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12th AFRICAN ISLAMIC FINANCE AWARDS 2026

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Holiday Inn Hotel, Mauritius

Recognizing Excellence, Innovation &

Leadership in Islamic Finance Across Africa



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About AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking & Economics (AlHuda CIBE)

Since 2005, AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking & Economics (AlHuda CIBE) has been dedicated to promoting Islamic banking and finance across the globe. With a strong commitment to excellence, AlHuda CIBE has established itself as a trusted and distinguished service provider, delivering comprehensive, one-stop solutions in Islamic banking and finance across advisory and consultancy, research and development, education and capacity building, Shariah advisory, publications, and international conferences and events.

AlHuda CIBE is proudly supported by numerous national and international organizations and institutions as strategic partners, with an alumni network spanning more than 105 countries. Over the past 11 years, AlHuda CIBE has organized the African Islamic Finance Summit across Mauritius, Tanzania, The Gambia and Somaliland, drawing more than 1,800 participants from over 80 countries. For more information, please visit www.alhudacibe.com

About the Awards

The African Islamic Finance Awards celebrate excellence, innovation and leadership in Islamic finance across the African continent. Designed to recognize institutions, individuals and initiatives that have made outstanding contributions to the growth and development of Shariah-compliant finance, the Awards highlight achievements in Islamic banking, Takaful, Sukuk, capital markets, microfinance, FinTech and financial inclusion.

Recipients are selected based on demonstrable impact, pioneering solutions, ethical governance, and commitment to advancing Islamic financial practices that support sustainable economic development. By honoring best-in-class performance and visionary leadership, the Awards aim to encourage collaboration between African and global Islamic finance stakeholders, inspire emerging talent, and raise the profile of Islamic finance as a key driver of inclusive growth throughout Africa.

The Awards will be presented during the 12th African Islamic Finance Summit 2026, to be held December 1–3, 2026, in Mauritius, bringing together heads of financial institutions, regulators, investors, Shariah scholars, and industry leaders from across the globe.



Objectives of the Awards

- Recognize excellence and outstanding achievements in African Islamic banking and finance.
- Encourage innovation, digital transformation, and sustainable growth across the sector.
- Promote best practices in Shariah governance, compliance, and ethical finance.
- Highlight institutions contributing to financial inclusion and socio-economic development in Africa.
- Recognize visionary leaders and Shariah scholars shaping the future of Islamic finance on the continent.
- Encourage healthy competition and continuous improvement across the industry.
- Strengthen collaboration between African and global Islamic finance stakeholders.

Who Can Apply?

The Awards are open to organizations, institutions and professionals across Africa and beyond that have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of Islamic banking, finance, Takaful, microfinance, and related industries. Eligible applicants include:

- Islamic Banks and Islamic Banking Windows
- Islamic Microfinance Institutions
- Takaful and Re-Takaful Companies
- Central Banks, Financial Regulators, and Capital Market Institutions
- Islamic FinTech Companies and Technology Solution Providers
- Shariah Advisory, Consulting, Education, and Training Institutions
- Individual Shariah Scholars and Emerging Personalities in Islamic Finance



Award Categories

Nominations for the African Islamic Finance Awards 2026 will be received in the following categories:

Institutional Excellence Awards

- Best African Islamic Finance Institution
- Best African Islamic Bank
- Best African Retail Islamic Bank
- Best African Islamic Microfinance Institution
- Best Innovative Product in Islamic Banking
- Best Islamic Treasury & Investment Bank
- Best Islamic Finance Products
- Best Islamic Cooperative Institution

Takaful Excellence Awards

- Best African Takaful Company
- Best Takaful Product Innovation
- Best Global Takaful Company
- Best General Takaful Company
- Best Family Takaful Company
- Best Re-Takaful Company

Islamic Capital Markets and Investment Awards

- Excellence in Sukuk Structuring
- Best Islamic Capital Market
- Best Islamic Fund Manager
- Best Islamic Asset Manager
- Best Shariah Index
- Best Shariah-Compliant Institution

Regulatory Excellence Awards

- Best African Regulator of Islamic Banking
- Best African Regulator of Takaful

Islamic Finance Technology and Fintech Awards

- Best Technology Solution Provider to Islamic Finance
- Best IT Integration and Innovative Islamic Product
- Best Islamic Fintech

Islamic Microfinance & Financial Inclusion Awards

- Best Islamic Microfinance Institution
- Best Islamic Microfinance Product
- Best Islamic Financial Inclusion Initiative
- Best Islamic SACCO

Professional, Leadership and Advisory Awards

- Best Emerging Personality in African Islamic Finance
- Best Women Empowerment Initiative in Islamic Banking
- Best Shariah Scholar / Advisor

Each category may have up to five nominations. The identities of nominees may be kept confidential if the confirmed participating nominees prefer so.

Selection Criteria

At the heart of the selection methodology lies the comprehensive research undertaken by AlHuda CIBE. Nominations are determined in two ways: the first is where nominations are accepted from industry players who wish to be considered for an African Islamic Finance Award in a particular category, referred to as "Self-Nominations." The second is where the AlHuda CIBE research team recommends to the Nomination Committee the names of institutions and individuals supported by its research.

Applications and research recommendations are evaluated on the basis of:

- Demonstrable impact and market contribution
- Innovation and pioneering solutions
- Shariah governance and ethical compliance
- Financial inclusion and socio-economic development
- Leadership and industry recognition

The Nomination Committee's decision shall be final.

Benefits of Winning

Winning an African Islamic Finance Award offers significant value to institutions and professionals by:

- Enhancing international recognition and industry credibility
- Demonstrating excellence in Islamic finance practices
- Strengthening brand reputation and stakeholder confidence
- Showcasing innovation and leadership to a global audience
- Increasing visibility among regulators, investors and industry leaders
- Creating valuable networking and partnership opportunities
- Positioning the organization as a benchmark for excellence in African Islamic finance

Award Ceremony

The winners will be honored during the African Islamic Finance Awards 2026 ceremony, held on December 1, 2026, alongside the 12th African Islamic Finance Summit at the Holiday Inn Mauritius Mon Tresor. The ceremony will bring together regulators, policymakers, central bankers, CEOs, Shariah scholars, investors and industry leaders from around the world, providing award recipients with a distinguished international platform to showcase their achievements.

Important Dates

- November 20, 2026 – Deadline for submission of all documents
- November 25, 2026 – Announcement of selected nominations
- December 01, 2026 – Award Presentation Ceremony (Mauritius)

For Nominations & Participation

Organizations and individuals interested in submitting nominations or attending the Award Ceremony are encouraged to contact the Awards Secretariat or visit: www.alhudacibe.com/aifs26/awards



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Glimpse of Previous Events



Award Nomination Form

APPLICANT

Entity / Unit:

Address:

Head of Organization/Director:

Tel: Fax: Email:

CATEGORY

Category you are applying for:

Specify reasons- why your organization deserves the award?

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(Attach additional Page if required)

CONFIRMATION BY APPLICANT

(Nomination Forms should be signed either by the CEO / CFO / COO / Head of Department of the respective Entity / Unit)

I/We hereby confirm the nomination and acknowledge that I/We will be required to supply relevant information and financial documents for the judging process.

Full Name & Designation:

Additional/Supplementary Information Attached? Yes No

Company Profile (Maximum 500 words) Attached? Yes No

Signature & Company Seal Date:



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