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Key issues to be addressed:

1) Role and mandate of the respective IIIs in promoting the Islamic finance industry and Islamic finance as a tool for achieving the SDGs.

2) IIIs accomplishments in creating the enabling environment for Islamic finance.

3) Current and emerging challenges faced by IIIs and the Islamic finance industry in playing a greater role as a financier of SDGs.

4) Opportunities for positioning Islamic finance as a preferred means of financing for development.

5) The need for greater alignment and coordination between IIIs to maximize the impact of activities and initiatives.

Mansur Muhtar is the IsDB's Vice President for Country Programmes. Between 2011 and 2014, he served as the Executive Director on the Board of the World Bank Group. In 2013-2104, he was co-chair of the UN Inter-Governmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Finance. He has served as Minister of Finance for the Federal Republic of Nigeria and as Chairman of the National Economic Management team (2008-2010), as Executive Director, African Development Bank (2007-2008) and as Director-General of Nigeria's Debt Management Office (2003-2007).

Bello Lawal Danbatta is the Secretary General of the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB). He has over 25 years of combined experience in the private sector, academia and financial services regulation and supervision sectors across Africa, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. He is member of the Accounting and Auditing Boards of AAOIFI, and has chaired various working groups for the issuance of financial accounting standards for Islamic financial institutions.

Abdelilah Belatik is the Secretary General of the General Council for Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions (CIBAFI). He has 20 years of experience, including leadership positions, in major financial centers in Europe, the United States, Asia and the Middle East. Prior to joining CIBAFI, he was Assistant Secretary General at the Malaysia-based IFSB, where he co-headed the Technical and Expertise Development Division.

Omar Mustafa Ansari is the Acting Secretary General of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI). He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan. Previously, he was the Head of Islamic Financial Services Group with Ernst & Young Ford Rhodes Sidat Hyder & Co., member of Ernst & Young in Pakistan. He has vast experience in Islamic financial services, auditing, assurance, advisory and consultancy.

Ijlal Alvi is the CEO of the International Islamic Financial Market (IIFM). He enjoys 30 years of experience in the financial services industry, working for regional and international financial institutions. As CEO, he was instrumental in introducing standardization in Islamic financial contracts and product templates. He manages IIFM’s market consultations, global working groups, the legal drafting process and Shari’ah guidance in developing standard Islamic financial contracts, product confirmations and related guidance notes, covering liquidity management, hedging, capital markets, corporate finance and trade finance segments of the industry. He also manages IIFM’s market awareness programs such as specialized seminars and technical workshops as well as research and publication of the annual IIFM Sukuk Report.
South-South Cooperation (SSC) is an essential component of international cooperation for developing countries. In the spirit of solidarity and common development needs and interests, SSC has played a vital role in the dissemination and scaling up of successful development solutions in the South through sharing experiences and lessons learned. Together with Triangular Cooperation (TrC) which has gained more attention in the past two decades, it is now being undertaken in increasingly more modalities, involving an ever expanding set of connected actors and growing quickly in scope and magnitude.

With SDG 17 seeking to strengthen global partnerships to support and achieve the ambitious targets of the 2030 Agenda, South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTrC) is acknowledged as instrumental in implementing the SDGs. The critical role of SSTrC for achieving the SDGs will be re-emphasized in the upcoming Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40), which will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in March 2019.

Under the leadership of His Majesty King Mohamed VI, Morocco has established SSC as a strategic pillar of the country’s foreign policy and has been remarkably active in building partnerships with countries from the Global South, especially in Africa. Within this context, and based on their long-standing experience in undertaking SSTrC, the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation (AMCI) will jointly organize a side event on “Enhancing the Role of Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and Technical Cooperation Agencies in Promoting South-South and Triangular Cooperation for achieving the SDGs: Morocco-IsDB Case”, during the upcoming IsDB Group Annual Meeting in Marrakech, Morocco in April 2019.

Key issues to be addressed:

1) How SSTrC can be an effective means for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
2) Discussing the roles of Technical Cooperation Agencies and MDBs in developing national ecosystems for SSTrC
3) Demonstrating the value addition of SSTrC by showcasing concrete model partnerships with Morocco as provider of expertise under reverse linkages.

H.E. Mohamed Methqal is Ambassador Director General of the Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation. Prior to this, he held several positions, including that of special advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and the Chief of Staff of the President of COP22.

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Mamadou Ouattara is President Director General of the National Agency for Rural Electrification, Mali (AMADER). He is also the former Director of rural electrification at AMADER. He is currently coordinating the implementation of several mini-grid projects within a public-private partnership framework.

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The Sukuk market has emerged in the last decade as a key fund-raising instrument by both member and non-member countries. Despite all the challenges seen in the Sukuk market compared to the conventional bond market, Sukuk witnessed an accelerated development in many of its aspects and currently represents a key component of the Global Capital Markets. With the Sharia structure calling for real sector financing, Sukuk could potentially fit well into core objectives and criteria of the SDGs, as a thematic instrument that can be used by member countries to finance infrastructure projects and stimulate real economic growth. This event will introduce and familiarize participants with the Sukuk market in general, provide an update on the latest developments and trends in the Sukuk markets and how they can be used to achieve the SDGs in member countries.

Key issues to be addressed:

1) Emerging trends, outlook and challenges in the Sukuk Market.
2) Structuring Sukuk to achieve SDGs in member countries.
3) The potential role of IsDB Sukuk in enhancing SDGs in member countries and how these can promote SDGs via supporting IsDB Sukuk.

Mohammed Dawood is Managing Director and Global Head of Sukuk Financing at HSBC, Dubai. He has held this role since 2007 and is responsible for all cross-border Islamic financing for HSBC. Dawood advised on, and executed, a significant number of Sukuk transactions for governments such as Malaysia, Indonesia, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the GCC.

Michael Bennett is the Head of Derivatives and Structured Finance in the World Bank and is in charge of structured note issuance, all derivatives related to funding, structure finance transactions for the World Bank and its clients (including catastrophe bonds and swaps, carbon emission rights-linked bonds, Sukuk for IFFIm and project-linked bonds) as well as monetization of certified emissions reductions as agent for the United Nations’ Adaptation Fund.

Luky Alfirman is the Director General of Budget Financing and Risk Management at the Ministry of Finance, Republic of Indonesia. He started his career at the Ministry of Finance in 1995 as an employee in the Directorate General of Taxes. Upon returning from his study assignment to the US in July 2004, he was appointed Head of the Institutional and Reporting Subdivision of the Directorate General of Taxes. Over the years, he came through the ranks to become entrusted with his current position in November 2017. Luky was responsible for the structuring and issuance of the debut Green Sukuk and subsequent issuance on the capital markets.

Zamir Iqbal (Moderator) is the IsDB’s Vice President for Finance and CFO. Prior to joining the IsDB, he served as head of the World Bank Global Islamic Finance Development Center in Istanbul. He has more than 25 years of experience in capital markets, asset management, risk management and financial sector at the World Bank. Islamic finance has been his research focus. He played an instrumental role in the publication of World Bank and IsDB’s first Global Report on Islamic Finance. He served as Professional faculty at Carey Business School of Johns Hopkins University.

Senior official from Bank al-Maghreb or Ministry of Finance; to be designated/confirmed with the Host country.
The aim of the IsDB Group Private Sector Forum is to highlight the activities of the Group’s private sector entities and their relevance to the development as well as private sector development of member countries, including Morocco.

This panel precedes three panels, which will focus on bespoke topics: The first will address the opportunity that regional value chains create for African member countries and what role the private sector can and should play. The second panel will look after mapping the mind-set of ECAs by establishing business intelligence (BI) ecosystems. The last one will investigate the role of digital transformation in restyling the Islamic finance industry.

The CEOs will give an overview on how they see the economy 4.0 impact their business and where they see the opportunities and the obstacles for their organisations as well as for the IsDB Group’s member countries.

Oussama A. Kaisi is the CEO of The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit – ICIEC, the Export Credit, Political Risk Insurance and Credit Enhancement Arm of the Islamic Development Bank Group. He’s a graduate of Indiana University in USA and has thirty years of diverse experience in the Insurance and Risk management industry. He has served 20 years at the senior executive level.

Ayman Sejiny is the new CEO of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector. Ayman is a highly accomplished financial industry leader. He has vast experience inventing financial processes and products. He is an expert in Fintech with a proven track record in several regional and international financial institutions.

Hani Salem Sonbol is the CEO of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC). His career in development Banking started three decades ago where he served in many leading positions across the IsDB Group like Director of the IsDBG President’s Office, Director of IsDBG Regional Office Morocco, Director Trade Finance and Promotion Department, Deputy CEO, ITFC and Acting Chief Executive Officer at Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC).

Cornelia Meyer (Moderator) is an international economist, independent energy analyst and media commentator.
The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Development Agenda are interrelated. Sixty-five out of the 169 SDG targets refer to young people explicitly or implicitly, with a focus on empowerment, participation and/or wellbeing. There are 20 youth-specific targets spread over six key SDGs. The 8th Youth Development Forum will focus on the seemingly paradoxical gap between two of the most interdependent Goals – quality education (SDG 4) and decent employment (SDG 8), that if not closed, will result in high youth unemployment.

This event will explore how to bridge this gap via shedding light on good practices, strategies, and programs from member countries, which aim to build the youth employability skills required to increase economic growth and transform youth into sustainably employable individuals.

Key issues to be addressed:

1) What are employers and educational institutions doing to bridge the gap?
2) Are these efforts enough, and what can be done differently to enhance their effectiveness?
3) Does on-the-job learning of employability skills have the most significant effect in facilitating school-to-work transition?
4) Does in-class quality learning have the most significant effect on enhancing youth employability?

Neslihan Cevik (Moderator) is an associate fellow at the University of Virginia with multi-sectoral experience in the development and sociology of youth. During her previous engagement as lead social scientist at SESRIC, OIC, she coordinated and produced “The State of Youth in OIC Countries” report and “OIC Youth Development Strategy”.

Rosa Abdel Malek Rosa is responsible for the overall operations of the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development (SFSD), including partnering with NGOs and other donors and managing large projects. Prior to SFSD, she was the Executive Director of SPAAC/The Human Empowerment Center.

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Amal Mowafy is currently the Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) at the International Labour Organization (ILO). Amal is involved in interventions that tackle the supply, intermediation, and demand aspects of the labour market to achieve Decent Work (Sustainable Development Goal 8) for all.
Jawara Gaye is a Global Lead Education Specialist for the Economic and Social Infrastructure Department at the Islamic Development Bank. Prior to joining the IsDB, Jawara was Manager, Project Coordination Unit, of the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education in The Gambia.

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Abdellatif Miraoui is President of the Cadi Ayyad University in Marrakech and Honorary President of the Francophonie University Association as well as Expert Member at the Higher Council of Education, Training and Scientific Research (Morocco).
The economic transformation of Africa through industrialization as a key driver has been at the center of debates and economic policies for several years. The emergence of our African member countries can only be done through a deep transformation of their economies. It raises the question of the processes needed to guide these structural changes to achieve their objectives. Developing regional integrated offerings, diversifying economies, moving upscale, exporting more value to international markets, creating more quality jobs and increasing opportunities for graduates are all messages routinely heard in Africa, but which represent numerous challenges.

The low level of trade integration in Africa, coupled with the continent’s relatively rapid pace of development, suggests significant potential for the development of intra-regional value chains.

**Key issues to be addressed:**

1) What are the main factors to achieve successful regional integration?
2) Where do we stand and what are some of the examples from IsDB member countries (such as the Kingdom of Morocco) experience in developing regional value chains?
3) How can financial institutions and the private sector assess their contributions to global efforts led by the continent?
4) The potential of logistics platforms to enhance intra-trade and create further value.

**Speakers**

**Shehab Marzban** is currently Chairman of Egypt Ventures and Senior Advisor for Economic Affairs to the Minister of Investment and International Cooperation. He also serves as a Board Executive Director at the Islamic Development Bank. He is also a Board Member at EFG Finance.

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**Mustapha Elouafi** is Managing Director at OCP. He is the Sponsor for Industrial Operations, Industrial Development, Sustainability, IT, Training Centers & Ecosystem Development. He has 25 years’ experience in phosphate industry (production, sales & marketing) with ability to lead, project management, communication and relationship-building skills. He also has strong background in phosphate market analysis.

**Kamal Mokdad** is Chief Executive Officer of Banque Centrale Populaire. He is also the CEO of BP Shore Consulting, BCP own consulting firm. Before joining BCP, he worked as an audit and financial advisory cross France, Morocco and Sub-Saharan Africa.

**Mustapha Elouafi** is Managing Director of the Maghreb Bank of Investment and Foreign Trade (BMICE) since January 2016. Zekri and his team’s mission in BMICE is to make the Maghreb a more integrated and competitive economic area.

**Abdou Soulèye Diop** (Moderator) is Managing Partner of Mazars Morocco, in charge of the development of activities in Africa. He was the President of the African and South-South Commission in the Board of the General Confederation of Moroccan Companies, the Moroccan Private sector body.
In today’s world, progress towards a sustainable future depends on the ability to innovate, create knowledge, convert it into viable products and services, and use it for the profitable growth of businesses, the strength of the national economy, and the advancement of society. This session is about the Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI) Future Knowledge Leaders Initiative (FKL), which aims to develop tomorrow’s knowledge leaders through a process of learning that gives them the opportunity and capacity to act. IRTI’s Initiative will focus on solutions-based capacity development programs designed to support development in IsDB Group member countries by transforming global knowledge into self-motivated learning.

The session will include a presentation of IRTI’s Initiative, highlighting the role of future knowledge leaders in achieving the SDGs and fostering understanding of the role of Islamic finance in developing future knowledge leaders.

Key issues to be addressed:

1) Who are Knowledge Leaders?
2) What is the best Trainers’ Training Model?
3) Problem Solving Strategies and their role in Developing Future Knowledge Leaders
4) Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship – Gifted vs. Trained Knowledge Leaders
5) How to Develop Communication and Networking Skills?
6) Visionary Thinking and Strategic Leadership

Khaled A. Al-Ghoneim is the founder and chairman of Hawaz Technologies, a boutique firm focused on digital transformation, analytics and behavioral nudging. Prior to that, he occupied leading positions in big companies, including being the CEO of Al-ELM Information Security Company, Group CEO at Saudi Telecom Company and Executive Chairman of Takamol Holding Company.

Ignacio De la Torre was Executive Director of Spanish and European Equity Sales at UBS Investment Bank in Madrid. Between 1998 and 2002, he worked as a small-cap stock analyst at Deutsche Bank and UBS Investment Bank. Since 2007, he has been the Academic Director of the Master’s in Finance, Master’s in Advanced Finance and Executive Master’s in Finance programs at IE Business School.

Salma Abbasi is a technologist, philanthropist and social activist. She is the CEO of eWorldwide Group, an international firm focusing on development and security. A former Senior Vice President at Lucent Technologies, she has over 35 years’ experience in the field of technology, innovation for sustainable development and policy development for economic empowerment.

Noureddine Maana is the Director of Hassania School of Public Works. Prior to this, he was the Secretary General and Director of Human Resources at the Ministry of Health, and President of the Central Training Coordination Commission and the Steering Committee of the Higher Institutes of Health Professions. He is an engineer and holds a PhD of Business Administration from the Paris Academy of Management Sciences.

Rami Abdelkafi is the Acting Manager of the Training Division at IRTI. He joined the IsDB in August 2008 and has since accumulated extensive experience in economic development. Prior to this, he worked as Assistant Professor at the University of Sfax in Tunisia. He earned his doctorate in economics from the University of Nice, France, in 2002.
Ibtissam El Anzaoui is head of Financial Inclusion unit at Bank Al-Maghrib since January 2016. She is in charge of managing and coordinating all the financial inclusion related projects with national and international actors. She joined the Central Bank of Morocco in 2009 as a senior analyst at the finance department.

**Key issues to be addressed:**

1) Impediments to the successful application of Islamic financial inclusion
2) Financial literacy in financial inclusion
3) Policies to be implemented for a successful Islamic financial inclusion
4) Why people remain unbanked and what is the remedy?
5) Opportunities for expanding Islamic financial inclusion through digital technology
6) How can Islamic banks increase their outreach to speed up financial inclusion?
7) Financial inclusion and SDGs.

Mehmet Asutay (Moderator) is Professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic Political Economy and Finance. He is Director of Durham Centre for Islamic Economics and Finance in the Durham University Business School, UK.

Datuk Mohd Radzif bin Mohd Yunus is Chairman of Ethis Ventures, and Islamic Fintech venture builder in Malaysia. Mohd Radzif’s illustrious career includes entrepreneurship and leadership roles in industries spanning real estate, infrastructure, GLCs and finance.

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A “smart” economy is characterized by smart, sustainable, inclusive growth, fueled by knowledge-intensive activities. It aims to achieve a knowledge-driven economic transformation with active participation from economy-wide stakeholders. This is expected to lead to inclusive growth in GDP, which in turn, should lead to a reduction in income inequalities, job creation and economic sustainability. A key feature of a “smart” economy is digitization, which leads to reduced frictions caused by asymmetry of information and cost minimization as well as to strengthening of economic links in both real and financial sectors. Given the current stage of technological advance, a digital transformation through “smart” projects and initiatives involves increasing the use of the block-chain technology and the internet-of-things. This session is intended to present the Islamic Research and Training Institute’s (IRTI) initiative in developing smart economies in IsDB member countries (MCs), highlight the role of smart economies in achieving the SDGs and foster understanding of the role of Islamic finance in developing smart economies.

1) Smart Economy and Digital Transformation in IsDB MCs: New Challenges and Opportunities.
2) Creating the enabling environment for a sustainable smart economy in IsDB MCs.
3) How to make a smart economy and economic growth complementary in IsDB MCs.
4) Sharia compliance issues in crypto-assets.
5) The regulatory challenges of Fintech in the MENA region, particularly in Morocco.
6) The sector(s) where smart economy has the largest impact on the economies of IsDB MCs.

Salma Abbasi is a technologist, philanthropist and social activist. She is the CEO of eWorldwide Group, an international firm focusing on development and security. A former Senior Vice President at Lucent Technologies, she has over 35 years’ experience in the field of technology, innovation for sustainable development and policy development for economic empowerment.

Amine Al-Hazzaz is a serial entrepreneur and a seasoned executive who held leadership positions in leading multinationals, governments and cutting-edge startups in the USA, Canada, Japan, the UAE and Morocco. He conducted projects in more than 10 countries. He co-founded Endeavor in Morocco. In 2017, he launched in collaboration of a group of passionate entrepreneurs, H.SEVEN, Africa’s biggest startup accelerator. In 2019-2020, they will launch H7 Ventures, an early-stage venture capital fund.

Ghazi Kallel is the founder and managing partner of Agora Venture, an accelerator venture fund and services company focused on seed-stage investments. Prior to founding Agora Venture, he was Senior Strategy Advisor Consultant at Conquest Consulting. Earlier, Ghazi was the Sales Account Manager, then Channel Manager at Cisco North Africa region in charge of Public-Sector Business Development.

Sami Al-Suwailem is the Acting Director General of IRTI, Islamic Development Bank Group, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Before joining IRTI in 2004, Dr. Al-Suwailem managed the Research and Development Center at Al-Rajhi Bank, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He worked at the Institute of Islamic and Arabic Sciences in America, Virginia; Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Illinois, USA; and King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
In most developed economies, credit reporting institutions are considered important pillars of trade and finance. Credit information systems boost lending by up to 50% of GDP, reduce costs substantially and can contribute to financially assimilating the 2 billion unbanked, with an observable impact on FDI. The IsDB member countries overall credit information systems fall below global benchmarks, with private registry coverage at only 11% of the adult population in 2016, compared to 66% coverage across the OECD.

Absence of strong corporate and related business intelligence ecosystem is a big impediment in most IsDB member countries (MCs). This panel will explore how multilateral development banks (MDBs), Export Credit Agencies (ECAs), Central Banks and private sector can play an important role in enabling a strong business intelligence ecosystem, and how the 4th industrial revolution technologies (AI/ blockchain in particular) can be leveraged to by-pass the gap that exists across the IDB member countries. Considering the significance of the challenges facing the OIC MCs, ICIEC has submitted to the 34th COMCEC Ministerial Meeting (29 November 2018) and under the leadership of the President of IsDB Group, H.E. Dr. Bandar Hajjar, a report with its recommendations to operationalize an OIC Business Intelligence Centre (OBIC). How can such initiative be a success and what could be its challenges?

Key issues to be addressed:

1) Debate the data driven technologies used by credit information systems.
2) Deliberate on the establishment of a cross-OIC database credit registry and infrastructure that can be a hallmark of the Center’s offerings, providing both the technology platform as well as the credit data infrastructure.
3) Explore the possibility of establishing an independent rating agency under the aegis of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).
4) Discuss a clear implementation roadmap related to the OIC Business Intelligence Centre (OBIC).

Oussama Kaissi is the CEO of The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit - ICIEC, the Export Credit, Political Risk Insurance and Credit Enhancement Arm of the Islamic Development Bank Group. He’s a graduate of Indiana University in USA and has thirty years of diverse experience in the Insurance and Risk management industry. He has served 20 years at the senior executive level.

Keiko Honda is the Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, the political risk insurance and credit enhancement arm of the World Bank Group. She holds a bachelor’s degree in consumer economics from Ochanomizu University and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School, where she was selected as a Fulbright Scholar.

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Jalal Benhayoun is General Manager of PORTNET S.A. « National Single Window for Foreign Trade ». The PORNET involves mainly public and private operators with an ultimate objective to improve and facilitate international trade between Morocco and the rest of the world. He is a graduate of Al Mohammadia School and Akhawayn University.

Hassen Bennour is the CEO, Middle East & North Africa (COFACE). He has over 16 Years of successful experience in leadership positions in the Insurance, M&A and Investment Management Industry. He graduated as an engineer in Computer Science from ENSIIE (Evry – France) and then specialized in Financial Markets. He is also a certified Six Sigma Master Black Belt.

Kaiser Naseem has over 36 years of international experience in development banking and finance and is currently leading the IFC advisory services. He has an MBA in Finance from the Asian Institute of Management in Manila, an MS in Metallurgical Engineering from Moscow Institute of Steel & Alloys and a certification on "Strategy in the Age of Digital Disruption“ from INSEAD.

Rafi-uddin Shikoh (Moderator) is the Founder and CEO of Dinar Standard™ - a specialized market research and advisory firm. Prior to Dinar Standard, Rafi-uddin has had 15 years of marketing strategy, e-business strategy, and technology management experience with small and Fortune 500 ranked companies. He has an MBA from UNC-Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, and a BSc. in Marketing from Southwest State University, Minnesota, USA.
A recent report of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) shows that while both the gross and net enrolment rates of children in school have improved considerably in the OIC member countries, there is still a significant number of children out of school. These findings have been supported by a UNICEF report that shows that OIC member countries form the majority of the countries where two in every five children are out of school. These assessments conclude that unless concrete steps are taken to address the situation, a large number of children will grow up without the skills they need to get themselves and their families out of poverty.

This need accounts for the decision of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (Member of the IsDB Group) to launch a coalition that seeks to return all out-of-school children in OIC member countries to school by 2030. A pilot intervention was initiated in 2018 in partnership with Education Above All (EAA) within a framework called "ISFD-EAA Out-of-School Children Programme." The pilot phase of the partnership seeks to finance the return of 2.4 million out-of-school children in Mali, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Scaling up the programme constitutes one of the key objectives of the side event. The event seeks to bring together global leaders, technical experts and beneficiaries around the issue of out-of-school children in order to galvanize greater action on the part of governments and their partners by raising awareness and building linkages and partnerships around the problem in accordance with the IsDB President's P5P.

Key issues to be addressed:

1) The nature and geographical distribution of out-of-school children,
2) Political and Socio-economic factors that contribute to the growing number of out-of-school children;
3) The risks faced by out-of-school children and society as a whole;
4) Gains that societies and economies stand to make in addressing the problem of out-of-school children.
5) Integrated and sustainable best practices that have yielded results in OIC countries and elsewhere;
6) Alliances and partnerships that need to be fostered at local, regional and international levels in order to mobilize the required resources and the programmes that need to be designed and implemented effectively.

H.E. Bandar M.H Hajjar is President of the Islamic Development Bank Group. He previously served as minister in the Government of Saudi Arabia, a member of the Shura Council, Chairman of the National Society for Human Rights, Deputy Dean of College of Economy and Administration, Deputy Director of the Economic Research Centre and the Editor in Chief of Money and Markets Magazine.

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Kevin Watkins is Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children UK. He previously served as adviser to the UN Special Envoy for Education. He held senior academic roles at Brookings institution, Oxford University and the London School of Economics.
Irena Vojackova-Sollorano is the UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Turkey. She served previously as UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to the Republic of Serbia and as director of the Department for Migration Management at the IOM Regional Director for Asia and Central Europe.

Alice Albright is Chief Executive Officer, Global Partnership for Education. She has extensive experience in private, non-profit and public sectors and served as chief operating officer of Ex-Im Bank USA and as Chief Financial and Investment Officer of GAVI.

Abdourahmane Lahlou is Founder, ABWAB Consultants (Morocco) and Founder and ex-CEO of Mundiaipolis University, Morocco. He is a visiting Professor at Science Po, Bordeaux and served as consultant for World Bank, IFC and IsDB;

Walid Alwohaib is Director General, Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development, IsDB. He held several senior positions, including CEO, International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (IsDB Group); Undersecretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Kuwait) and Secretary General, Manpower & Government Restructuring Program (Kuwait).
ICD organizes a high-level panel discussion on the role of digital transformation in "restyling" Islamic finance. Digital transformation and Fintech are considered as a blue ocean for the Islamic finance industry. We believe that Islamic finance institutions have a tremendous amount of opportunities available to them to achieve multiple strategic objectives such as financial inclusion, customer-oriented financial services, operational excellence and competitive advantage.

Crowdfunding, peer-to-peer model and payment platforms, smart contracts, blockchains, cryptocurrencies, cybersecurity, InsureTech etc., are some of the emerging channels of digital transformation that could be used in the Islamic finance industry. Undoubtedly, stepping into these digital channels could help the Islamic finance industry grow faster and more solidly. The ICD is keen to introduce FinTech products and become the number one platform-facilitator, selling investment funds within its 54-member countries, catering to each country’s regulatory framework.

The objective of the two panel sessions is to discuss the new opportunities offered by the digital transformation applicable to the finance industry broadly, and Islamic finance particularly.

**Key issues to be addressed:**

1) How can we use Fintech and digital transformation to restyle the Islamic finance industry?
2) On which areas should we focus the most?
3) What are the major requirements and prerequisites?

**Speakers**

**Ayman Sejiny** is the new CEO of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector. Ayman is a highly accomplished financial industry leader. He has vast experience inventing financial processes and products. He is an expert in Fintech with a proven track record in several regional and international financial institutions.

**Maria Luisa Aldim** is member of the Lisbon parliament and passionate about innovation, economy and politics. Public speaker, writer and entrepreneur, she was the head of sales of the most recognized Payment Fintech in Portugal until 2018. Recently she launched VGD to help banks and fintech developing strategies and projects in payment industry.

**Rafi-uddin Shikoh**, Managing Director at DinarStandard is passionate about empowering organizations to become global brands with socially responsible impact. He is the Founder and CEO of DinarStandard a specialized market research and advisory firm. Rafi-uddin has led thought leadership and strategies on innovation, marketing and empowering Islamic economies for global impact.

**Ahmed Tahiri Jouti** is an accomplished Islamic finance professional, writer and speaker. He is the Chief Operating Officer of Al Maali Group, a visiting Professor in universities in Morocco and an Exclusive correspondent in Morocco for Islamic Finance News.
Abdullah Han is passionate about empowering businesses to become global brands with a socially responsible impact. He is Co-Founder of Halal Chain (www.hlc.com), a public blockchain company based on Direct Acyclic Graph, which is friendly to small payments and quick transactions. HalalChain also develops consortium chains to address the concerns in the Halal economy and Islamic Finance, which aspires to reshape the ecosystem of the global Islamic economy.

Mohamed Maher Mannai is Head of IFI Program at ICD. Passionate about Islamic banking, he led several projects to convert conventional banks into full fledged Islamic banks and create windows. He's also contributing to find innovative products and facilitate access to Islamic financial services.

Hubert de Vauplan heads the Alternative Finance team at Kramer Levin LLP in Paris, an American law firm. He chairs the Africa Desk and Islamic finance team. He has a long experience as a banker in various international banks. He is an expert at the French Financial Market Supervisory Authority (AMF), the European Commission and European Central Bank, for FINTECH and Blockchain.

Marilyn Heib is co-founder and CEO of Bettervest, a provider of a crowdfunding platform for energy-efficiency projects. The company allows citizens to finance energy efficiency projects and participate in energy savings. Marilyn is interested in making the world a better place by helping people help themselves and saving the climate.

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Yasmin ULRICH, is managing Western Union Business Solutions’ bank network in EMEA and partially LATAM while being an advocate for payment modernization and new technology. Yasmin is also an advisor of lampass - a project combining biometrics and Distributed Ledger Technology to create innovative and tangible identity and access solutions - and founder of a growing network promoting healthy and positive lifestyles among women.

Kenza Bennis is a creative entrepreneur, blogger and outstanding communication expert. Kenza created a MOOC for a top-tier business school, using the power of e-learning and vocational training to help individuals prosper on their expertise. She also started “eeducation.africa” in 2019, an association that provides talents with advancing online education enabling individuals to respond to local markets’ needs and work their way out of poverty.

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SDG 16 calls for peace, justice and strong institutions. The third pillar of the inclusive social development of the 10 Year Strategy Framework seeks to address the needs of populations at risk of being left behind in health, education, employment, crisis support, institution building, women empowerment and the alleviation of extreme poverty. The President 5-year Program (P5P) calls for the IsDB to be proactive and responsive to member country challenges, including fragility and violent conflict.

To serve the above, the IsDB is organizing this annual forum to discuss specifically the issues surrounding resilience and fragility in which experts, policymakers, activists, civil society organizations and think-tanks from global institutions and member countries will discuss, share experiences and lesson learnt, and present their research findings and papers.

Key issues to be addressed:

1) Global trends and analysis on fragility and resilience
2) Fostering economic development to provide tailored solutions that are critical to building economic resilience in countries affected by conflict
3) Supporting hosting countries to cope with the pressure and burden of refugees and displaced people in member countries
4) Sharing the findings of the first IsDB Resilience Report 2019 and a brief on the IsDB Fragility and Resilience policy
5) Practical and successful case studies on building community resilience to effectively respond to the risks and shocks of fragility and violent conflict and the role of the private sector in building resilient markets and a value chain approach to conflict-affected and fragile situations
6) Transformative and innovative financing tools to mobilize off-balance sheet resources for building resilience and recovery.

Mansur Muhtar is Vice President (Country Program Complex) IsDB. Muhtar served previously as Executive Director on the Board of the World Bank Group (2011-2014) as well as Co-Chair of the UN Inter-Governmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Finance (2013-2014). He has also served as Minister of Finance for the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Robert Pasicko is co-founder of UNDP Alternative Finance Lab (www.altfinlab.org) through which he supports development on alternative finance mechanisms in over 30 countries.

Kenan Bagci is Acting Director of Economic and Social Research Department at SESRIC, a subsidiary organ of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, in Ankara, Turkey.

Yannick du Pont is founder and general director of SPARK. He has worked since 1994 in the field of higher education and economic development in post-conflict countries, mostly OIC member states.
Walid Abdelwahab is Director-General, Country Relations and Services, at IsDB overseeing country strategy and dialogue and management of the Bank’s USD 25 billion portfolio across all sectors in the Bank’s 57 member countries in Asia, Africa, MENA, Europe and Latin America.

Abdulhakim Elwaer, Adviser to President on Global Advocacy and the Spokesperson of the Islamic Development Bank Group.

Nate Haken is Programs Director at The Fund for Peace, leading a variety of resilience and conflict early-warning, analysis and peacebuilding programs with a focus on West Africa. He has field experience in two dozen countries worldwide.

Abdimajid Moalin Abdullahi is Manager of the Human Development Division, Islamic Development Bank
The choice of the Kingdom of Morocco to host the 44th IsDB Group Annual Meetings - for the second time after 30 years - reflects the special character that distinguishes Morocco as being keen to always respond to all development initiatives.

This is indeed the context of the topic of this seminar, which is the Kingdom's role, as a crossroads of civilizations and a platform for regional integration in support of triangular cooperation, in addressing questions dictated by Morocco's position as a major player in the concerted efforts of IsDB member countries under the international and regional variables, to achieve the SDGs. The subject of the seminar also reflects the IsDB's presence through its financing and technical activities, which span Africa, Asia and Europe regions.

**Key issues to be addressed:**

1) Integration into the global and regional value chains;
2) Strengthening FDI flows and promoting international investment agreements;
3) The role of financial institutions in financing continental projects and regional infrastructure;
4) Managing migration flows and mitigating social and spatial disparities;
5) Integrating sustainable development goals in triangular cooperation plans.

**Mohamed Methqal** is Director General of the Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation (AMCI) since 2016. Prior to this, he held several positions such as Special Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Chief of Staff of President of COP22, and Senior Advisor to the Minister of Economy and Finance in Morocco. Earlier in his career, he provided consulting and advisory services to governments, corporations and business leaders.

**Marie Francoise Marie-Nelly** is Country Director for the Maghreb and Malta, Middle East and North Africa, World Bank. Since she joined the World Bank in 1994, she has held a variety of positions focused on the restructuring of public enterprises, support to private sector development, regional integration, and management of the oil sector. Previously, she served as Country Director for Nigeria, Country Director for the two Congo, Director for the World Bank Group Program related to the Chad Petroleum and the Chad-Cameroon pipeline project, and Director for the regional integration program in Africa.

**Latifa Elbouabdellaoui** is Director of International Trade Relations at the Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy in Morocco. Before being appointed to this department, she was in charge of the Mechanical and Metallurgical Industries Division. Later on she headed the Offshoring Trades Division within the same Ministry. She coordinates and leads negotiations on Trade Agreements at the national level. She hosted several national and international conferences and seminars on international trade topics.

**Xavier Reille** is Director of IFC Maghreb office. He oversees the development and management of consulting and investment operations for Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. Xavier joined IFC in 2011 as manager of the financial inclusion program for MENA. In recent years, he headed the financial sector consulting department for the Europe & MENA region from Istanbul. With 10 years’ experience at the World Bank as a senior manager, Xavier has been the founding chairman of the Microfinance Information Exchange platform for the microfinance industry. He also led the G8 Financial Inclusion Program for the MENA region after being a CGAP World Bank leader for 5 years.

**Zouhair Triqui** is Secretary General of the Moroccan Agency for Development of Investments and Exports (AMDIE). Previously, he held several leadership positions within Maroc Export. His experience, spanning over three decades in export promotion, allowed him to undertake upstream activities, through training, studies and export consulting, as well as in the field, by organizing and supervising promotional events abroad. At the managerial and strategic level, his roles focused on strategic planning, monitoring of strategy implementation, evaluation and analysis of results.
THE ROLE OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS AS WELL AS THE PROCUREMENT FUNCTION IN REALIZING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals are broad, but the targets are specific, especially when related to engineering and infrastructure. For example, SDG 11 ‘Sustainable Cities and Communities’ includes targets such as, ensuring access to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services; enhancing inclusive and sustainable urbanization; reducing the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities. As it is clear from these targets, the SDGs are a solid set of instructions for governments, businesses and civil society on how to move from the path we are currently on, to the one which prevents social and environmental collapse.

The proposed side event is held by the Federation of Consultants in Islamic Countries (FCIC)/ Federation of Contractors in Islamic Countries (FOCIC). FCIC is an organization that has within its membership over 100 consulting firms from member countries. These firms play a critical role in the design and delivery of developmental projects financed by IsDB.

Key issues to be addressed:

1) What are the benefits of SDGs for consulting engineering businesses?
2) Opportunities for engineering sector in delivering sustainable infrastructure;
3) Role of project procurement in consideration of sustainability in the delivery of projects.

Levent Gelgin holds a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from USC and an Executive MBA from the UK. He is the Vice Chairman of BOTEK Consulting Engineering Corp. He has expanded and raised BOTEK overseas projects Department, which is now one of Turkey’s the leading firms. Currently he is the President of FCIC and the Vice Chairman of DEIK (Foreign Economic Relations Board).

Ahmed Chalabi is Deputy CEO of CID, a Moroccan multidisciplinary engineering firm with a staff of 400 engineers & technicians, operating in Africa and in the Middle East. Ahmed Chalabi is a civil engineer, graduated from Ecole Hassania des Travaux Publics (EHTP) of Casablanca in 1991. Ahmed is the Deputy CEO of CID and the Director of “Water, Energy and Environment” CID Business Unit. Ahmed has more than 27 years experience in the environment field. He has participated in the project of Morocco Charter for the Environment and the Sustainable Development and also in the Moroccan Strategy of Sustainable Development.

Halil Agah is Senior Development Specialist, former World Bank Development Specialist and Executive Director of FCIC. He participated in several project preparation, implementation, completion and ex-post evaluation missions with the World Bank, EU, IFAD, FAO, Governments and NGOs. He has also been involved in regional, sectoral, urban and rural planning activities as an expert and manager.

Mohammed E. Abdelrahman has a B.Sc. Mechanical Engineer, M.Sc. in Manufacturing Technology and Project Management, MBA. He is the Vice–President of FCIC; Secretary General of Sudanese Engineering and Architecture Consultancy Association, (SEACA); a Member of FIDIC Integrity Management Committee (IMC); General Manager of Newtech Consulting Group operating in over 20 countries in Africa and Middle East.

Nargis Ghaloo (moderator) has a career that spanned 35 years in public service in the Government of Pakistan. Her latest position was Managing Director of the Public Procurement Authority. She is now partner in consultancy firm Global Business Lynx Limited in Pakistan. The firm provides consultancy services in Industrial, financial, aviation and human resources.
INAUGURAL GOVERNORS’ DIALOGUE AT THE IsDB 44TH ANNUAL MEETING

5 April 2019, Orangeraie, Palais de Congrès

IsDB Member Countries have several innovative projects, initiatives and success stories that are not widely known. These hidden development gems could potentially have significant positive impacts on MC’s aspirations. In this regard, to create greater awareness and share these success stories, the IsDB will launch the inaugural “Governors’ Dialogues” during the upcoming 44th Annual Meeting in Morocco on Friday, 5 April 2019. This strategic conversation between the IsDB and the Governor will: i) shed light on the nature of the success and its underlining drivers, ii) share the country’s experience and success, iii) explore opportunities for replicating this in other MC’s and iv) identify areas that IsDB may be able to assist in.

DEVELOPING ECONOMIC RESILIENCE: TURKEY’S EXPERIENCE

11:00 - 12:00

H.E. Berat Albayrak, IsDB Governor for Turkey and Minister of Treasury and Finance

The IsDB Governor for Turkey, H.E. Berat Albayrak, will explore the nature of the economic and financial risks Turkey faced over the last 2 years. He will also discuss the policy actions and responses that were deployed by the Government against such risks. An important element of the dialogue will be to ascertain Turkey’s success in developing its economic resilience. The discussion will aim at contextualizing Turkey’s experience with a view to exploring possible areas of cooperation among the IsDB Member Countries and what role IsDB can play as a development partner in fostering economic resilience.

NIGERIA’S ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND GROWTH PLAN (ERGP)-2017-2020

12:30 - 13:30

H.E. Zainab Ahmed, IsDB Governor for the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Minister of Finance

The IsDB Governor for the Federal Republic of Nigeria, H.E. Zainab Ahmed, will shed light on Nigeria’s fight against poverty through transformation as envisaged in its Economic Recovery and Growth Program (ERGP) 2017-2020. The ERGP is a comprehensive plan to improve the country’s economic and social development, and has placed emphasis on diversifying sources of growth, and fighting poverty as the population trends exert upward pressure on poverty. Among the various aspects that would be discussed is Nigeria’s quest for 7% growth and its drive for economic diversification.

HUMAN CAPITAL: THE CENTRAL ELEMENT OF ACHIEVING THE SDGS

16:30 - 17:30

H.E. Zied Ladhari, IsDB Governor for Tunisia and Minister of Development, Investment and International Cooperation

The IsDB Governor for Tunisia, H.E. Zied Ladhari, will highlight Tunisia’s experience in rehabilitating human capital to participate effectively in enhancing the role of the government in overcoming the problems of development. The discussion will aim at contextualizing the Tunisian experience with a view to exploring possible areas of cooperation with IsDB and its MC’s. In addition, the role of IsDB in helping its MC’s as a strategic development partner to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s) will be deliberated upon.
People living in the developing world need more than just grant funding. They need sustainable solutions to help them build their own way to prosperity. With the right tools and a supportive environment, innovators and businesses can harness the great potential of STI. STI is frequently recognised as a key pathway to achieving sustainable development solutions.

To serve the above, The IsDB is organizing this side event at the AGM to discuss specifically the opportunities presented by Science, Technology and Innovation. The event will feature His Excellency Dr Bandar Hajjar being interviewed by CNBC Africa journalist Godfrey Mutizwa, on his recent book, along with Dr Hayat Sindi in conversation with David Sengeh, as well as two of the inaugural Transformers, speaking about their respective projects.

**Key issues to be addressed:**

1) The importance of STI  
2) In what ways STI focused solutions are being implemented in member countries  
3) The contents of His Excellency’s book  
4) The new development model  
5) How are the Roadshows are going to change the outlook of member countries with regards to STI  
6) Future STI strategy  
7) The achievements of the STI department and the Transform Fund in the last year  
8) Who have been the recipients of funding from the Transform Fund?  
9) How has this process worked in the last year?

**SPEAKERS**

**H.E. Bandar M. H. Hajjar** is the President of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group. He served as Minister of Hajj and the Minister of Culture and Information in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He has been active in the field of promotion of human rights and was the founder of the Saudi National Society for Human Rights. He has a PhD in Economics from Loughborough University.

**Hayat Sindi** is Chief Advisor to the President, Science, Technology and Innovation, at IsDB. Hayat is a leading biotechnologist and a champion of science and technology in the Middle East. In 1995, she became the first woman from the Gulf to obtain a Ph.D. in biotechnology from Cambridge. With a team from Harvard, she co-founded Diagnostics For All to create affordable diagnostic devices for people in impoverished regions. She has launched the i2 Institute for Imagination and Ingenuity to encourage innovation among young scientists, technologists and engineers. Hayat is a Goodwill Ambassador for Sciences at UNESCO; one of 25 global experts selected by UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon to the UN Scientific Advisory Board; and a member of the Ten Members Group to support the technological facilitation mechanism (TFM) for the SDGs.

**David Sengeh** is Chief Innovation Officer for the Directorate of Science, Technology and Innovation in Sierra Leone as well as a TED Senior Fellow. Previously, David held a position at IBM in Africa, working on data driven healthcare. He worked with IBM Research in Nairobi, as well as in their newest lab in Johannesburg, designing and developing healthcare technologies in Africa. In May 2018 Sengeh joined the Office of the President of Sierra Leone, working as chief innovation officer. He ensured that each child in the Pujehun District had access to a laptop. He spoke at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and was described as a trailblazer.

**Godfrey Mutizwa** is Chief Editor CNBC AFRICA. He has been a journalist for the past 27 years covering African markets and economies. That has included stints at Reuters and Bloomberg News in Harare, Nairobi and Johannesburg. He joined CNBC Africa, the continent’s biggest business television station, in 2008 and his main responsibility is to oversee the channel’s business news policy which includes providing fast, accurate and unbiased news. As part of his role he also trains and mentors producers and reporters to ensure that all content on the channel is of the highest standard.
Zor Hussain is a seasoned innovator and entrepreneur. Zor brings more than 20 years’ experience working with start-ups both as an investor and founder. He has assembled, led and mentored a strong team of engineers and innovators around the world predominantly in Green Tech innovation. Zor is passionate about tackling important social problems, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa by developing creative and high-impact solutions, and then guiding these to scale, whilst ensuring they are both long term and value creating for all stakeholders. Zor is an alumnus of Stanford University and sits on the boards of a number of innovative technology companies around the world.

Anne Kyomugisha has a working experience of more than 10 years in academic, humanitarian, development and Advocacy work. Her experience involves management and implementation of assistance and Housing research projects. She has worked with several international organizations to enhance their humanitarian, development and advocacy work through provision of services including project management, research to inform programming (situation analysis, needs assessments, baseline surveys, evaluations, documentation of experiences and lessons learnt), facilitation of programme related processes and capacity building and enhancement. She as experience working in areas affected by armed conflict and other emergencies.
Climate change is one of the major challenges in our time. It threatens not only the progress of economic development across many countries but also the core mission of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB). Addressing climate change threats is indispensable to achieving sustainable development. Failing to mitigate and adapt could undermine gains made to alleviate poverty, improve health, promote education, improve governance and boost prosperity across all IsDB Member Countries (MCs). The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development makes it clear that sustainable development and addressing climate change go hand in hand. By supporting economic development and ensuring people’s prosperity through the integration of climate risks and opportunities across its interventions, the IsDB is poised to be an even more effective partner in supporting MCs to transition to more resilient, green, sustainable and prosperous development pathways. This event provides an opportunity to discuss the interlinkages, nexuses and options through development partners success stories and host country (Morocco) experience.

**Key issues to be addressed:**

1) How can climate action effectively help transform countries’ SDGs plans into real development?
2) What concerns might stakeholders in developing and middle-income countries have regarding climate action vis-a-vis economic growth?
3) What are the transformative and innovative financing tools and options that could be adopted to increase climate resilience and effective development work?
4) What nexuses and linkages exist between countries’ National Climate Action Plans (including NDCs) and SDGs?
5) What lessons can countries learn from Morocco’s ambitious climate change plan and programmes?
6) How can multilateral development banks and development partners’ knowledge and experiences in providing effective support for climate change action help materialize SDGs?

**SPEAKERS**

**Nezha El Ouafi** is Secretary of State to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development in charge of Sustainable Development. She is a member of the Moroccan House of Representatives since 2007 and currently elected Vice-President of the House of Representatives for the 2016-2021 legislature.

**Carol Chouchani Cherfane** is the Chief of the Water Resources Section in the Sustainable Development Policies Division at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in Beirut. Her work focuses on implementing regional initiatives and efforts to support Arab States in the areas of climate change assessment and adaptation, shared water resources management, the water-energy-food security nexus, and the water-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This includes coordinating the United Nations-League of Arab States Regional Initiative for the Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources and Socio-Economic Vulnerability in the Arab Region (RICCAR).
Mahmoud Mohieldin is World Bank Group Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations and Partnerships. Before joining the World Bank, Mohieldin held numerous senior positions in the government of Egypt, including minister of investment from 2004 to 2010. He also served on several boards of directors, including the Central Bank of Egypt and the banking and corporate sector.

Emma Navarro is the Vice President of the European Investment Bank and a member of the EIB’s Management Committee, which draws up the Bank’s financial and lending policies, oversees its day-to-day business, and takes collective responsibility for the Bank’s performance. She is also responsible for financing the environment, climate action, circular economy, the EIB Institute and relations with national promotional institutions and the European Association of Long-Term Investors (ELTI). Before joining the EIB, Ms. Navarro was General Secretary of the Treasury and Financial Policy in Spain and Member of the Bank of Spain Governing Council and Board Member of the Spanish National Securities Market Commission.

Anthony Nyong is Director of Climate Change and Green Growth Department at the African Development Bank (AfDB). He initiated AfDB’s Green Growth Agenda and worked on developmental issues to unlock Africa’s renewable energy potential. In 2007, Nyong was named a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize as contributor to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Adrien de Bassompierre is a senior climate change specialist at the European Investment Bank (EIB). He has over 15 years of experience in climate change policy and financing, with hands-on experience in development and implementation of renewable energy, energy efficiency, urban (waste management) and forestry projects.
IsDB-FAO JOINT EVENT: HOW INDIGENOUS YOUTH INTEGRATE TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Over centuries, indigenous peoples have devised ingenious and dynamic ways of managing their constantly evolving territories without depleting the natural resource base. However, nowadays indigenous peoples are in the frontline of the worst impacts of climate change as they live in climate change exposed ecosystems (the artic, low-lying islands, tropical forests or high mountains). Indigenous Peoples’ traditional knowledge is disappearing at an alarming rate with the migration of the youth and the passing of the elders. In November 2018, the first High Level Expert Seminar on Indigenous Food Systems in FAO Rome, showcased in a systemic way the intimate relationships between language, knowledge, traditional practices, territorial management, ecosystems and indigenous food systems. The Islamic Development Bank, by organizing this side event together with FAO, is calling the attention to the need of preserved traditional knowledge, indigenous peoples’ food systems and ensure the transmission of the ancestral territorial management techniques and wisdom to face the climate change effects. This side event will feature experiences of how indigenous elders and youth utilize and share knowledge, combining innovation and technologies with traditions to ensure the preservation and management of indigenous food systems while providing them with a legitimate access to the facilities and services of the modern world.

Key issues to be addressed:

1) Mapping challenges and opportunities of indigenous peoples elders and youth in preserving and applying traditional knowledge and modern technology to sustainable practices across different regions and in the context of climate change.
2) Highlight the critical role of indigenous peoples and traditional knowledge in ensuring the sustainable management of their territories in the context of climate change adaptation and mitigation.
3) Engage with relevant actors, providing an opportunity for dialogue and reflection on the importance of investing on indigenous knowledge and innovation and technologies and in intergenerational indigenous knowledge exchange.

Gilbert F. Houngbo is the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Houngbo has a Matrîse en gestion des entreprises from the University of Lomé, Togo, and a Diplôme d’Études Supérieures Spécialisées in Specialised Accounting from the University of Québec, Canada. He is a member of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants.

Hayat Sindi is Chief Scientific Advisor at the Islamic Development Bank. She holds a degree in pharmacology from King’s College London and a PhD in biotechnology from Cambridge University. Hayat was one of the first 30 women to be appointed to the Saudi Arabia’s highest consultative body, the Shura Council.

Mariam Wallet Aboubacrine is the President of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Mariam is a medical doctor from Tombouctou in Mali. She holds a degree from University of Tizi-Ouzou (Algeria). Mariam is a member of Tin Hinan, a women association working with the indigenous peoples in Africa, in particular the Tuareg.

Hayu Dyah Patria is a Representative of Mantasa (NGO). Patria studied Food and Nutrition Technology and has been involved in research on edible wild plants since 2005. She established Mantasa in 2009, a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of edible wild plants in the community.
Yon Fernández-de-Larrinoa is the Indigenous Peoples Team Leader, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Fernández-de-Larrinoa is an Agricultural Economist from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), with a MABD on entitlements and food security. In 2014, he started leading the FAO Indigenous Peoples team to implement the 2010 FAO policy on Indigenous peoples.

Edmond Dounias is a Senior Researcher at the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development. Dounias is a Senior Research Associate to the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR). His research activities focus on the bio-cultural interactions between forest dwellers and tropical forests in a context of drastic change.

Nahid Naghizadeh is a Senior Researcher, Centre for Sustainable Development and Environment, Iran. Naghizadeh has worked at the Centre for Sustainable Development and Environment (CENESTA) since 1994. Her primary focus on field activities started in 1998 in “Area Based Development Project in Iran”
The Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) mechanism is an innovation in the follow-up and review mechanisms of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Agenda 2030 encourages member countries to "conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels, which are country-led and country-driven". These national reviews are expected to serve as a basis for the regular reviews by the high-level Political Forum (HLPF) meeting under the auspices of ECOSOC that is held every year in July at the UN HQ. The VNRs are voluntary, state-led, and undertaken by both developed and developing countries, involving multiple stakeholders.

This seminar will (1) allow representatives from the member countries to present their strategies, effective experiences as well as challenges in the preparation of VNRs (2) highlight the potential contribution of the IsDBG to support member countries in the process of the VNRs and (3) allow representatives of other multilateral development institutions, the private sector, civil society and parliamentarians to share their views on how to effectively contribute to the VNRs.

Key issues to be addressed:

1) What are the critical success factors for a reasonable and solid VNR?
2) How can the VNRs help in forging effective, inclusive and sustainable multi-stakeholder partnerships?
3) How can successful VNRs experiences be shared among member countries? What are the expected benefits?
4) How can the IsDBG help member countries prepare for the VNRs.

Speakers:

H.E. Aziz Rabbah
Minister of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development, Morocco

H.E. Aichatou Boulama Kané
Minister of Planning, Niger

Mahmoud Mohieldin
Senior Vice President, the World Bank Group

H.E. Hala Helmy El-Said
Minister of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reforms, Egypt

H.E. Bambang Brodjonegoro
Minister of National Development Planning of Indonesia

Jeffrey D. Sachs
Columbia University, New York, USA

Rami Ahmad (Moderator)
Special Envoy on SDGs and Senior Advisor to the President
Rapid developments in financial technology (Fintech) have been re-shaping the global economy and financial systems. Fintech could offer a great opportunity to support sustainable growth and eliminate poverty by strengthening financial development and promoting financial inclusion. Islamic finance has also gained importance, contributing to higher and more inclusive economic growth to deal with financial inclusion, to fight poverty and to improve social welfare. This event will discuss recent developments in FinTech in financial intermediation including banking, non-banking financial institutions and capital markets; opportunities and challenges in Islamic finance; and areas where both FinTech and Islamic finance could contribute to transformation.

**Key issues to be addressed:**

1) Mapping out a road plan for IsDB member countries to leverage Fintech developments.
2) Highlighting the elements of the Bali Fintech Agenda and its role in helping countries chart a path for their national fintech agendas.
3) The role of Fintech in promoting financial inclusion and developing SME Financing in member countries.
4) Developing Fintech infrastructure for crowding-in private sector financing for development initiatives.
5) Disruptive technologies and their effects on financial stability, payment systems, consumer/investor protection and regulatory challenges.
6) Fintech and Islamic Finance.

**Speakers**

- **Mahmoud Mohieldin** is the World Bank Group Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations and Partnerships. He is professor of economics and finance at Cairo University, an honorary professor at Durham University and a member of the Advisory Board of the Durham Business School.

- **Ghiath Shabsigh** is the Assistant Director in Monetary and Capital Markets Department at the IMF. Ghiath has leading responsibilities in issues related to central banking, Fintech and Islamic banking and finance.

- **Mohamad L. Hammour** is the Chairman of Guidance Financial Group, a financial services company dedicated to innovation in Shariah-compliant finance and investment. Mohamad is also the Managing Director of Capital Guidance, an international investment company active in financial services, real estate and commercial distribution.

- **Hazem Ben-Gacem** is Investcorp’s Co-Chief Executive Officer leading the firm’s private equity activities in Europe, the Middle East and Asia, its recently launched private banking operation globally, its distribution infrastructure and client relations in the Gulf, MENA and Asia. Hazem is also the Managing Partner of the Investcorp Technology Partners group of funds.

- **Zamir Iqbal (Moderator)** is the IsDB Vice President for Finance and CFO. Formerly, he served as head of the World Bank Global Islamic Finance Development Center in Istanbul. Zamir has more than 25 years of experience in capital markets, asset management, risk management and the financial sector at the World Bank.
Achieving the SDGs by 2030 is an ambitious undertaking, which requires addressing numerous challenges. SDG 2, eradicating hunger, involves many challenges, some of which stand out in IsDB Group’s member countries, such low agricultural productivity, climate change and associated environmental degradation. The populations of these countries are growing rapidly, and many of them have to cope with food insecurity. Unemployment, particularly among rural youth and women, remains high. Many find it difficult to make ends meet, finding themselves obliged to migrate to cities. This scenario makes one thing clear: the agricultural sector can and indeed must be transformed if we are to eliminate hunger and malnutrition and create a platform for sustainable and inclusive economic growth that would leave no one behind. This transformation requires taking on board lessons from the past about what has worked and what hasn’t to change agriculture for impact.

The event is co-organized by IsDB and ICBA and hosted in collaboration with OCP Phousboucraa Foundation, Morocco.

Key issues to be addressed:

1) What is the role of different institutions in supporting sustainable agricultural value chains?
2) How has this been achieved in recent years? What are successful examples?
3) How has ICBA contributed through IsDB-supported research-for-development activities to meeting SDGs 1 and 2 in member countries?
4) What kind of collaboration should there be between donors, the private sector and research organizations to contribute to the achievement of SDG 2 on Zero Hunger by 2030?
MODELING AND MAINSTREAMING
THE IsDB ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT APPROACH

6 April 2019 11:00 - 13:00
Orangeraie, Palais de Congrès

Economic Empowerment is an innovative approach developed by the Islamic Development Bank through some pilot and pioneering experiences in a few member countries that resulted in the creation of more than half a million direct jobs, and a larger number of indirect jobs. This was accomplished using economic empowerment through Islamic microfinance, which relies on economic viability criteria, investment with the poor, advanced scientific mechanisms, knowledge and field experience in full harmony with the desired social, economic and development objectives.

This event will discuss the experience of economic empowerment and youth employability in Palestine, Tunisia and Morocco as examples and the modeling of these experiences.

Key issues to be addressed:

1) The importance of institutionalizing economic empowerment activities in the IsDB by creating the EED.
2) How can the new EED play a vital role in Knowledge sharing, information dissemination and how the resilience approach can provide deprived people with increased access to livelihoods and jobs.
3) How to replicate success stories and share them with other member countries, and how can the IsDB adopt and model different interventions in different countries.
4) How to benefit from technology and incubators in creating jobs for youth and how to overcome obstacles and help people with special need.

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Nabil Ghalleb is the Chairman and the C.E.O. of Zitouna Tamkeen, the first and sole Islamic Microfinance/Economic Empowerment Institution in Tunisia, and President of Tamkeen for Development, an NGO specializing in the EE of disadvantaged people. Nabil holds a Ph.D. in finance and a MSc in financial engineering, both with honors, from the graduate business school of the University of Montreal. He is the recipient of several honors, awards and grants.

Abdelaziz Slaoui Andaloussi has 44 years of experience in promoting SMEs and Microfinance for economic empowerment programs and funds. He served as technical team leader for 26 years in the Office of Industrial Development and 18 years in the Islamic Development Bank as Projects TTL of main IsDB/IFSD flagship microfinance and economic empowerment programs (over Half billion US$ portfolio budget, including co-financier contributions).
Development can be driven by the competitiveness of industries that are connected to the global market through GVCs. This focus on value chains allows the Bank to prioritise its projects in areas with highest impact and at the same time provide greater opportunity for countries to be interconnected through the GVCs. Although there has been steady progress in manufacturing output and employment, this is not enough. This is especially critical since more than half of manufacturing inputs consist of intermediate goods and more than 70% of service imports consist of intermediate services. The Bank believes that the resulting enhanced inclusivity and product specialisation associated with GVCs will boost sustainable growth. This allows for prioritisation of projects based on their potential to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth while promoting industrialisation. In the past, countries with low resources were unable to enjoy the benefits of GVC participation because of the complexities of identifying a value chain for a particular country. The Bank’s new approach to GVCs ensures that no country misses out on engagement with GVCs, since it enables low and medium-income countries to join in the global network.

Key issues to be addressed:

1) Showcase and promotion of IsDB’s new development model based on the Global Value Chain Approach.
2) Key features of Indonesia’s industrial transformation journey, main milestones, success stories and impact of the economic transformation.
3) Launching of the “Methodology and tools to identify and measure the highest-potential value chains” book and website on the new model.
4) Promoting inclusive competitiveness through GVCs.
5) How IsDB is partnering with its member countries to move away from raw material export to more transformation and higher value-added export.
6) Challenges, obstacles, and/or barriers to broad-based participation of the private sector and third sector in the industrial transformation.

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Martin Güldner is CEO and main shareholder of the GOPA Consulting Group - one of the 10 key world players in international development consulting.

Stacey Frederick is currently the Managing Director of Duke Global Value Chain Center, the leading global research center in global value chains and has conducted the largest research projects based on GVCs in several parts of the world.

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