

IFC & ISRA Thematic Workshop 2016, in association with K&L Gates

Is the Current Model of Shari'ah Governance Fit for Purpose?

26 October 2016 London 9:30 am - 3:45 pm

The **Islamic Finance Council UK (IFC)** and the **International Shari'ah Research Academy for Islamic Finance (ISRA)**, in association with K&L Gates invite you to an event addressing the Shari'ah governance model. The event will include the UK launch of the IFC and ISRA External Shari'ah Audit Report 2016.

9.30 am - Registration and breakfast

10.00 am - Morning sessions

12.30 pm - Networking lunch

1.30 pm - Afternoon sessions

3.45 pm - Event concludes

The event will cover several key themes including:

- How the current Shari'ah governance model works; its gaps and limitations
- Examining the role of scholars alongside areas of potential conflict and impairment
- The role of external Shari'ah audit
- Regulatory differences in approach – is there a 'best practice'?
- Is it all about the fatwa? To what level are Islamic bankers individually and personally responsible?

SPEAKERS AND AGENDA:

Welcome (10:00 am - 10:15 am)

- **Jonathan Lawrence**, Partner, K&L Gates LLP
- **Omar Shaikh**, Advisory Board Member, IFC
- **Prof. Dr. Mohamad Akram Laldin**, Executive Director, ISRA

Keynote (10:15 am - 10:30 am)

- **The Lord Sheikh**, Conservative Muslim Peer

Scholars Session (10:30 am - 12:00 pm)

- **Umer Suleman**, Senior Regulatory & Operational Risk Project Manager, HSBC / Islamic Finance Council UK – Session Chair
- **Sheikh Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ali Elgari**, Member of ISRA Council of Scholars
- **Prof. Dr. Mohamad Akram Laldin**, Executive Director, ISRA

- **Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar**, Director, Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue, Bayero University, Kano
- **Shaikh (Dr.) Haitham Al-Haddad**, Judge, Islamic Sharia Council (UK & Eire)
- **Sheikh Haytham Tamim**, Founder, Shariah Solutions
- **Dr. Marjan Muhammad**, Director of Research, ISRA
- **Sheikh Haytham Tamim**, Senior Lecturer and resident Scholar, Utrujj

External Shariah Audit Report Launch (12:00 pm - 12:30 pm)

- **Mezbah Uddin Ahmed**, Associate Researcher, ISRA
- **Nadeem Haq**, Executive Manager, IFC

Lunch (12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)

Regulators Session (1:30 pm - 2:15 pm)

- **Stella Cox**, *Managing Director, DDCAP Group – Session Chair*
- **Dr. Nasir M. Ahmad**, Partner, BlackRock / Islamic Finance Council UK
- **Saeed Ahmad**, Deputy Governor, State Bank of Pakistan
- **Arshadur Rahman**, Manager - Shari'ah Compliant Facilities Project, Bank of England

Individual Ethics Session (2:15 pm - 3:40 pm)

- **Jonathan Lawrence**, *K&L Gates LLP – Session Chair*
- **Sultan Choudhury**, Chief Executive Officer, Al Rayan Bank Plc
- **Dr. Muhammad Imran Ashraf Usmani**, Group Head, Product Development Shariah Compliance, Training & Advisory; Executive Member Shariah Supervisory Board & Resident Shariah Board Member (RSBM), Meezan Bank Ltd
- **Mohamad Noranuar Bin Sajari**, Head - Sharia Structuring, Bank Nizwa (Oman)
- **Iqbal Asaria** CBE, Associate, Afkar Consulting Ltd
- **Umer Suleman**, Senior Regulatory & Operational Risk Project Manager, HSBC

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