

World Islamic Finance Forum (WIFF) 2016
Roadmap for Future and Critical Success Factors
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In collaboration with INCEIF

Conference Introduction

Islamic finance has shown astounding growth over the past two decades, leaving its advocates and critics in awe. Strong demand push has resulted in global Islamic financial assets to surge from USD 150 billion in the mid-1990s to around USD 2 trillion by the year 2015. Even predominantly non-Muslim jurisdictions including London, Singapore and Hong Kong, to name a few, are jumping on the bandwagon and are competing to establish themselves as Islamic finance centers. Despite stunning 17% per annum growth and a sizeable presence in global capital markets over past two decades, there are several areas within Islamic finance that need to be explored further.

Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance (CEIF) was established at Institute of Business Administration, Karachi with the objective of providing a world class platform for discovery, enhancement and dissemination of knowledge in the field of Islamic Finance. Through ground breaking initiatives in Islamic finance education and research, CEIF aims at carrying on IBA's legacy of thought leadership in this area. To represent interests of all stakeholders, the Board of CEIF, includes CEOs of major market players and regulators with Dr. Ishrat Husain as the Chairman.

CEIF is organizing World Islamic Finance Forum (WIFF) to bring together practitioners, academia, regulators, legal and Shariah Advisers for developing a multipronged strategy to spread the footprint of Islamic finance across the globe in light of challenges faced by the industry. Key personalities from global Islamic finance arena will be invited to jointly carve out the roadmap for future taking into consideration macroeconomic goals, business needs, social objectives, capacity building requirements, standardization issues, legal and Shariah implications.

One of the key objectives of WIFF is knowledge enhancement through intellectual input from the academia. Thrust of CEIF is on bridging the gap between academia and industry through facilitating focused research that can be put to practice. Furthermore, CEIF aims at promoting development of case studies to impart Islamic finance knowledge through real life examples. In this pursuit, CEIF invites research papers and case studies.

Research Paper and Case Studies Topics

For research papers and case studies, the topics are

- Introducing Islamic Finance in Unchartered Territories
- Islamic Finance in Pre-dominantly non-Muslim Jurisdictions
- Promoting Financial Inclusion through Islamic Finance
- Issues pertaining to Transparency, Shariah Compliance and Accounting Disclosures
- Standardization of Islamic Products
- Digitization Issues in Islamic Financial Institutions
- Working Capital Solutions Based on Islamic Finance
- Islamic Finance for Infrastructure Development
- Shariah Compliant Agricultural Finance
- Promoting SME Growth through Islamic Finance
- Islamic Microfinance Issues and Challenges
- Implementation of Basel III in IFIs
- Development of Sukuk Market
- Islamic Capital Markets
- Takaful Opportunities and Challenges
- Risk Management in Islamic Financial Institutions
- Any other topic that focuses on a need, problem or unexplored issue in the area of Islamic finance

Awards

- First Prize- US\$ 5,000
- Second Prize – US\$ 3,000
- Third Prize – US\$ 2,000
- 3 Consolation Prizes

Paper/Case Study Selection

Papers/case studies will be evaluated by the Academic Committee comprising of Subject Matter Experts, primarily on the basis of their relevance to the conference objectives mentioned above.

Requirements

Kindly send your Paper/Case study Synopsis (not more than 300 words) and a brief profile latest by June 25, 2016. For submissions and registration, please visit our website: <http://ceif.iba.edu.pk/>.

Who should attend?

- Academicians
- Postgraduate and research students
- Islamic Bankers/Bankers
- Insurance/Takaful Professionals
- Financial Planners/Wealth Advisers
- Financial Consultants
- Shariah Scholars
- Legal Advisers
- Regulators
- Entrepreneurs (businessmen/importers/exporters etc)
- Other professionals

Important Dates:

June 25, 2016	Last date for submission of Paper/Case Study Synopsis
July 05, 2016	Notification of Acceptance of Synopsis
July 31, 2016	Last date for submission of Full Paper/Case Study
August 15, 2016	Last date for submission of Presentation on Paper/Case Study
September 5-6, 2016	Conference Dates

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