



2nd International Conference on Inclusive Islamic Financial Sector Development
ENHANCING FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR Regional MICRO-ENTERPRISES

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Call for Papers

Access of the poor to financial services is widely recognized as a powerful tool of poverty alleviation. An Islamic financial service (IFS) is expected to enhance access to financial services by making these services relevant for the users. *The purpose of the conference is to analyze the challenges facing the development of micro enterprises due to non-availability of IFS and studying the ways and means to develop the IFS and the related infrastructures with a view to enhancing the access of micro enterprises to financial services.*

Sudan Academy for Banking and Financial Sciences –SABFS- (Khartoum) , Sudan and the Islamic Research and Training Institute [IRTI] - a member of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group, Jeddah, in collaboration with other partner institutions are pleased to announce the above conference. The First Conference in this series of conferences was organized on April 2007 by IRTI/IsDB and the Center for Islamic Banking, Finance and Management University of Brunei Darussalam.

Original empirical and theoretical papers of high quality will be presented to the conference addressing the following themes.

• **Policies:**

- ✓ *Islamic Financial Sector Development Policies and Strategies*
- ✓ *The Islamic Approach to micro enterprises Finance*
- ✓ *Sustainability of micro enterprises*
- ✓ *Social Enterprise Development;*
- ✓ *Channels of Supplying Financial Services to micro enterprises;*
- ✓ *Role of Technology in micro enterprises development;*
- ✓ *Legal, Tax, Regulatory and Policy Framework;*
- ✓ *Safety-nets and Insurance*
- ✓ *Islamic microfinance risk management*

• **Institutions:**

- ✓ *Role of Islamic Institutions such as Awqaf, Zakah, Qard Hassan, Baitul Mal Wal Tamweel and Al-Rehn in micro enterprises-Finance;*
- ✓ *Role of Capital Markets in micro enterprises development;*
- ✓ *Challenges and problems facing Islamic institutions supporting micro-enterprises.*

• **Instruments, modes and modalities :**

- ✓ *Islamic Instruments and Contracts for micro enterprises Finance;*
- ✓ *Venture Capital Finance;*
- ✓ *Development of customized Islamic financial products and services*

• **Experience and success stories**

- ✓ *Role of Women;;*
- ✓ *Case Studies in Islamic Micro enterprises;*
- ✓ *Empirical Studies on the Impact of Micro enterprises on Poverty Alleviation;*
- ✓ *Entrepreneurship Development*
- ✓ *Perspective of International Institutions;*

Other relevant topics can also be addressed.

IRTI will pay for hotel expenses for the duration of the Conference and round-trip economy class air tickets to one author of each selected paper. The Conference Academic Committee will select the papers after thorough evaluation applying international academic standards. The Conference organizers will help arrange visas and hotel arrangements for international participants.

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