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AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ISLAMIC FINANCE

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INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING, SUSTAINABILITY AND THE FUTURE OF AFRICAN MARKETS 2.0

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Ummahani Ahmad Amin Chair, 5th AICIF Conference Planning Committee

WELCOME ADDRESS BY CONFERENCE CHAIRPERSON UMMAHANI AHMAD AMIN, THE MANAGING PARTNER, THE METROPOLITAN LAW FIRM AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, THE METROPOLITAN SKILLS LIMITED AT THE 5TH AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ISLAMIC FINANCE

All praise be to Allah who has revealed the Book to His servant and has not placed therein any crookedness so as to warn of a severe chastisement from Him. And give glad tidings to the righteous believers who do good deeds that they shall have a good reward. [Surah Kahf: Ayaah 1-3].

His Royal Highness, Muhammadu Sanusi II – The 14th Emir of Kano and Former Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria; Mr Mansur Muhtar - Vice President, Country Operations, Islamic Development Bank and Former Minister of Finance, Nigeria; Mr Lamido Yuguda - Director General, Securities and Exchange Commission, Nigeria, The Honorable Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Hon. Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed, distinguished Senior Advocates of Nigeria, Director Generals and CEOs, distinguished Speakers, Members of the Press, ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

I believe that the 5th edition of the African International Conference on Islamic Finance is symbolic in many ways. It represents a strong and enduring commitment by Islamic finance industry stakeholders to discuss strategies and financial reforms geared towards the development of the industry. It further represents an advocacy for infrastructure development amidst an ailing global economy and humanitarian crisis, which is the basis for the reprise of the last edition's theme for this year, "Infrastructure Financing, Sustainability and the Future of African Markets 2.0".

While I thank God for the lives of everyone present, I recognise the losses of lives and livelihoods from the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The health crisis unveiled the widening health infrastructure gap in Africa as seen from the shortage of medical equipment and supply, poor access to quality healthcare services, among other health sector inadequacies in Africa. Furthermore, African governments and corporates are challenged by the consequent financing shortage from the financial crisis. These factors call for a rethink in exploiting opportunities for scale production, continental market access and better reallocation of resources for consequential economic growth and development in the African continent.

Together, we can continue to improve trade and economic partnerships that create jobs and opportunities in the real sector through Islamic finance and the Conference deliberations have been curated not only to expose these opportunities, but to troubleshoot the bottlenecks to leveraging Islamic finance for an inclusive economic growth in Africa and more particularly, Nigeria. Nigeria is one of the top three African countries with rising Islamic finance assets, which is a result of the advocacy and support of us all for enabling financial reforms for Islamic finance. There has been a proliferation of Islamic finance tools like Sukuk, Waqf and Takaful, new market entrants with innovative Islamic financial products and services that deepen the financial sector, and overall, an increased demand for Islamic financial products and services.

At the 4th AICIF, I had stated our intention as The Metropolitan Law Firm to establish an Islamic endowment fund dedicated to assisting underprivileged children in their pursuit of a quality education. I am delighted to inform you that The Metropolitan Waqf has been setup. The MetWaqf will be administered by revered individuals in the society constituting its Board of Trustees, under the chairmanship of Dr Bashir Aliyu. It will operate as an effective financial and social conduit for those willing to partake in the philanthropy of aiding the underprivileged, that is transforming social capital into social and public infrastructure.

The Conveners, The Metropolitan Law Firm and The Metropolitan Skills Limited, remain committed to enlightening the public and work cooperatively with other stakeholders to improve our mutual capacities in developing the Islamic finance sector for sustainable financing, while maintaining its Shari'ah compliance essence. That is our mission and that is what brings us here together today.

I want to thank you all for being here and for your commitment to the African International Conference on Islamic Finance. Most especially, the Planning Committee for the extraordinary progress that we have achieved together for delivering the 5th AICIF, the first hybrid AICIF with active physical and virtual participation. I'm assured that the Conference will deliver a symbolic experience to every Participant.

On that note, I would like to share a quote by Tariq Ramadan which says,

An 'Islamic economy' or 'Islamic finance' doesn't mean anything to me. But I do think that in the multi-polar world, it is time to find new partners, to find a new balance in the economic order. And this could help you to find an alternative way forward.

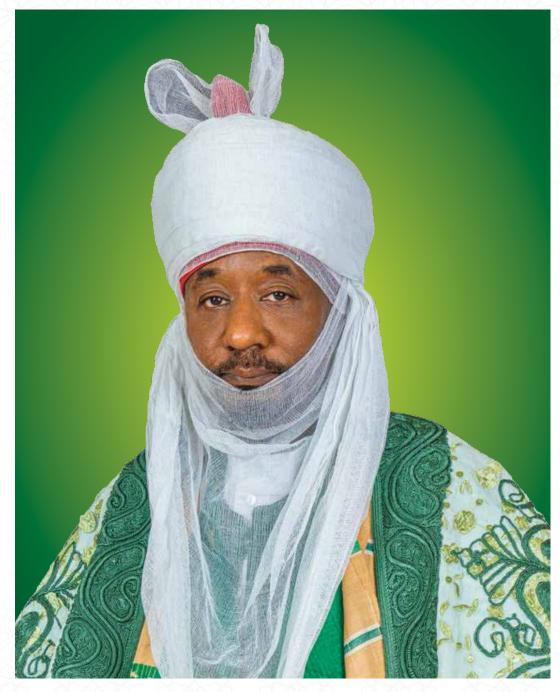
I say welcome to the 5th African International Conference on Islamic Finance.

Ummahani Ahmad Amin

Chair, 5th AICIF Conference Planning Committee



Hon. Zainab Shamsuna Ahmed Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Nigeria SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR



HRH Muhammadu Sanusi II The 14th Emir of Kano and Former Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria KEYNOTE ADDRESS I



Mansur Muhtar Vice President, Country Operations, Islamic Development Bank and Former Minister of Finance, Nigeria KEYNOTE ADDRESS II



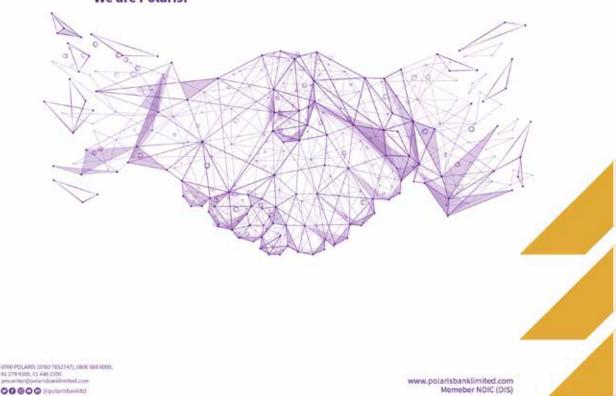
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CONFERENCE OPENING DAY

TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2021

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

7:00AM - 9:00AM

Registration of Conference DelegatesAccreditation of Media Representatives

OPENING SESSION

9:00AM - 11:00AM

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WELCOME ADDRESS

UMMAHANI AHMAD AMIN CEO, The Metropolitan Skills Limited & Managing Partner, The Metropolitan Law Firm, Nigeria

SPECIAL REMARKS

HON. ZAINAB SHAMSUNA AHMED

Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning, Nigeria

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Director, Prostart Consultantsmoderator EVENT ANCHOR

DAY ONE	TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2021		
TEA BREAK	11:00AM – 11:20AM		

PLENARY SESSION 1

11:20AM - 12:20PM

CONTINENTAL TRADE AND INVESTMENTS CHAMPIONING ISLAMIC FINANCE FOR AFRICA

Focus Areas Islamic Finance Outlook in Africa

Infrastructural Barriers to Market Entry in Africa.

Objectives

 To spotlight trade and investments in Africa for Islamic finance and the Impetitive advantages of Islamic finance.











Francis Anatogu Executive Secretary, National Action Committee on AfCFTA



Kafilat Araoye Managing Director, Lotus Bank Nigeria

Muhammed K. Ahmad, CON Presid ent, Society of Corporate Governance Nigeria

CHAIR

Nazeem Noordali COO, International Islamic

Trade Finance Corporation

LEAD SPEAKER -

Mohammed Awwal Yunusa A. B. Mahmoud, SAN, OON The Metropolitan Law Firm

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Focus Areas

Adverse Impact of Poor Healthcare Infrastructure in Africa Investment in Healthcare Infrastructure: Opportunities and Disabling Barriers Obiectives

To reorient the investment community towards healthcare investments.

- To identify healthcare infrastructure projects for Sukuk. To engage stakeholders on possible institutional reforms for the healthcare sector in Nigeria and Africa in line with international best practices.





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Dr. Faisal Shuaib CEO, Nigerian Primary Health Care Development Agency alth



Temie Giwa-Tubosun Founder & CEO, LifeBank Nigeria



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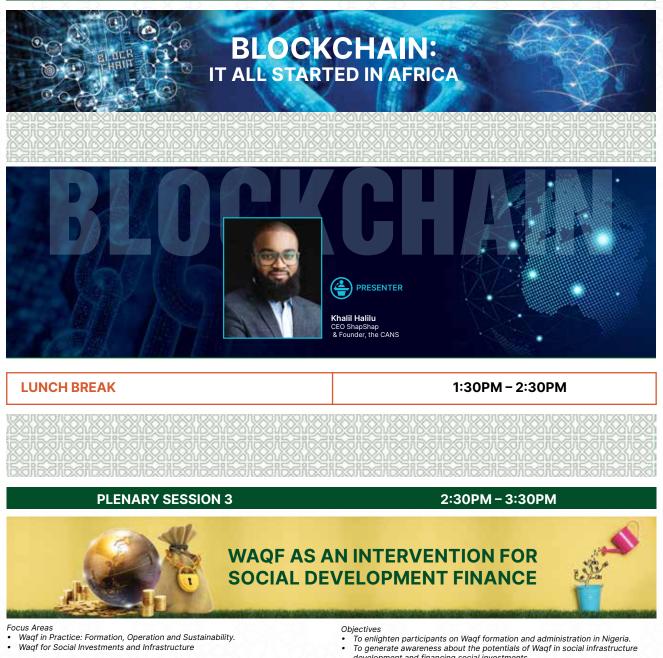


DAY ONE

TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2021

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1:20PM - 1:30PM





Abimbola Ajinibi Regional Head Abuja FBNQuest Trustees



Director of Research and Training, Da'wah Institute of Nigeria, Islamic Education Trust



Prof. Shaikh Ziyaad Mahomed Founder, Islamic Finance Institute of Southern Africa

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development and financing social investments.



Maryam Uwais, MFR Special Adviser to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Social Investments



Bello-Ismail Managing Partner, Universal Chambers



Dr. Jubril Salaudeen, Ph.D. COO, Citiserve Limited Nigeria

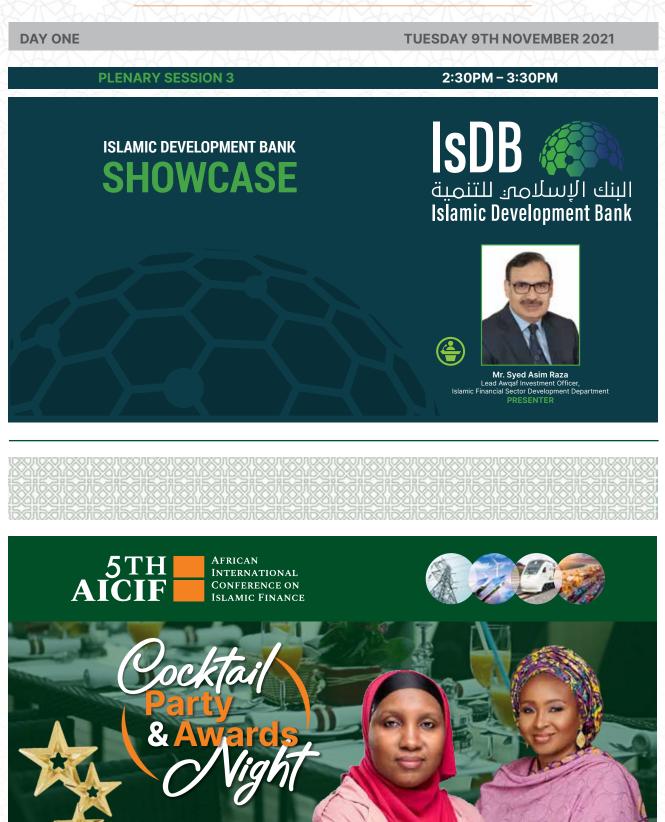












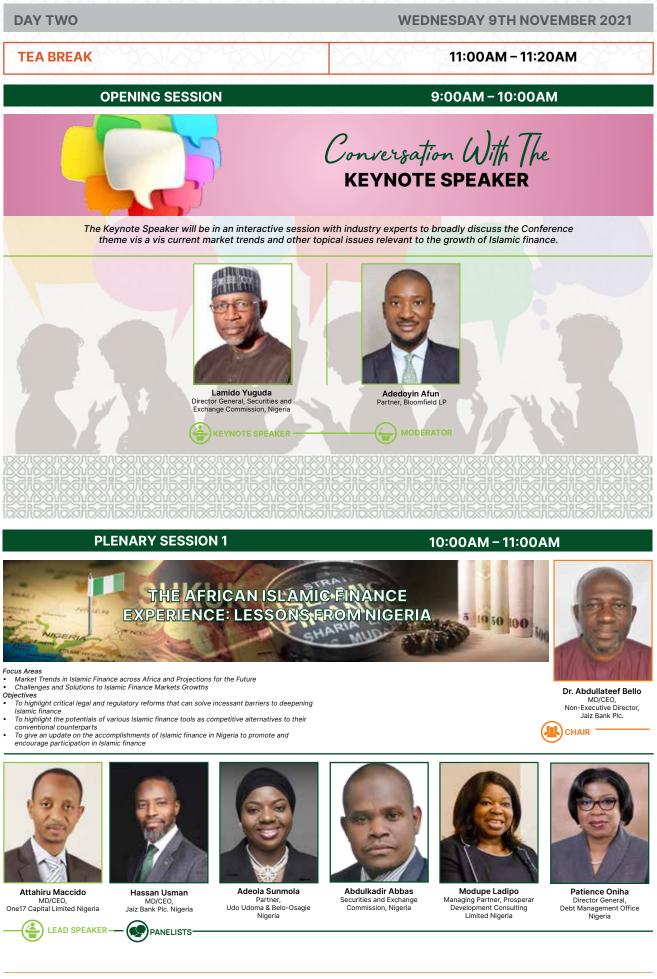
Amal Hassan CEO, OUTSOURCE Global, Nigeria

Hajiya Fatima Umaru Shinkafi Executive Secretary, Solid Minerals Development Trust Fund, Nigeria

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SPECIAL GUESTS

7:00PM - 8:30PM



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PLENARY SESSION 3

12:20PM - 1:20PM

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- Focus Areas Islamic Financing Modes Prospects of Shariah-compliant Fund Managements Objectives
- To promote retail and institutional investments in shariah-complaint funds
 To promote Islamic banking products and services as viable alternative financing tools





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Sadia El Rufai Managing Partner, El Rufai Attorneys



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DAY TWO

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2021

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1:20PM - 1:30PM



THE IMPERATIVES OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA'S ISLAMIC FINANCE INDUSTRY



LUNCH BREAK

11:00AM - 11:20AM

PLENARY SESSION 4

12:20PM - 1:20PM



Focus Areas

Sukuk Structuring









Chinua Azubike CEO, InfraCredit Nigeria



Abdulmalik Mahdi CEO, Modern Shelter Nigeria



Abdullahi Umar CBSO, Bilaad Realty Nigeria Limited



LEAD SPEAKER -











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CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

In recent years, Islamic finance has experienced exponential growth throughout the world, including in Muslim minority countries such as the United Kingdom, Luxembourg, Hong Kong and South Africa. Total Islamic asset across all sectors of banking, sukuk, funds and takaful was estimated to be valued at USD\$2.44 trillion in 2019 – IFSB Stability Report 2020.

Islamic financial assets enjoyed an impressive Compound Annual Growth Rate of 21% between 2007 and 2010, a growth rate that far exceeds that of the conventional financial industry. In Nigeria, and Africa at large, Islamic finance is still in its infancy stage but is exponentially gaining ground as a viable alternative and a complementary service to conventional finance services. According to IFSB Stability Report 2020, Nigeria and Sudan recorded the highest growth rate in aggregate Islamic Banking Average Annual Assets Growth by Country (y-o-y) (2Q18 and 3Q19). The sector caters to a large portion of the population in search of an interest-free and ethical finance alternative, and to narrow the gap of unbanked population for financial inclusion.

The history of Sukuk issuance in Nigeria dates back to the 2013 Osun State Government N11.4 Billion Sukuk Issuance for construction of schools. Subsequently, the Federal Government of Nigeria issued N100 Billion Sovereign Sukuk in July 2017 and December 2018 respectively for construction of roads, and a third issuance of N162.5 billion in 2020. Both the Osun State and FGN Sukuks were oversubscribed, an indication of the huge demand for such instruments within our jurisdiction.

The legal and regulatory framework for the sector is also being rapidly developed. The Securities and Exchange Commission has provided Sukuk Rules while the Central Bank of Nigeria has granted liquid asset status to Sukuk issued by State Governments. National Pension Commission approved Sukuk issued by eligible issuers as investable instruments for Pension Fund Assets. Also, Sukuk issued by State Government must be backed by Irrevocable Standing Payment Order or other guarantee enhancement for it to have liquidity status of the Central Bank of Nigeria or to be invested by Pension Fund Administrators.

Mobilising private investment to infrastructure development using Islamic financial instruments would require legal, financial and institutional arrangements taking into consideration the high complex nature of most investments in infrastructure as well as the long term and risk profile of infrastructure projects. The reality shows that the dearth of Islamic finance knowledge among sovereign and subnational governments, legal and financial experts, institutions and other relevant industry stakeholders remains an impediment to the advancement of Islamic finance in Africa.

The 5th African International Conference on Islamic Finance (5th AICIF) brings together captains of industry, regulators, bankers, potential issuers, investors and experts interested in the advancement of the Islamic finance ecosystem to share experiences, knowledge and identify opportunities to leverage Islamic finance. The Conference will foster ideations on potential reforms in progressing infrastructure finance and expansion of African markets from the present standing. Like previous years, this year's edition has leading industry experts share insights and elucidate on the evolution of Islamic finance around the globe, with the focus being on Africa.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVE

AICIF is an inclusive gathering geared towards:

- building and enhancing private and public sector institutional capacity on Islamic Finance;
- creating a platform for Public Private Partnerships leveraging Islamic Finance;
- creating a platform for financial institutions and other key eco-system players to demonstrate their commitment and support for the development of Islamic Finance in Africa;
- motivating financial institutions, to push for better defined regulations in the Islamic finance space;
- contributing to the development of sector-specific roadmaps;
- focusing on Microfinance as a tool for financial inclusion, poverty alleviation and promoting economic growth;
- establishing a Community of Practice that will serve as a credible resource/support for Islamic Finance deal structuring;
- establishing a platform for periodically reviewing trends and progress in the ecosystem and;
- bringing together major sector specific players to network with key decision makers, learn about potential opportunities and pipeline projects, share ideas and forge the future of Islamic Finance in Africa.

CONFERENCE CONVENERS



The Metropolitan Skills Limited in association with The Metropolitan Law Firm is organising the 5th African Conference on Islamic Finance.

Metropolitan Skills Limited was established in 2009 as a multi-service company providing Islamic Finance capacity building corporate

and consultancy services in by charting new economic and banking options for Nigeria.

The Metropolitan Law Firm is a full-service law firm with broad Islamic Banking & Finance, corporate and commercial, energy & natural resources, regulatory advisory, litigation, intellectual property, financial, infrastructure development, telecommunications experience headquartered in Abuja. With nearly 15 years experience advising corporation, government agencies, organisations and pushing individuals to achieve their goals, the Firm has developed particular expertise in sophisticated commercial and financial transactions, a fact which is illustrated by a track record of involvement in some of the largest and most complex transactions in the dynamic sectors of the Nigerian economy.

With experience garnered over the years in advising private corporations, financial institutions, high net-worth Individuals, and



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