



FORUM AGENDA DAY 1 - TUESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2014



07.00 to 08.00	Registration and Refreshments	(10.00 to 10.15)	(c) Supporting Africa and its Development in Islamic Finance
08.30	Opening of the International Forum on Islamic Finance: Sudan (IFIF Sudan 2014)		Keynote Speaker: Suwareh Darbo <i>OIC/Principal Country Economist African Development Bank</i>
08.30 to 08.35	Moderator's Opening Remarks	10.15 to 10.45	Coffee & Networking Break at the International Forum on Islamic Finance: Sudan
	Moderator: Dr. Alberto G Brugnoni <i>Managing Partner ASSAIF</i>	10.45 to 11.40	Session 3: CEOs and Industry Leaders' Power Debate: Practical Strategies to Fast-Track the Accessibility and Success of Islamic Finance in Key Markets on the African Continent
08.35 to 08.45	Welcome remarks by Fadi Salim Al Faqih <i>Chief Executive Officer Bank of Khartoum</i>	(10.45 to 11.00)	New Research Findings: Assessing the Current State and Future Prospects for Islamic Finance
08.45 to 09.30	Musaed Mohammed Ahmed <i>Head of Sudan's Bank Union</i>		Opening Presenter: Ashar Nazim <i>Partner, Head of Global Islamic Banking Centre EY</i>
	Session 1: Inaugural Keynote Address: Islamic Finance as a Catalyst to Boost Economic Development in Africa	(11.00 to 11.40)	Discussion Leader: Ashar Nazim <i>Partner, Head of Global Islamic Banking Centre EY</i>
	Inaugural Keynote Speakers: H.E. Abdelrahman Hassan Abdelrahman Hashim <i>Governor Central Bank of Sudan</i>		Keynote Debaters: Fadi Salim Al Faqih <i>Chief Executive Officer Bank of Khartoum</i>
	H.E. Badr El-Din Mahmoud Abbas <i>Minister of Finance and National Economy Republic of the Sudan</i>		Abdelilah Belatik <i>Secretary General General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI)</i>
	H.E. Hassabo Mohamed Abdul-Rahman <i>Vice President Republic of the Sudan</i>		Moawia Ahmed El Amin <i>Chief Executive Officer Qatar Islamic Bank – Sudan</i>
	Key Discussion Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can Islamic finance be positioned as a bridge to Africa for improving trade and investment flows?• Can Islamic finance help meet the development needs of Africa?		Basheer Oshodi (PhD) <i>Group Head, Non-Interest Banking Sterling Bank Plc, Nigeria</i>
09.30 to 10.15	Session 2: Keynote Plenary Session:		Dr. El-Tigani El-Tayeb <i>Former Finance Minister and Economist at IMF</i>
(09.30 to 09.45)	(a) Africa Awakens – Ensuring Africa is Ready to Capitalise on the Opportunities as the Next Frontier of Growth for Islamic Finance		Key Discussion Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are local and international Islamic banks doing to enable the progress of Islamic finance in Africa?• Creating the conditions for Islamic finance to become a source of diversified funding and increase the pool of investments available for the development of African economies• Fostering international economic linkages: Enabling Islamic finance to play a vital role in enhancing cross-border trade and investment opportunities between Africa and OIC countries• Promoting financial inclusion: Can Islamic finance serve the needs of the under-banked in Africa?
	Keynote Speaker: H.E. Dr. Sabir Mohamed Hassan <i>(Former) Governor Central Bank of Sudan</i>		Session 4: Islamic Capital Markets
	Key Discussion Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Country Focus: New Frontiers, New Opportunities for Islamic Finance In Africa• Creating the policy framework for Islamic finance to thrive in Africa• Success stories and achievements: What are key countries on the African continent doing to prepare their domestic markets for Islamic finance and what else needs to be done?• Regulatory and standard-setting priorities for Islamic finance in Africa	11.40 to 12.30	(a) Building and Strengthening Islamic Capital Markets in Africa
(09.45 to 10.00)	(b) International Insights from the Global Islamic Finance Industry	(11.40 to 12.10)	
	Keynote Speaker: Professor Datuk Rifaat Ahmed Abdel Karim <i>Chief Executive Officer International Islamic Liquidity Management Corporation</i>		



Speakers:

Khaled M. Gökçekzadeh
*EVP Group Head of Treasury & Investment
Banking*
Bank of Khartoum

Moneer Osman Ahmed
Executive Manager
Sudan Financial Services Co

Key Discussion Points:

- Bridging the funding gap: How Islamic capital markets can provide new funding sources for strategic economic priorities such as financing infrastructure projects
- Laying the groundwork: Tackling Sukuk structuring issues in Africa
- Strengthening the capital markets infrastructure and improving liquidity: African Development Bank and IILM initiatives
- Case study insights from key African Sukuk issues
- Lessons from other markets on what needs to be done to advance the development of Islamic capital markets

(12.10 to 12.30)

(b) Islamic Infrastructure Finance: How can the Potential of Sukuk be Fully Realised as a viable Instrument to Meet the Large-Scale Infrastructure Development Requirements in Africa?

Panelists:

Dr. Sayd Farook Phd
Global Head Islamic Capital Markets
Thomson Reuters

Dr. Elteгани Abdel Gadir Ahmed
*(Former) Adviser & President
Higher Consultative Committee for
Government Securities*
**Ministry of Finance and National Economy
– Sudan**

Key Discussion Points:

- Sukuk: A natural fit to meet the needs and opportunities for infrastructure finance in Africa?
- Utilising Sukuk as a mechanism to attract liquidity from Arabian Gulf countries to key projects in Africa
- The role and opportunities for Shari'ah-compliant project finance in infrastructure development in Africa

12.30 to 13.10

Session 5a: Micro-Finance and the MSME Segment: Islamic Banking and Financial Inclusion in Africa

Panelists:

Prof. Badr El Din A. Ibrahim
President
MFU/CBOS

Hashim Hussein
*Head of Investment and Technology
Promotion Office (ITPO)*
UNIDO Bahrain

Anas El Hasnaoui
General Manager
IBF Group Consulting SARL

Richard Wangwe
East Africa Director
Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund

Salaudeen Jubril Abdullah
Islamic Microfinance Expert

Key Discussion Points:

- How can Islamic finance provide a solution to Africa's under-banked?

13.10 to 13.25

Session 5b: IT Solutions for the Islamic Microfinance Industry

Speaker:

Nabil Alduraidi
Regional Director – Sales
Path Solutions

13.25 to 13.35

Moderator's Summation Remarks

13.35 to 14.45

Forum Luncheon

14.45 to 15.30

Session 6: Assessing New Opportunities in Islamic Trade Finance in Africa

Panelists:

Basheer Oshodi (PhD)
Group Head, Non-Interest Banking
Sterling Bank Plc, Nigeria

Hashim Mustafa Abbas Rahamtalla
Head of Credit & Trade Finance
Arab Trade Financing Program

Mohamed Eldaw

*AVP Export Finance & Investment Unit
Head*
Bank of Khartoum

Badreldin A Eldawi

Manager Trade Finance
Dal Food Ltd-Dal group

Key Discussion Points:

- Africa's resurgence as a strong trading partner: Tapping into the increasing shift from aid-dependency to trade-driven opportunities in key African markets
- Capturing opportunities emerging from increasing trade flows and business ties between Africa and OIC countries
- What needs to be done to make Islamic trade finance flourish in Africa?

15.30 to 16.15

Session 7: Addressing the Regulatory and Shari'ah Issues Essential to the Further Development of Islamic Finance in Africa

Panelists:

Dr. Abdel Elah Mohamed Ahmed
Research & Information Manager
Higher institute of Zakat Sciences

Abdul Kabeer Al Batanoni
Islamic Banking Advisory and Consultant
ITS

Key Discussion Points:

- Establishing stronger linkages between Malaysia, the Arabian Gulf and Africa
- How can Shari'ah scholar capabilities and talent be developed on the African continent?
- Looking at the lessons from other countries of using centralized Shari'ah boards to build capabilities

16.15

Close of Day 1



FORUM AGENDA DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2014



08.00 to 09.00

Morning Refreshments

09.00 to 09.05

Moderator's Opening Remarks

Moderator:
Dr. Alberto G Brugnoli
Managing Partner
ASSAIF

09.05 to 11.30

Session 8: Handling the Implications of Global Compliance - Addressing Legal Issues

(09.05 to 10.30)

Speakers:
W. Caffey Norman
Partner
Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP

Dan E. Waltz
Partner
Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP

(10.30 to 11.00)

Coffee and Networking Break at the 1st Annual International Forum on Islamic Finance

(11.00 to 11.30)

Interactive Q&A Discussion

Key Discussion Points:

- An Overview of the Current State of US Sanctions on Sudan
- Focusing on Issues Related to Inward Investments and Trade
- Current Issues, Including Recent US Enforcement Actions Brought Against Non-US Banks

11.30 to 12.00

Session 9: Special Interview Session: Sudan – Rolling Out Practical Strategies to Fast-Track the Accessibility and Success of Islamic Finance

Interviewee:
Fadi Salim Al Faqih
Chief Executive Officer
Bank of Khartoum

Interviewed By:
Dr. Alberto G Brugnoli
Managing Partner
ASSAIF

An informal interview Q&A session with a leading figure who is driving the progress of the Islamic finance industry in Africa

12.00 to 12.30

Session 10: Harnessing Technology to Advance Islamic Finance - Mobile Money in Africa

Speaker:

Hani Al-Hamaydeh
Territory Manager
ICS Financial Systems Ltd

Panelists:

Kashif Naeem
EVP & Group Head – Retail, SME & Microfinance
Bank of Khartoum

Sabine Somé – Mensah
VP Business Development
Digipact International

Helmut Zollner
VP Sales
RedCloud

12.30 to 13.00

Session 11: Takaful and ReTakaful: Assessing the Opportunity for Islamic Insurance in Africa

Panelists:
Faisal Abbas M. Fadi
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Bank of Khartoum

Sirag Elhadi Qariballah
Secretary General
The International Federation of Takaful & Islamic Insurance Companies

Omar Doua
Managing Director
Africa Retakaful

Key Discussion Points:

- Can Takaful play an increasingly important role in the financial planning of a growing middle class population in key African markets?
- How are Takaful operators in Africa approaching this opportunity?
- Reaching the market: Addressing Takaful distribution issues in Africa
- Scoping the ReTakaful market in Africa
- The prospects for Micro-Takaful in Africa

13.00 to 13.05

Moderator's Summary of the Key Findings of the International Forum on Islamic Finance: Sudan and Closing Remarks

13.05 to 14.45

Forum Luncheon

15.00

Close of the International Forum on Islamic Finance: Sudan