7th Global Islamic Microfinance Forum
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Event Agenda

Technical Session I - Global Development and Future potential of Islamic Microfinance
• Islamic Microfinance – Global Scenario & Emerging Trends.
• The Challenges of institutional diversity, regulation, and supervision in Islamic Microfinance
• Scaling of Islamic Microfinance – Opportunities & Challenges.
• Sharia principles, Operational Mechanism and Marketing Strategies of Islamic Microfinance
• Innovation, impact and future potential of Islamic Microfinance

Technical Session-II: Evidence of Impact - Financial Inclusion through Islamic Microfinance
• Islamic Microfinance as an effective tool of Financial Inclusion
• Financial Inclusion through Islamic Microfinance - Evidence of Impact
• How Islamic Microfinance can support to tackle the Refugees Crises: The Next Financial Inclusion Frontier
• Financial Inclusion: progress, challenges and a view of the future Islamic microfinance
• The Digital Revolution and Financial Inclusion

Technical Session-III: Qard-e-Hasn Model of Islamic Microfinance
• Akhawat model adding new dimensions in Microfinance - salient features
• Qarz-e- Hassan for Agricultural and Rural Finance
• Linking Microfinance with business community
• Replicating Qard-e-Hasn Model – Challenges & Benefits
• Impact assessment – A Case study

Technical Session-IV: Power Table-Panel Discussion: Funding Sources to flourish Islamic Microfinance Industry.
• Funding challenges of Islamic microfinance institutions
• How to fund Islamic microfinance Institutions
• Role of Funding Agencies for the Islamic Microfinance
• Crowd funding and Technological platform to Generate the Funding opportunities.

Technical Session-V: Power Table - Panel Discussion: Fintech, Crowd funding & Crypto-Currencies – A New Forentiors of Islamic Microfinance
• Adoption of technology for increased transparency and efficiency
• Integration of Mobile/Branchless banking with Islamic Microfinance
• Crypto Currencies/Peer to Peer Networks - Bringing Islamic Microfinance to the Digital World
• Role of IT solutions to strengthen Islamic Microfinance Industry

Technical Session-VI: Power Table - Panel Discussion: Outreach, Challenges and Opportunities
• Initiatives needed in designing a framework for policy making for the expansion of Islamic Microfinance
• Bottlenecks in the strategies which constraint the growth of Islamic Microfinance
• Youth Development and Vocational Literacy programs through Islamic Microfinance
• Opportunities and Challenges Faced by Islamic Microfinance Industry.

Technical Session-VII: Islamic Agriculture and Rural Finance
• How Islamic Microfinance can facilitate the Rural Finance?
• Islamic Agricultural Finance – An Ideal Mechanism to fulfill the all crop/farmer needs.
• Salaam & other Hybrid Products for Agri. & Rural Finance
• Compatibility of Islamic Financial Products with Conventional Rural Credit lending Models.
• Financing need for Agricultural production Cycle – Stages & Activities

Technical Session-VIII: Micro Takaful, Waqf & Zakat – Supportive Elements for Islamic Microfinance
• Waqf Based Models for Islamic Microfinance
• MicroTakaful as Risk Management tool of Islamic Microfinance
• MicroTakaful Products for Islamic Micro, Rural and Agricultural Finance.
• Shariah Aspects of Islamic Microfinance.
• Can Zakat supplement Islamic Microfinance Programs?