



3rd Annual
Islamic Banking Summit
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Sommet Africain de la Finance Islamique

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H.E. ISMAÏL OMAR GUELLEH

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Capturing the Africa Opportunity

Enabling Islamic Finance to Deliver on its Potential in Africa

Draft Agenda v11

Conference Day 1 – Tuesday 4th November 2014

08.00 to 09.00 **Registration and Refreshments**

09.00 **Opening of the 3rd Annual Islamic Banking Summit Africa (IBSA Djibouti 2014)**

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

Moderator:

Dr. Alberto Brugnoli, Founder and Managing Partner, ASSAIF

09.05 to 09.45 **Session 1: Governors Plenary Session: Building the Regulatory Infrastructure to Enable Islamic Finance to Deliver on its Potential in Africa**

Opening Speakers:

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

H. E. Abdelrahman Hassan Abdelrahman Hashim, Governor, Central Bank of Sudan

Key Discussion Points:

- *What strategic initiatives are underway to improve the regulatory framework in key African markets for Islamic finance?*
- *What else needs to be done to create the foundations for Islamic finance to thrive in Africa?*



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09.45 to 10.05 **Session 2a: Keynote Plenary Session: Setting the Standards for Islamic Finance to Thrive in Africa**

Keynote Speakers:

Jaseem Ahmed, Secretary-General, Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB)

Key Discussion Points:

- What are the major Multilateral agencies and international standard-setters doing to further promote the development of Islamic Finance in Africa?
- Applying international standards to Islamic finance in Africa
- In terms of harmonising Africa's Islamic finance development with the rest of the world, what critical success factors still need to be achieved?

10.05 to 10.35 **Session 2b: International initiatives to promote Islamic Finance in Africa**

Keynote Speakers:

Abdelilah Belatik, Secretary General, General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI)

Farid Masmoudi, Director of the Business Development and Partnerships Department, Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD), the private sector arm of the Islamic Development Bank Group

10.35 to 10.50 **Session 3: Special Presidential Address: Islamic Finance as a Strategic Priority to Boost Economic Development in Africa**

Special Presidential Address by:

H. E. ISMAÏL OMAR GUELLEH, President of the Republic of Djibouti, Head of Government

10.50 to 11.20 Opening of the 3rd Annual Islamic Banking Summit Africa (IBSA Djibouti 2014)
Exhibition and Refreshment Break

11.20 to 12.05 **Session 4: CEO & Industry Leaders' Power Debate: Practical Business Steps to Expand and Deepen the Footprint of Islamic Finance in Africa: Harnessing Potential and Overcoming Challenges**

Discussion Leader:

Dr. Alberto Brugnoli, Founder and Managing Partner, ASSAIF

Keynote Debaters:



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

Nur A Mohamed, General Manager, Salaam African Bank

Muhammad Kashif, Chief Operating Officer, Dahabshil Bank International

Key Discussion Points:

- What are the real opportunities for Islamic finance in key African markets?
- How are the major national Islamic banks developing their domestic markets and what can the leading international Islamic financial institutions bring to the table?
- What are the most significant challenges to developing a solid and sound Islamic finance market in Africa and how can these be overcome?
- African success stories and learning lessons from other international markets for Islamic finance

12.05 to 12.25 **Session 5: Islamic Capital Markets: Connecting Africa to the World of Islamic Finance**

Speaker:

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

Key Discussion Points:

- What can be done to strengthen Islamic capital markets in key African countries?
- Enabling Islamic finance to become a catalyst to attract FDI into Africa and provide Shari'ah-compliant finance for strategic projects such as infrastructure development
- Sukuk in Africa: What is the current state and future outlook for both the Sovereign and corporate markets?
- Tackling legal and regulatory issues vital to strong Islamic capital markets in Africa

12.25 to 12.50 **Session 6: Islamic Project and Infrastructure Finance: Meeting the Strategic Needs of Africa**

Speaker:

Dr. Suleiman Walhad, Islamic Finance Professional

Key Discussion Points:

- How can Islamic finance best serve the most urgent and strategic needs of African economies?
- Exploring structures to enable Islamic project finance to work successfully as a key component of the African infrastructure financing mix
- Tapping into higher liquidity Islamic finance markets, such as the Arabian Gulf and Asia, to meet the finance and investment needs of Africa

12.50 to 13.00 **Moderator's Summary Remarks**



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13.00 to 14.30 **Conference Luncheon**

14.30 to 15.15 **Session 7: Global View – Africa Focus: International and Regional Market Research: New Insights into Making Islamic Finance Work in Africa**

Speaker:

Zemedeneh Negatu, *Managing Partner - Ethiopia and Head of Transaction Advisory Services, EY*

Bariq R. Abdoukader, *Professor of Marketing and Communication, University of Djibouti*

Bachir Farah Badar, *Chief Internal Control, Djibouti Ports & Free Zones Authority (DPFZA)*

Key Discussion Points:

- *What do new research findings highlight as critical success factors for the development of Islamic finance in key African markets?*
- *Building a practical strategy to make Islamic finance work in Africa*

15:15 Close of Day 1

Conference Day 2 – Wednesday 5th November 2014

08.00 to 09.00 **Morning Refreshments**

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

Moderator:

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09.05 to 09.50 **Session 8: Pragmatic Steps to Improve the Legal & Regulatory Environment in Africa: Building Local Depth and Improving International Harmonization**

Speakers:

Dr. AbdelGadir Warsama Ghalib, *Senior Legal Advisor, Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait in Bahrain*

Abdool Rahim Khan, *Senior Partner, Rahim Khan & Company Attorneys, Botswana*

Key Discussion Points:

- *Overcoming the legal and regulatory challenges facing Islamic finance in key African markets*
- *What more needs to be done at the national domestic level?*
- *How can Africa best apply the essential international standards necessary for Islamic finance to succeed?*
- *Addressing risk issues in Africa*



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09.50 to 10.20 **Session 9: Islamic Products: Opportunities in Africa**

Speaker:

Halima Saadia, *Research Analyst, Old Mutual Securities*

10.20 to 10.50 **Session 10: Harnessing Innovation and Technology to Fast-Track the Development of Islamic Banking in Africa**

Speakers:

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

Key Discussion Points:

- *Innovating solutions to meet the real needs of end-users in Africa*
- *What can technology solutions do to fast-track the development of Islamic banking in Africa?*
- *Building capabilities for Islamic finance to thrive in Africa*
- *What major challenges need to be overcome?*

10.50 to 11.20 The 3rd Annual IBSA Djibouti 2014 Exhibition Viewing and Refreshment Break

11.20 to 11.55 **Session 11: Islamic Micro Finance: Meeting the Needs of MSMEs in Africa**

Speaker:

Mahdi Mohamed Djama, *General Manager, Djibouti Social Development Agency*

Key Discussion Points:

- *Establishing the needs of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Africa*
- *What can Islamic finance do to meet these needs?*
- *Lessons from the application and development of micro finance in other regions*
- *Case study insights into key initiatives and progress made in Islamic micro finance in Africa*



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11.55 to 12.35 **Session 12: Shari'ah Debate: Deepening the Pool of Available Shari'ah Scholars in Africa**

Speaker:

Dr. AbdelGadir Warsama Ghalib, Senior Legal Advisor, Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait in Bahrain

Key Discussion Points:

- What can be done to improve the capacity of Shari'ah scholars in Africa?
- What can the leading educational institutions do to promote the further development of Shari'ah scholars in Africa?
- What can the Islamic banking industry do to foster Shari'ah expertise in African markets?
- How can leading scholarly centres in the Arabian Gulf and SE Asia assist in the development of Shari'ah capabilities in Africa?

12.35 to 13.10 **Session 13: New Markets - New Frontiers for Islamic Finance In Africa: Capitalising on the Real Potential**

Session Chair:

Bachir Farah Badar, Chief Internal Control, Djibouti Ports & Free Zones Authority (DPFZA)

Panelists:

Cassim Docrat, Director, DDCAP (DIFC) Limited

Halima Saadia, Research Analyst, Old Mutual Securities

Azeez Adewale, Head of Operations, Mainstreet Bank Limited

Key Discussion Points:

- Insights into the real opportunities for Islamic finance in key African markets
- Assessing significant landmark transactions, deals and Sukuk issues in Africa
- What can we expect the next stage in the development of Islamic finance to look like in Africa?
- Which countries are poised to take a leadership position in Islamic finance on the continent?

13.10 to 13.15 **Moderator's Closing Remarks**

13.15 to 15.00 **Conference Luncheon**

15.00 Close of the 3rd Annual Islamic Banking Summit Africa (IBSA Djibouti 2014)