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Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance
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Call for Papers



Expanding Islamic Finance Footprint:

Innovation, Fintech and Regulation

19-20 March 2018

In collaboration with LUMS and INCEIF

After experiencing stunning double digit growth figures for more than two decades, Islamic finance industry has witnessed a slowdown in growth since 2015. According S&P Islamic Finance Outlook 2017, Islamic banks' asset growth fell to around 7% in 2015 compared with 12% in 2014. The slowdown is forecast to persist in 2016 and 2017 with growth stabilizing at around 5%. Is it possible to put the industry back on fast growth track and continued globalization? What will define future direction of the Islamic finance industry?

WIFF 2018 aims to deliberate on the future outlook for the global Islamic finance industry in light of rapidly changing market dynamics, driven by technological developments and growing need for innovative products to cater to upcoming sectors. Against this backdrop, the role envisaged for various stakeholders, especially the regulator, to expand the outreach will be discussed by Islamic finance visionaries at the conference. The international conference will bring together Shari'ah scholars, renowned academicians, leading Islamic bankers, regulators as well as prominent personalities from global Islamic financial and infrastructure institutions to deliberate on game changers for the industry.

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.

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 on the following themes:

- Standardization of Islamic Products
- Issues Pertaining to Transparency, Shari'ah Compliance and Accounting Disclosures
- Impact of Fintech and Regtech on the Future of Islamic Finance Industry
- Innovative Sukuk Structures
- Derivatives and Islamic Finance
- Introducing Islamic Finance in Unchartered Territories
- Islamic Finance in the Era of Islamophobia
- Achieving UN's Sustainable Development Goals through Islamic Finance
- 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
- Liquidity Management Solutions for IFIs
- Islamic Capital Markets
- Contemporary Issues in Takaful
- 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



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 November 30, 2017. 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:

- **November 30, 2017**
Last date for submission of Paper / Case Study Synopsis
- **December 15, 2017**
Notification of Acceptance of Synopsis
- **January 31, 2018**
Last date for submission of Full Paper / Case Study
- **February 21, 2018**
Last date for acceptance of Full Paper / Case Study
- **March 05, 2018**
Last date for submission of Presentation on Paper / Case Study
- **March 19 & 20, 2018**
Conference Dates



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FORM

I intend to attend WIFF. My particulars are as follows:



Name :

Designation :

Profession :

Institute/Org :

Country :

E-mail :

Contact No.

Would you like to give Presentation on Paper or Case study?

Yes, the proposed title is

- ☐ No, but I would like to attend and participate.
- ☐ I would not be able to attend this conference but would like to receive information about your future programs.

Please send this form to the following (latest by **November 30, 2017**):

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Conference Convenor