will discuss his experiences working on the Kosovo microfinance operation. This presentation will focus particularly on the impact of Islamic Relief's work upon local beneficiaries and its position within the microfinance sector in Kosovo. The speaker will also consider the opportunities available for expanding the operation so that it can provide new forms of finance and become self-sustaining.





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