

Africa Islamic Finance Conference
Running Islamic Finance in the “New Investment Destination”
30-31st October 2007, Park Hyatt Johannesburg
30th October 2007: Day 1

8.00 am - 9.00 am: Registration & Welcome Tea/Coffee

9.00 am - 9.15 am: **Opening Remarks by Michael Saleh Gassner, Division Head Islamic Banking Group, Bank AlJazira, Jeddah & Conference Advisor**

9.15 am – 9.45 am:

Keynote: Africa as a segment for Islamic Finance

Dr. Amadou Bobacar Cisse, Vice President Operations, Islamic Development Bank, Saudi Arabia

9.45 am – 10.15 am:

Topic: Initiating and Building an Islamic Bank – Processes, Achievements and lessons learned
Ahmed Moola, Managing Director, Absa Islamic Bank, South Africa

10.15 am – 10.45 am: Networking & Refreshment break

10.45 am – 11.15 am:

Topic: Investing in Endowed Assets – New Opportunities

Zeinoul Cajee, Chief Executive Officer, National AWQAF Foundation of South Africa

11.15 am – 11.45 am:

Topic: Pioneering Ethical Asset Management based on Islamic Finance principles in West Africa
Hajara Adeola, Managing Director & CEO, Lotus Capital Ltd, Nigeria

11.45 am – 12.15 pm:

Topic: Awaiting

Mazhar Ali Bokhari, Head of International Operations and Strategic Planning Division, Gulf African Bank, Kenya

12.15 pm – 12.45 pm

Topic: Islamic Finance – A Divine Instrument for African Prosperity

A. Haitham Kabbara, PhD, Chief Economist, System Development and Project Management & Consultant to the International Investor, Kuwait

12.45 pm – 2.00 pm: Networking & Lunch

2.00 pm – 3.15 pm:

Panel Discussion: Poverty Alleviation and the Role of Banking

Hassan O. Ahmed, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Dayax Islamic Bank, Malaysia

Momodou M. Jobe Investment Manager of Arab Gambian Islamic Bank Ltd

Roland Pladet, Chief Underwriting Officer, The African Trade Insurance Agency, Kenya

3.15 pm – 3.45 pm: Networking & Refreshment break

3.45 pm – 5.00 pm:

Topic: Understanding Sharia issues in the African context – An Interactive scholar session

Sh. Ahmed Fazel Ebrahim, South Africa Fatwa Organization

Moulana Karan, Member Sharia Supervisory Board, Absa Islamic Banking, South Africa

Prof. Mohamed L. Al Jarf, Professor of Islamic Economics & Insurance, Umm Al-Qura University, Holy Makkh, Saudi Arabia

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31st October 2007: Day 2

8.30 am – 9.00 am: Morning Refreshments

9.00 am – 9.30 am:

Topic: Pioneering Islamic Banking in Nigeria

M Mustapha Bintube, Director, Jaiz International PLC, Nigeria

9.30 am – 10.00 am:

Topic: Islamic Finance, a South African Perspective

Ebrahim Patel, Chief Executive Officer Islamic Finance, FNB & Wesbank, South Africa

10.00 am – 10.30 am:

Topic: Venture Capital & Private Equity in Africa and the potential role for Islamic Finance Institutions

Mawuli Ababio, Managing Director, Africa Venture Capital Association

10.30 am – 11.00 am: Networking & Refreshment break

11.00 am – 11.30 am:

Topic: The development of Takaful and Retakaful

Mahomed Akoob, Managing Director, Hannover ReTakaful B.S.C (c), Bahrain

11.30 am – 12.00 noon:

Topic: Islamic Asset Management – Our Middle East Experience

Mr. Haroon Ahmad, Manager – Business Development, Emirates Investment Services, UAE

12.00 noon – 12.30 pm:

Topic: A pan African Benchmark for Global Islamic investors

Hubert Danso, Vice Chairman, Africa Investor

12.30 pm – 2.00 pm: Networking & Lunch

2.00 pm – 2.30 pm:

Topic: Fiqhi issues regarding investment in shares: A South African Experience

Faizal Ahmad Manjoo, Practicing Attorney and Part-lecturer in Islamic finance and Islamic law, Markfield Institute of Higher Education (UK) and University of Johannesburg

2.30 pm – 3.00 pm:

Topic: Practical Guide to Islamic Microfinance in Africa based on Eastern European Experience

Adam F. Khan, Chief Executive Officer, IP Direct Group, Poland

3.00 pm – 4.15 pm:

Panel Discussion: The Future of Africa

Uzair Razi, Head – Islamic Finance, First National Bank of Botswana

Momodou M. Jobe Investment Manager of Arab Gambian Islamic Bank Ltd

Hubert Danso, Vice Chairman, Africa Investor

Kayode Soyinka, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief, Africa Today Magazine, UK

4.15 pm – 4.30 pm: Closing remarks