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# WORLD ISLAMIC FINANCE FORUM (WIFF) 2026

## TWO-DAYS CONFERENCE AGENDA

## DECEMBER 14 – 15, 2026

| DAY 1 - VISION, INNOVATION, REGULATION & GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS | |
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| **TIME** | **SESSIONS** |
| **09:00 AM 10:00 AM** | **Registration & Networking** |
| **10:00 AM 11:30 AM** | **Recitation from the Holy Quran** |
| | **National Anthem** |
| | **Master of Ceremonies - Muhammad Raza**, Group Head, Meezan Bank |
| | **Opening Remarks - Prof. Dr. Abdullah Zafar**, Dean, IBA-SBS |
| | **Welcome Note - Prof. Dr. S. Akbar Zaidi**, Executive Director, IBA Karachi |
| | **Address - Dr. Syed Amir Ali**, President & CEO, Meezan Bank |
| | **Address - Yousaf Hussain,** President & CEO, Faysal Bank Limited |
| | **Setting the Stage - Prof. Emeritus Dr. Ishrat Husain**, Founding Chairman, IBA-CEIF |
| | **Keynote Address - Dr. Ghiath Shabsigh**, Secretary-General, Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB) |
| | **Keynote Address -** His Excellency Justice (Retd.) **Sheikh Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani**<br>**Guest of Honour -** |
| **11:30 AM 11:50 AM** | **Networking Coffee Break** |

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| **11:50 AM**<br>**01:00 PM** | **PANEL DISCUSSION**<br>**Panel 1 \| Leaders' Power Dialogue: Shaping Islamic Finance 2030**<br>Panelist - **Dr. Syed Amir Ali**, President & CEO, Meezan Bank<br>Panelist - **Ali Gulfaraz**, President & CEO, Dubai Islamic Bank Pakistan<br>Panelist - **Yousaf Hussain**, President & CEO, Faysal Bank Limited<br>Panelist - **Nassir Salim**, President & CEO, HBL<br>Panelist - **Muhammad Atif Hanif**, President & CEO, Al Baraka Bank (Pakistan) Limited<br>Panelist - **Atif Bajwa**, President & CEO, Bank Alfalah Limited<br>Panelist - **Zia Ijaz,** President & CEO, Askari Bank Limited<br>Panelist - **Nurul Izza Idris**, Director, Islamic Finance Department, Bank Negara Malaysia<br>**Session Chair: Sheikh Esam M. Ishaq**, Member, Higher Sharia Authority<br>**Moderator: Prof. Dr. Irum Saba, Director**, IBA Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance (CEIF) |
| **12:00 PM**<br>**01:00 PM** | **PARALLEL SESSION**<br>**Research Papers / Case Study Presentations**<br>Panelist - **Dr. Shafiullah Jan**, Head, CEIF, IM Sciences<br>Panelist - **Dr. Imam Uddin**, Head of Islamic Finance, IoBM<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub**, Scholar of Islamic economics, banking and finance, Riphah International University<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Romzie Rosman**, Dean, IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Aishath Muneeza**, Associate Dean for Students & Internationalisation, INCEIF University<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Rusni Hasan**, Professor and Dean, IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Mansor H. Ibrahim**, Deputy President Academic and Dean, School of Graduate Studies, INCEIF University<br>**Session Chair: Sheikh Esam M. Ishaq**, Member, Higher Sharia Authority<br>**Moderator: Prof. Dr. Irum Saba, Director**, IBA Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance (CEIF) |
| **01:00 PM**<br>**02:00 PM** | **Lunch & Prayer Break** |

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| 02:00 PM<br>03:00 PM | **PANEL DISCUSSION**<br>**PANEL 2 \| AI, Digital Banking & Financial Innovation**<br>Panelist - **Najeeb Agrawalla**, CEO, 1LINK<br>Panelist - **Umair Aijaz**, CEO, Raqami Islamic Digital Bank<br>Panelist - **Hamayun Sajjad**, CEO, Mashreq Digital Bank Pakistan<br>Panelist - **Asif Peer**, CEO & Managing Director, Systems Limited<br>Panelist - **Haaris Mahmood Chaudhry**, CEO, Mobilink Microfinance Bank<br>Panelist - **Jehan Ara**, CEO & Co-Founder, Katalyst Labs<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Abdurrahman Savaş**, Department of Private Law, Istanbul University Faculty of Law<br>Panelist - **Dr. Imran Ashraf Usmani**, Vice Chairman, Shariah Board, Meezan Bank<br>**Session Chair: H.E. Bilal bin Saqib,** Minister of State for Digital Assets<br>**Session Chair: Sohail Javed,** Executive Director, State Bank of Pakistan<br>**Moderator: Muhammad Yahya Khan,** Chief Digital Officer, Bank Alfalah |
| 02:00 PM<br>04:00 PM | **PARALLEL SESSION**<br>**Shariah Scholars Forum**<br>**Moderator: Shayan Baig -** Head of Shariah Compliance - Meezan Bank |
| 03:00 PM<br>04:00 PM | **PANEL DISCUSSION**<br>**Panel 3 \| Regulation, Shariah Governance & Risk Management**<br>Panelist - **Mufti Irshad Ahmed Aijaz**<br>Panelist - **Mohammad Anisur Rahman**, Director, Islamic Banking Regulation and Policy Department (IBRPD), Bangladesh Bank<br>Panelist - **Madina Tukulova**, Head of Islamic Finance, Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC), Kazakhstan<br>Panelist - **Makhtar Abdullah**, CEO, Association of Shariah Advisors in Islamic Finance (ASAS), Malaysia<br>Panelist - **Dr. Arshadur Rahman**, Executive Fellow, King's Business School; Senior Manager, Bank of England<br>Panelist - **Dr. Tariq Naseem**, Head, Islamic Finance Division, SECP<br>Panelist - **Ismail Vural**, Secretary General, Participation Banks Association of Türkiye (TKBB)<br>Panelist - **Dr. Tarık Akın**, Head of Finance Department, Investment and Finance Office of the Presidency of Türkiye<br>Panelist - **Nurul Izza Idris**, Director, Islamic Finance Department, Bank Negara Malaysia<br>**Session Chair: Sirajuddin Aziz,** Mohtasib Banking Ombudsman<br>**Moderator: Dr. Zahid ur Rehman Khokher,** Director, Islamic Finance Policy Department (IFPD), State Bank of Pakistan |

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| 04:00 PM<br>05:10 PM | **PANEL DISCUSSION**<br>**Panel 4 \| Global Competitiveness and Regulatory Landscape of Islamic Financial Institutions**<br>Panelist - **Nighat Tanveer, Director,** Islamic Finance Department, State Bank of Pakistan<br>Panelist - **Mufti Najeeb Khan,** Chairman, Shariah Board, HMB<br>Panelist **- Dr. Azrul Azlan Iskandar Mirza,** Deputy Director, Islamic Capital Market; Head of Shariah Department, Securities Commission Malaysia<br>Panelist **- Khalil Aazmi,** Chairman, SECP Shariah Board<br>Panelist - **Omar Shaikh,** Islamic Finance Council UK (UKIFC)<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Rusni Hasan,** Professor & Dean, IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking & Finance<br>Panelist - **Dr. Tarık Akın,** Ministry of Treasury and Finance, Türkiye<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Aishath Muneeza,** Associate Dean, INCEIF University<br><br>**Session Chair: Ghulam Muhammad Abbasi,** Executive Director, State Bank of Pakistan<br>**Moderator: Muhammad Faisal Shaikh,** Head of Product Shariah Structuring and Organisational Transformation, Faysal Bank Limited |
| 05:15 PM<br>05:30 PM | **Day 1 - Wrap-up \| Key Takeaways & Highlights** |

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### DAY 2 – LEADERSHIP, MARKETS, SUSTAINABILITY & ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

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| 10:00 AM 11:00 AM | **Recitation from the Holy Quran** |
| | **Opening Remarks – Prof. Dr. Irum Saba, Director,** IBA Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance |
| | **Keynote Address – Irfan Siddiqui,** Former President & CEO, Meezan Bank |
| | **Keynote Address – Prof. Dr. Mansor H. Ibrahim,** Deputy President Academic and Dean, INCEIF University |
| | **Address – Omar Mustafa Ansari,** Secretary General, AAOIFI (online) |
| | **Address – Farrukh Sabzwari,** Chief Executive Officer, Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) |
| | **Address – Shoaib Javed Hussain,** CEO, State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan |
| | **Keynote Address – Prof. Mehmet Asutay,** Director, Durham Centre for Islamic Economics and Finance |
| | **Address – Haaris Mahmood Chaudhry,** CEO, Mobilink Microfinance Bank |
| | **Address – Ali Malik,** Managing Director, Pakistan Kuwait Investment Company (PKIC) |
| | **Keynote Address – Imtiaz Haider,** Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) |
| | **Chief Guest Address – Saleem Ullah,** DEPUTY Governor State Bank of Pakistan |
| 11:00 AM 11:15 AM | **Networking Coffee Break** |

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| **11:15 AM**<br>**12:00 PM** | **PANEL DISCUSSION**<br>**Power Talk \| Islamic Finance 2030: Leadership, Scale & the Road Ahead**<br>Panelist - **Fatma Çınar**, Deputy Secretary General, Participation Banks Association of Türkiye (TKBB)<br>Panelist - **Mian Idrees**, Sitara Chemical Industries<br>Panelist - **Dr. Iskandar Tursunov**, Founder & CEO, Al-Muamalat Group, Uzbekistan<br>Panelist - **Fouad Farrukh**, Group Chief, Aitemaad Islamic Banking, National Bank of Pakistan<br>Panelist - **Adnan Fasih**, Group Head, Islamic Banking (SIRAT), Habib Bank AG Zurich<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Romzie Rosman**, IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance, International Islamic University Malaysia<br>Panelist - **Dr. Zeeshan Ahmed**<br>Panelist - **Ali Shaan Zaidi**, Head of Islamic Banking HBL<br>Panelist - **Omar Shaikh**, Islamic Finance Council UK (UKIFC)<br><br>**Session Chair: Prof. Dr. Rusni Hasan,** Professor and Dean, IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance<br>**Moderator: Ahmed Ali Siddiqui,** SEVP and Head of Consumer Banking, Meezan Bank |
| **12:00 PM**<br>**01:00 PM** | **PANEL DISCUSSION**<br>**Panel 5 \| Beyond Banking: Sukuk, Takaful & Emerging Frontiers in Islamic Finance**<br>Panelist - **Dr. Tarık Akın,** Head of Finance Department, Investment and Finance Office of the Presidency of Türkiye<br>Panelist - **Saqib Zeeshan,** CEO, Pak-Qatar Takaful<br>Panelist - **Imtiaz Gadar,** CEO, Al Meezan Investment Management Limited<br>Panelist - **Zahid Latif Khan,** CEO, ZLK Securities (Pvt.) Limited; Chairman, ISE Tower REIT Management Company<br>Panelist - **Fatma Çınar**<br>Panelist - **Shayan Baig,** Head of Shariah Compliance Department, Meezan Bank<br>Panelist - **Mufti Muhammad Mohib ul Haq Siddiqui,** Chairman, Shariah Board, Faysal Bank<br>Panelist - **Shoaib Ibrahim,** CEO, First Habib Modaraba<br>Panelist - **Muhammad Ejaz,** CEO, Arif Habib Dolmen REIT Management Limited<br><br>**Session Chair: Mohammad Ali Ahmed,** Managing Director & CEO, EFU Life Assurance Limited<br>**Moderator: Farhan ul Haq Usmani,** Head of Shariah Audit, Meezan Bank |

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| 12:00 PM<br>01:00 PM | **PANEL DISCUSSION**<br>**Research Papers / Case Study Presentations \| Parallel Session**<br>Panelist - **Dr. Shafiullah Jan**, Head, CEIF, IM Sciences<br>Panelist - **Dr. Imam Uddin**, Head of Islamic Finance, IoBM<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub**, Scholar of Islamic economics, banking and finance, Riphah International University<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Romzie Rosman, Dean**, IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Aishath Muneeza**, Associate Dean for Students and Internationalisation, INCEIF University<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Rusni Hasan**, Professor and Dean, IIUM Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. Mansor H. Ibrahim**, Deputy President Academic and Dean, School of Graduate Studies, INCEIF University<br>**Session Chair: Prof. Mehmet Asutay,** Director, Durham Centre for Islamic Economics and Finance<br>**Moderator: Dr. Azima Khan,** Assistant Professor, IBA Karachi |
| 01:00 PM<br>02:00 PM | **Lunch and Namaz Break** |
| 02:00 PM<br>03:00 PM | **PARALLEL SESSION**<br>**Women in Islamic Finance**<br>**Moderator : Samina,** CHRO - Raqami Islamic Digital Bank |

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| 02:00 PM<br>03:20 PM | **PANEL DISCUSSION**<br>**Islamic Finance for the Real Economy: Sustainability, SMEs and Inclusive Growth**<br>Panelist - **Saleem Ullah**, Head of Islamic Finance, HMB<br>Panelist - **Allama Shabbir Mesmi**, Member, Shariah Board, State Bank of Pakistan<br>Panelist - **Dr. Amjad Saqib**, CEO, Akhuwat Foundation<br>Panelist - **Mufti Hassan Kaleem**, Shariah Board Member, Dubai Islamic Bank Pakistan<br>Panelist - **Dr. Muhammad Imran**, Head of Islamic Banking, Bank Alfalah<br>Panelist - **Mufti Zubair Ashraf Usmani**, Chairman, Shariah Board, Habib Bank Limited<br>Panelist - **Ahsaan Waqar, Chairman**, Shariah Board, National Bank of Pakistan<br>Panelist - **Dr. Azrul Azlan Iskandar Mirza**, Head of Shariah Department, Securities Commission Malaysia<br>Panelist - **Maitashova Samara, Head**, Islamic Financial Products Division, National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic<br><br>**Session Chair: Sheikh Umer Rehan,** President, Korangi Association of Trade & Industry (KATI)<br>**Moderator:** |
| 03:20 PM<br>04:30 PM | **PANEL DISCUSSION**<br>**Power Talk \| Vision for the Future 2030**<br>Panelist - **Prof. Dr. S. Akbar Zaidi,** Executive Director, IBA Karachi<br>Panelist - **Nassir Salim,** President, HBL<br>Panelist - **Dr. Inayat Hussain,** Board Member, NIBAF<br>Panelist **- Dr. Syed Amir Ali,** President & CEO, Meezan Bank<br>Panelist - **Dr. Azrul Azlan Iskandar Mirza,** Head of Shariah Department, Securities Commission Malaysia<br>Panelist - **Madina Tukulova,** Head of Islamic Finance, Association of Islamic Finance and Business (AIFB), Kazakhstan<br><br>**Session Chair: Prof. Emeritus Dr. Ishrat Husain,** Founding Chairman, IBA CEIF<br>**Moderator: Dr. Muhammad Imran,** Head of Islamic Finance Bank Alfalah |
| 04:30 PM<br>05:00 PM | **Networking Coffee Break** |

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