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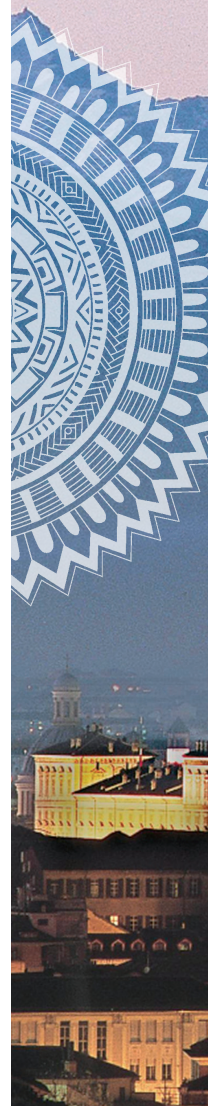
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# 5<sup>th</sup> TIEF

## Turin Islamic Economic Forum

13-14-15 October 2021

WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021

8:45 – 9:30

### OPENING REMARKS

**Chiara Appendino** - Mayor, City of Torino

**Dario Gallina** - President, Torino Chamber of Commerce

**Stefano Geuna** - Rector, University of Torino

**Laura Castelli** - Italian Vice Minister of Economy and Finance

### HOST INSTITUTION

**Massimo Lapucci** - Secretary General, Fondazione CRT and CEO  
OGR Torino

9:30 - 10:00

### SESSION 1: THE STATE OF THE ISLAMIC ECONOMY

Introduction:

**Alberto Brugnani** - Managing Partner, ASSAIF

Presenter:

**Rafi-uddin Shikoh** - CEO and Managing Director, Dinard Standard  
New York and Dubai

10:15 - 10:45

### SESSION 2: A TIEF SUCCESS STORY

Moderator:

**Paolo Pietro Biancone** - Full Professor, University of Torino

Panelists:

**Pietro Perlo** - CEO I-Fevs Turin

*Conceivment and development of a world-class urban electric  
mobility solution*

**Reuben Buttigieg** - Managing Director Erremme Malta

*Production in Malta*

**Fabrizio Ricca** - Councillor for Internationalisation, Piedmont Region



11:00 - 11:30

### SESSION 3: ISLAMIC FINANCE AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION

**Moderator:**

**Alberto Brugnoli** - Managing Partner ASSAIF

**Panelists:**

**Khalid Howladar** - Chairman MRHB DeFi UAE

*Use of Islamic Fintech for Greater Inclusion*

**Ahmed Zouhri** - Master degree in Islamic Finance

*Financing the Acquisition of Places of Worship in Italy*

11:45 - 12:15

### SESSION 4: IMPACT AND ISLAMIC FINANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

**Moderator:**

**Paolo Pietro Biancone** - Full Professor, University of Torino

**Panelists:**

**Sultan Choudhury** - Executive Chairman, Waqfity UK

*Islamic finance social tools: waqf and zakat*

**Guido Bolatto** - President, Borsa Sociale, Torino

**Mario Calderini** - President, Torino Social Impact

12:30 - 13:15

### ROUND TABLE: THE SPORT BUSINESS & INNOVATION PROGRAM FOR INVESTMENT ATTRACTION

**Moderator:**

**Marta Serrano** - President, Sport Innovation Hub

**Panelists:**

**Alberto Brugnoli** - Managing Partner, ASSAIF

*Sports in the Middle East: A Survey*

**Alberto Sacco** - Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, Tourism, Commerce / Technical Commission Nitto ATP Finals, City of Torino

**Alberto Rainoldi** - Deputy-Rector Sport, University of Torino

14:00 - 14:30

## SESSION 5: HALAL FRIENDLY HEALTH TOURISM

**Moderator:**

**Paolo Pietro Biancone** - Full Professor, University of Torino

**Panelists:**

**Mussaad al-Razouki** - Silicon Gulf Technologies Kuwait,  
*Health and Entrepreneurship*

**Mario Minola** - General Director Health area, Piedmont Region

**Giuseppe Fraizzoli** - Chief Executive Officer, Humanitas Torino

**Giovanni La Valle** - Director General, Città della Salute, Torino

14:45 - 15:15

## SESSION 6: ITALIAN ISLAMIC CULTURAL HERITAGE AND SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

**Moderator:**

**Giovanni Curatola** - Full Professor of Archeology and History of Islamic Art, University of Udine

**Panelists:**

**Ida Zilio-Grandi**, Professor, Ca' Foscari University of Venice and Director of Italian Cultural Institute - Abu Dhabi  
*The Meaning of Cultural Sustainability in Islam*

**Giada Lupo** - GAL Elimos and **Alberto Brugnoli**,  
Managing Partner, ASSAIF  
*The Mosque of Segesta: a Halal Tourism Project in Sicily*

THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021

9:00 - 9:15

## OPENING SESSION

**Gilberto Pichetto Fratin** - Italian Vice Minister of Economic Development

9:30 - 10:00

## SESSION 7: GOLDEN VISA AND INVESTMENT IN NEW TECHNOLOGIES

**Moderator:**

**Paolo Pietro Biancone** - Full Professor, University of Torino

**Panelists:**

**Rehan Noor Pathan** - Managing Director, Shuaa Capital UAE  
*What Islamic Finance Investors are looking for*

**Andrea Ganelli** - Leading Law

**Fiorella Altruda** - President, University of Torino Incubator

**Giuseppe Scellato** - President, Politecnico of Torino Incubator

10:15 - 10:45

## SESSION 8: FUNDING THE PUBLIC STRUCTURES: THE NATIONAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLAN

Moderator:

**Paolo Pietro Biancone** - Full Professor, University of Torino

Panelists:

**Maya Marissa Malek** - Chief Executive Officer, AMANIE ADVISORS Dubai  
*Shariah solutions for infrastructure investments*

**Mario Spoto** - Secretary General, City of Torino  
*The National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR)*

**Carlo Costa** - Highway of Brennero – A22

11:00 - 11:30

## SESSION 9: THE VISION OF FUTURE ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Moderator:

**Silvana Secinaro** - President, Associazione Tecnologie per l'Accounting

Panelists:

**Mohammed Obaidullah** - Founder IBF Net Group  
*Blockchain and AI for the Development of Real Economy*

**Marco Pironti** - Deputy Mayor for Innovation, Smart City and EU Funds -  
Casa delle Tecnologie Emergenti, City of Torino

**Massimiliano Cipolletta** - President, Torino Wireless

11:45 - 12:15

## SESSION 10: HALAL FRIENDLY SERVICES FOR THE RESTART OF TOURISM

Moderator:

**Paolo Pietro Biancone** - Full Professor, University of Torino

Panelists:

**Abbasi Abdus Sattar** - Associate Editor, Journal of Islamic Tourism  
*The Whys and Hows of Halal Tourism*

**Maria Luisa Coppà** - President, Ascom Confcommercio Torino e provincia

**Andrea Martra** - HalalTo - spin off University of Torino

12:30 - 13:00

## SESSION 11: SPORT AS AN ELEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND FOR REDUCTION OF INEQUALITIES

**Moderator:**

**Stefano Mossino** - President, Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) Piedmont

**Panelists:**

**Giovanni Gallo** - Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) Piedmont  
*Disabled project China/Etihad Asia Airways*

**Giulia Pettinau** - CEO, Orangogo  
*Sport and Social Inclusion*

13:15 - 13:45

## SESSION 12: FILM INDUSTRY

**Moderator:**

**Alberto Brugnoli** - Managing Partner, ASSAIF

**Panelists:**

**Paolo Pietro Biancone** - Full Professor, University of Torino  
*MENA Entertainment & Media: an Outlook*

**Paolo Manera** - Director, Film Commission Turin Piedmont

**Saverio Berti** - Need Italy Tours

14:00

## SESSION 13: TURIN IN THE UAE

**Entisar Al Obaidli** - Curator of the Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization  
and **Giovanni Curatola**

## CLOSING REMARKS

**Paolo Pietro Biancone** - Full Professor, University of Torino

**Alberto Brugnoli** - Managing Partner, ASSAIF



FRIDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021

**NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACADEMICS  
PRESENT SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES**

9:00 - 9:45

**OPENING SESSION: WELCOME REMARKS**

**Luigi Di Maio** - Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs  
and International Cooperation

**STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS**

**Francesca Culasso** - Director, Department of Management,  
University of Torino

**Paolo Pietro Biancone** - Editor-in-Chief, EJIF

**Alberto Brugnoli** - Managing Partner, ASSAIF

**OPENING SESSION:**

**"The role of Islamic finance in reducing the impacts of financial crises:  
a theoretical evidence"**

**Burhan Uluyol** - Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University

**MAIN THEMES UNDER DISCUSSION:**

10:00 - 11:30

**PARALLEL SESSION 1: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND  
NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR AN EFFICIENT ISLAMIC FINANCE SECTOR**

**Chair: Prof. Andrea Paltrinieri**

**Technical Support: Dr. Davide Calandra**

**Paper 6:** *Islamic finance and supervisory rules: transparency and knowability  
requirements through technological innovation (Sandra Antoniazzi)*

**Paper 9:** *Efficiency Mudarabah Contract Using Business Intelligence  
((Sherrindra Avedta Prasetyo, Asep Maulana and Miftahul Jannah)*

**Paper 11:** *Will artificial intelligence reducing PLS risk? (Wardah Yuspin)*

**Paper 31:** *Cryptocurrency bubble risk and the FOMC announcements during  
COVID-19 black swan event (Mnif Emna, Chakroun Salma,  
Jarboui Anis)*

**Paper 35:** *Proposing Blockchain technology as mediating effect on trust  
in Zakat institutions (Zulfikri, Auwal Adam Saad, Salina Kassim and  
Anwar Hassan Abdullah Othman)*

10:00 - 11:30

## PARALLEL SESSION 2: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR AN EFFICIENT ISLAMIC FINANCE SECTOR

**Chair: Prof. Burhan Uluyol**

**Technical Support: Dr. Federica Bassano**

**Paper 19:** *The legal framework of the Virtual Currencies and its impacts on the Islamic Social Finance (Badreddine Berrahlia)*

**Paper 21:** *Predicting the Participation Index of the Istanbul Stock Exchange with Artificial Intelligence (Enes Özdemir, Buerhan Uluyol and Ibrahim Güran Yumusak)*

**Paper 23:** *Examination of sukuk structures in the Turkish participation financial system (Pashtrik Hajraj and Buerhan Uluyol)*

**Paper 26:** *COVID-19 – The Catalyst for Digital Transformation in Financial Services and Islamic FinTech Evidence from Qatar (Sara Cherqaoui)*

**Paper 32:** *Role of the Central Bank in implementation of Value-Based Islamic Banking and Reporting in Bahrain – Exploring the challenges (Akhtar Ali Saeed Mohammed and Fadillah Mansor)*

11:45 - 13:00

## PARALLEL SESSION 3: ISLAMIC FINANCE AND SOCIAL IMPACT FOR A NEW SUSTAINABLE WORLD

**Chair: Prof. Auwal Adam Sa'ad**

**Technical Support: Dr. Federico Lanzalonga**

**Paper 3:** *Bridging Islamic and Traditional Finance Through Integration of Knowledge (IoK): The Potential of the Third Sector Economy (Jasmin Omercic)*

**Paper 4:** *Social performance of Islamic Banks (Admir Mešković, Emira Kozarević and Alija Avdukić)*

**Paper 5:** *Value-based intermediation and its social impacts for a new sustainable world (Shah Fahad Yousufzai)*

**Paper 27:** *Exploring sustainability from Islamic finance perspective (Paolo Biancone, Valerio Brescia, Federico Lanzalonga and Auwal Adam Sa'ad)*

**Paper 36:** *Robo-Advisors for Islamic wealth management: A theoretical framework (Hafidh Abdulla Hemed and Auwal Adam Sa'ad)*

11:45 - 13:00

## PARALLEL SESSION 4: ISLAMIC FINANCE AND SOCIAL IMPACT FOR A NEW SUSTAINABLE WORLD

**Chair: Prof. Vahid Jafari-Sadeghi**

**Technical Support: Dr. Davide Calandra**

**Paper 1:** *Imagining a Shariah Compliant SPAC (Daniele D'Alvia)*

**Paper 8:** *Financing in the Islamic System and Sustainable Economic Development of Selected Islamic Countries (Sepideh Khavarinezhad and Vahid Jafari-Sadeghi)*

**Paper 12:** *Islamic finance and social impact for a new sustainable world (Stefano Loconte and Beatrice Molteni)*

**Paper 25:** *Profit-And-Loss Sharing Through Impact Investment Funds: Possibility for Breaking the Invisible Ceiling with Muslim Immigrant Entrepreneurs in Norway (Sarah A Tobin, Mari Norbakk and Mehmet Asutay)*

**Paper 37:** *Social Finance, sustainable development goals and green economy: Islamic finance possible contribution to European's renaissance (Silvana Secinaro and Federica Lanzara)*

11:45 - 13:00

## PARALLEL SESSION 5: ISLAMIC FINANCE AND SOCIAL IMPACT FOR A NEW SUSTAINABLE WORLD

**Chair: Prof. Roberta Ricucci**

**Technical Support: Dr. Federico Chmet**

**Paper 18:** *Islamic microfinance: An Effective approach for sustainable development (Hamza Abouchatir and Omar Essardi)*

**Paper 20:** *Analysis of Factors Affecting Community Interest in Bengkalis Regency Riau Province Indonesia in Using Sharia Banking (Zulfikar Hasan)*

**Paper 24:** *Islamic banking: past, present and future (Ashraf Khan, M. Kabir Hassan, Andrea Paltrinieri and Muneer M. Alshater)*

**Paper 30:** *Do Islamic banking in Indonesia support real home financing?: an assessment of procyclicality behavior (Mohamad Rifqi Fathoni, Ries Wulandari and Zainuri)*

**Paper 33:** *Islamic Microfinance Model for Small Businesses in Uganda in the Post Covid-19 Era (Umar Ahmed and Bashir Ahmad Fida)*

*Break*

14:00 - 15:15

**PARALLEL SESSION 6: GENERAL TRACK**

**Chair: Prof. Kabir Hassan**

**Technical Support: Dr. Davide Calandra**

**Paper 17:** *Exploring the Challenges of Adoption of Islamic Banking Products in the State of Pennsylvania, United States of America*  
(Kenneh Mussa)

**Paper 22:** *Developing a Shari'ah Based FinTech Money Creation Free [SFMCF] Model for Islamic Banking* (Othman Altwijry, Mustafa Omar Mohammed, M. Kabir Hassan, Mohammad Selim)

**Paper 28:** *New technologies for Islamic finance*  
(Davide Calandra, Roberto Marseglia, Vincenzo Vaccaro and Federico Chmet)

**Paper 29:** *Recent trend of deposits in Islamic banks* (Davidia Zucchelli)

**Paper 34:** *Regulatory framework of the Initial Exchange Offerings: A comparative Analysis between Italy and Malaysia* (Hammam Radwan Jamal Al-Atrash and Auwal Adam Sa'ad)



**Closing speech**

*"Future Challenges for Islamic Finance" - Professor Kabir Hassan  
(University of New Orleans, USA)*

**Awards and final closing:**

**Prof. Paolo Pietro Biancone** - Editor-in-Chief EJIF

**Prof. Andrea Paltrinieri** - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy

**Prof. Burhan Uluyol** - Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University, Turkey

**Prof. Auwal Adam Sa'ad** - International Islamic University, Malaysia

**Prof. Vahid Jafari-Sadeghi** - Aston Business School, UK

**Prof. Nunzio Angiola** - Università di Foggia, Italy

**Prof. Roberta Ricucci** - Università di Torino, Italy

**Prof. Silvana Secinaro** - Università di Torino, Italy



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## Speakers



**CHIARA APPENDINO**

Mayor of Torino since June 2016, she has served as a Member of the City Council and as Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee of the City of Torino during the last 5 years. Graduated in International Management and Economics, she also holds a Master in Management Audit and Planning, both earned at the University "Luigi Bocconi" in Milano. Born in 1984, she has been working for six years in her family's firm as Financial Manager and previously she has been Controller in Juventus Football Club S.p.A.



**STEFANO GEUNA**

Rector of the University of Turin, he graduated in Medicine at the University of Turin in 1990 and here, in 1995, he specialized in Child Neuropsychiatry. Professor of Human Anatomy in the Medical School degree courses, he was responsible for the Regeneration of the Peripheral Nervous System Unit at the Ottolenghi Institute of Neuroscience Cavalieri. He directed the Department of Clinical and Biological Sciences and in the last legislature was in the Academic Senate in the Didactic Commission and in the Research Committee as president. Prof. Geuna has accumulated a long experience in collegial bodies, starting in 2001, when he took up his first position as a representative of researchers in the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Council. As a scientist he has signed over 230 publications, participated in more than 300 conferences of national and international significance, won 3 research awards, licensed 2 patents. The themes that best represent his way of combining science, education and social commitment are found in the masters he directs - one on autism and one on hospital education both declined between professional reality and care strategies.





**DARIO GALLINA**

President of the Torino Chamber of Commerce. After obtaining a Master's degree in Economics, he became CEO of the family-owned company specialized in the production of polycarbonate sheets for construction and automotive industry applications. In March 2020 he has been elected President of the Torino Chamber of commerce and Industry, in June 2020 he has become Vice-President of the Union of Chambers of commerce of Piedmont (Unioncamere Piemonte) and from september 2021 he has become Member of the Executive Board of the National Union of Chambers of commerce (Unioncamere Italiana). In the framework of Torino Institutional network, from 2004 to 2007 he was Vicepresident of the Employers' Association of Torino Young Entrepreneurs Group, and from 2014 to 2016 he became President of the Small Industries Group. In 2016 he was elected President of the Employer's Association of Torino (Unione Industriale di Torino) and Member of the Steering Committee of Confindustria. At international level, in July 2020 he was nominated member of the ICC Executive Board – International Chamber of commerce –, and member of the ICC International Netcom Committee.



**ALBERTO BRUGNOLI**

Former director of the Italian desk with the Merrill Lynch Bank, is the founding and managing Partner of the Associazione per lo Sviluppo di Strumenti Alternativi e di Innovazione Finanziaria (ASSAIF) the oldest Islamic finance consultancy in Europe. He manages NuoviStilidiVita, a consultancy firm on sustainability, financial and social inclusion, complementary currencies, and added territorial value. He is the Founder and President of Dulcarnon, a publishing house that aims to make accessible to the Italian public important texts on Islamic spiritual tradition.



#### PAOLO PIETRO BIANCONE

Full Professor of Financial Management and Islamic Finance at the University of Torino. He acts as the director of the European Research Centre for Islamic Finance ([www.ercif.org](http://www.ercif.org)). He has been teaching at the University of Lanzhou (China) and at the National Chengchi University in Taipei (Taiwan) for several years. He is a speaker at national and international conferences and also an author of numerous publications in the field of Accounting and Islamic Finance. He is the Editor in Chief for the European Journal of Islamic Finance as well as the Scientific Journal of Management Science. He is Chairman and CEO of the university spin-off HalaTo Srl, which deals with the attraction of investments for the territory.



#### MASSIMO LAPUCCI

He is the General Secretary of the Fondazione CRT, Italy's third largest foundation of banking origin in terms of assets. He holds the same position for Fondazione Sviluppo e Crescita CRT, focused on impact investing, tech and innovation. Lapucci is also CEO at OGR Officine Grandi Riparazioni company, a large former industrial building in the heart of Torino converted into an innovative international centre for experimentation in contemporary culture, arts, research and start-ups in partnership with globally renowned accelerators. Former President of EFC-European Foundation Centre, the institutional philanthropy network that brings together over 300 organisations from around 40 countries including the United States, Lapucci is Vice President of Social Impact Agenda for Italy and a member of the Global Social Impact Investment Steering Group. He has extensive international experience on the boards of public and private companies in multiple sectors and in non-profit organisations in Europe and America, including Rockefeller P.A. Europe, the London School of Economics-Marshall Institute, ISI Foundation for Big Data in Torino and ISI Global in New York. President of Treccani Futura, the new edtech centre in Italy, he has been a World Fellow at Yale University (USA) since 2006.

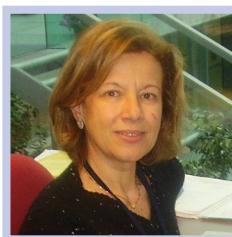


**ABBASI ABDUS SATTAR**

Head of the Center of Islamic Finance in COMSATS University (CUI) Lahore Campus, Pakistan. He earned his PhD degree in Management Sciences from NUML Islamabad. He completed his MBA (Marketing) and BBA with flying colors. Before joining academia, he worked in the pharmaceutical industry for 19 years at numerous positions in different countries. He left the industry as Country Director Herbion Baku. He served both the corporate sector and academia for 30 years. He remained posted in four countries, other than the homeland - including Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan - during this journey of three decades. His areas of research interest include Islamic work ethics, tourism, and religiosity in business & management studies. He has several publications to his credit in different international & national academic journals.

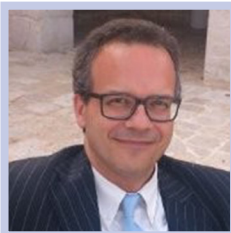
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**FIGURE 1. ALTRUDA**

She obtained a degree in Biology from the University of Torino in 1975. She is Full Professor of Molecular Genetics at the University of Turin and Director of the Molecular Biotechnology Center (MBC). Since 2015 she has been President of the Bioindustry Park Silvano Fumero of Colletterto Giacosa (Ivrea) and since July 2021 she has been President of the Business Incubator of the University of Torino 2i3T. Her scientific interests are focused on the study of the differentiation of stem cells derived from different sources and their potential for use in regenerative medicine with particular reference to cell therapy in liver dysfunctions.



#### **NUNZIO ANGIOLA**

Member of the Italian Parliament, for Five Stars Movement (M5S) - Italian political party. He is also Professor of Business Administration and Organization at the Catholic University Our Lady of Good Counsel - Tirana and Director of the Public Administration Research Center (OLAP), Department of Economics, at the University of Foggia.



#### **SAVERIO BERTI**

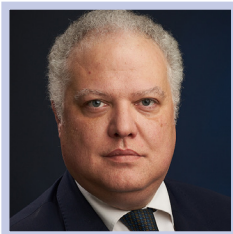
During a period of almost eighteen years he has been working mainly in sports events dealing with preparation of international sports and multi-sports events. His major areas of qualifications are project management, international work, administration. He has worked for short and long periods with several different cultures and would characterize himself as loyal, dynamic and result-oriented.



#### **GUIDO BOLATTO**

Graduated in Economics at the University of Torino, enrolled in the register of auditors and contributing journalists. He joined the Torino Chamber of Commerce Industry Crafts and Agriculture as Secretary General in August 2001 and became the Director of the semi-autonomous bodies of the Chamber of Commerce Torino Incontra Conference Centre (since January 2002) and the Laboratorio Chimico (since July 2006). From 1988 to 1998 he worked for Arthur Andersen as a consultant, manager and finally executive. From 1998 to 2001 he was executive in the staff of the Department of Management of the City of Torino and subsequently General Manager of the Municipality of Rivoli. He was also Mayor of the Municipality of Salassa from 1995 to 2004 and from 1998 to 2004 President of the Consortium of the Technological District of Canavese in Ivrea. Within the chamber system, he now holds various positions both as Mayor and as Administrator. He was a lecturer at the Politecnico di Torino and at the University of Torino of which he was also a member of the Board of Directors.





#### **REUBEN BUTTIGIEG**

Managing Director and founder of Erremme Business Advisors, a business and management consultancy firm where he is also directly involved in Corporate Finance advisory. In addition, he has been the promoter of Islamic Finance in Malta and has prepared various papers and articles on this subject. Founder of the Malta Islamic Finance Association, he is a regular speaker in international Islamic Finance conferences. He acted as advisor on various international Islamic Finance transactions in Malta and abroad such as the required legislative changes for the first Sukuk in Malta. He was a catalyst in the launching of the Shariah Index at the Malta Stock Exchange. He is currently engaged in structuring a Takaful initiative in Europe and working on multiple Islamic Fintech projects to be registered in Malta. Author of various articles in Maltese and foreign newspapers, amongst others he is the local representative of Islamic Finance News. He is an accredited Virtual Financial Asset Agent by the Malta Financial Services Authority.



#### **MARIO CALDERINI**

Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Manchester, he is full Professor at Politecnico di Milano, School of Management, where he teaches Strategy and Social Innovation and chairs the Alta Scuola Politecnica, the honour program jointly managed by Politecnico di Milano and Torino. He is Senior Advisor to the Minister of University, Research and Innovation and Government's Sherpa for the G7 Italian Presidency 2017. His numerous publications in highly ranked international journals cover several topics in the field of innovation and social impact finance. He is the Director of Tiresia, the research centre on Social Innovation and Finance at Politecnico di Milano. He was a member of the G8 Task Force for Social Impact Investment, he chaired the Italian Advisory Board on Social Impact Finance and contributed to promote the social innovation agenda in Italy, launching the sector's first public consultation.



**LAURA CASTELLI**

She is the Undersecretary for the Economy in the Draghi Government. Deputy Minister of Economy in the 1st and the 2nd Conte Government. Member of the Parliament in the XVII and XVIII legislature and member of the Budget Committee. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Postgraduate Course in Legislative Editorial - LUISS School of Law and advanced Training Course in Health Economics and Management - La Sapienza University.



**SULTAN CHOUDHURY**

Sultan Choudhury OBE is an Islamic Banking Executive, Director, Chairman, Advisor & Charity Trustee based in Birmingham, England. He has been the Chief Executive Officer of al-Rayan Bank from 2004 to 2019.



**MASSIMILIANO CIPOLLETTA**

Has over thirty years of experience in ICT. He is an avid supporter of the business network model, a technical guru and a business-oriented leader. He has sat on the Board of Directors of Gruppo SCAI since 2006 and has been the Chief Executive Officer since 2015. He is President of Torino Wireless Foundation, Vice President of Unione Industriale di Torino, a member of the board for the Torino Chamber of Commerce and President of the Piedmont Digital Innovation Hub



**MARIA LUISA COPPA**

Since 2005 she has been President of Ascom Confcommercio Torino and province and President of Confcommercio Piemonte since 2012. From 2010 to 2018 she was national vice-president of Confcommercio - Imprese per l'Italia and from 2006 to 2013 Vice-President of Turin Chamber of Commerce. In 2013 she was elected member of the Steering Committee of Fondazione CRT and currently she covers the position of director. In 2019 she joined the board of directors of the Teatro Regio di Torino until the expiry of the institution. She is currently a member of the board of directors of Turismo Torino and since 2016 she has been President of Fondazione ITS Piedmont Tourism.



**CARLO COSTA**

He graduated in Civil and Transport Engineering at the University of Bologna in 1991. He began his career at the Autostrada del Brennero in 1991 as worker manager, then became safety coordinator in 1995. In 2004 he was appointed Deputy Technical Director and since 2007 he has been General Technical Manager of Autostrada del Brennero. He has significant experience in the construction, rehabilitation and management of civil and road works, viaducts, tunnels and technological facilities and he has been designer of more than 700 works and director of works in more than 490 projects. Since 2001 he has been responsible within the Company for about 20 Projects co-financed by the European Commission in which the company has been involved.

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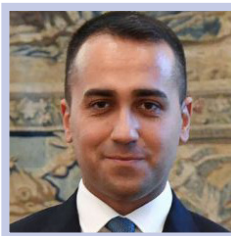
Full Professor of Management and Business Organisation, Prof. Culasso is a member of the Accademia Italiana di Economia Aziendale Board (AIDEA). Her main research is focused on the contribution of planning managerial systems and strategic control in business economics, with reference to which she has authored numerous publications in national and international scientific journals. In recent times, her studies have also focused on the relevance of such systems in the family business and as a tool for the innovation of value generation models, with a view to corporate sustainability. Referee of various international journals and member of editorial boards, she has active educational and scientific collaborations abroad.

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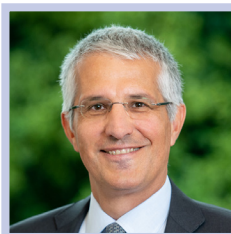
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**LUIGI DI MAIO**

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and formerly Vice President of the Council and Minister of Economic Development and Labor and Social Policies. In 2013, at the age of 26, he was the youngest vice president of the Chamber of Deputies, a position he held during the 17th Legislature until March 22, 2018. During the XVII Legislature he was a member of the XIV Commission, which deals with the policies of the European Union and was President of the Supervisory Committee on the documentation activity and on the Chamber Library. Together with his collaborators he activated the Fund for Microcredit for companies, fed by the salary payments of M5S deputies and senators.



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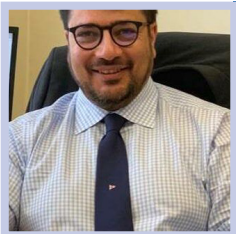
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Lawyer specialized in family law, she is editorial coordinator of the Palermo Bar Association Newsletter and communication manager of AIAF- Sicily. Since 2008 she has been managing the technical consultancy and relations of the family-owned company in the hospitality, catering and MICE markets, holding top positions in the Confindustria-Federturismo system, regional and national area. As agricultural entrepreneur, in 2018 she founded a consulting and services company in the so-called "strategic sectors". Author and manager of development and cooperation projects, including international ones, she collaborates with universities, associations and other public and private subjects and institutions with remits in the legal, strategic analysis, marketing and cultural diplomacy sectors. She has developed a specific expertise for the enhancement of the intercultural dialogue, the Mediterranean diet lifestyle and the halal brand.

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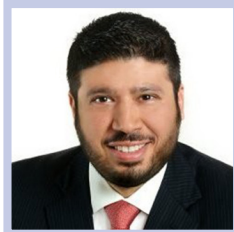
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