

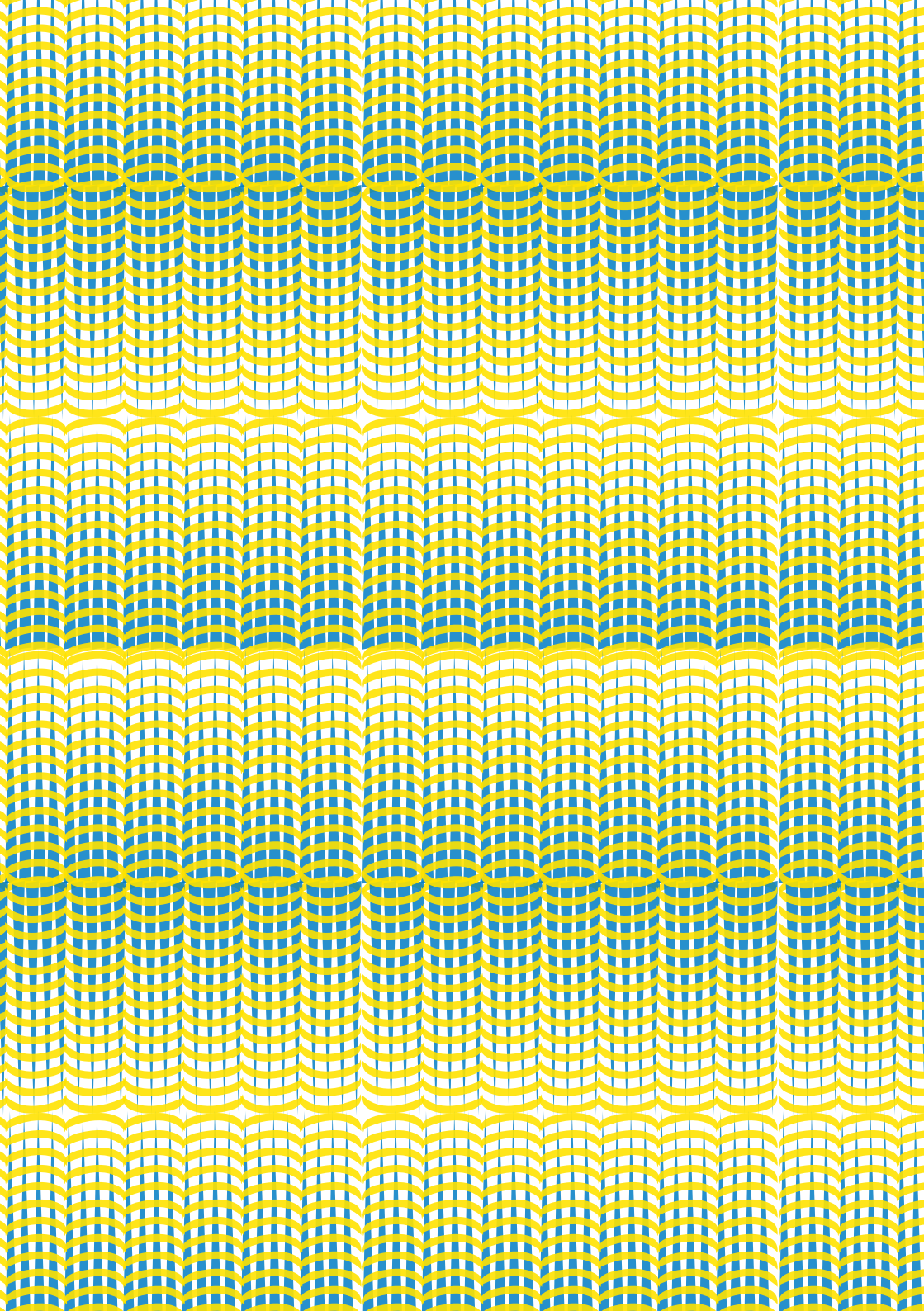
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WELCOME

CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD



I have great pleasure in welcoming you to the 7th WIEF in Astana, the beautiful capital city of the Republic of Kazakhstan. This is the first time that this Forum is being held in the Central Asian region, after our hugely successful Forums in South East Asia, South Asia and the Middle East.

As Chairman of the WIEF Foundation, I wish to convey my sincere thanks and gratitude to HE President Nursultan Nazarbayev, the Government and people of the Republic of Kazakhstan for hosting the 7th WIEF and for the generous hospitality and warm reception accorded to the invited Heads of State/Government, Role Players and participants of the Forum.

The WIEF Foundation is particularly pleased to hold the 7th WIEF in Kazakhstan, the biggest economy in the Central Asian Region. Blessed with huge deposits of oil and extractive minerals, political stability, investment-friendly policies and sound human capital, the Republic offers tremendous potentials for trade, investment and economic collaboration. I hope that such potentials could be seized by all participants attending the Forum.

The theme chosen for the 7th WIEF is 'Globalising Growth – Connect, Compete, Collaborate'. We hope that this is appropriate in mobilizing the initiatives, energy, vigor and efforts of all participants including Government and corporate leaders, academics, NGOs, the youth and business women to interact and collaborate, where possible, with the common aim of exchanging ideas to engage in business. Connectivity between peoples and nations is indeed crucial to assure success. In this regard I am confident that participants would find the platform provided by the Forum useful for such purpose.

This publication is a manifestation of the ideas set above and should hopefully serve as an important background reading for all participants. I wish to congratulate all those involved, especially the various contributors, in making this publication possible.

Finally, may I wish you all the best for the 7th WIEF in Astana.

Tun Musa Hitam
Chairman
WIEF Foundation

PATRON'S MESSAGE



As Patron of the World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Foundation, I would like to record my sincere thanks and gratitude to H.E. President Nursultan Nazarbayev, the Government and people of the Republic of Kazakhstan for hosting the 7th WIEF in this beautiful capital city of Astana.

I believe that it is most timely that the 7th WIEF is held in the Republic of Kazakhstan, a rapidly developing economy that is the pride and envy of many in the Central Asian Region. It is indeed a measure of the Republic's economic progress and dynamism that foreign participants are attracted to attend the Forum with a view to seeking whatever business and economic opportunities that exist. This is, after all what this Forum is about and it is my sincere hope that concrete and tangible business deals be concluded through the connectivity and interactions provided by the Forum.

I am personally glad to be able to participate in the Forum which has proven over the years, since its inception, to be a useful platform for discussion and dialogue for all levels of participants representing more than just OIC member countries. I am also gratified to see the wide range of significant issues included in the Forum so as to meet not only the specific requirements of our host but also the wider interest of the participants attending the Forum.

I note with pleasure that the WIEF is now more than just a Forum, with various programmes and activities carried out by the Foundation, including those that represent the outcome of major recommendations made at our previous Forums. This is indeed an encouraging development as the Forum progressively moves towards becoming a matured platform for constructive dialogue and economic collaboration. I hope the practical dimension of the Forum would continue to be further enhanced for the benefit of all those associated with the WIEF and I look forward to receiving similar important recommendations as an outcome of this Forum.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to wish all participants the very best for a successful Forum.

Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak
Prime Minister of Malaysia
Patron of WIEF Foundation



GENERAL INFORMATION

General Information

HOSPITALITY DESK AT THE AIRPORT – ASTANA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

In the interest of your comfort, the WIEF Secretariat will be present at the Astana International Airport for any assistance required e.g. transport to hotels, information on the Forum and other related issues.

REGISTRATION

Delegates will be given a delegate/forum kit of the 7th WIEF upon registration.

A team of registration personnel will be present to help you register and answer any questions that you may have concerning your registration, badge, as well as your delegate/forum kit. Please note that you have to collect your badge and kit personally.

Please wear your badge at all times.

Opening Hours:

Date: 6th June to 9th June

Time: 8am – 6pm

Location: Palace of Independence – Level 1

*Registration will be open at 7am on 8th June 2011

INFORMATION COUNTER

The Information Counter will assist delegates with enquiries on the Forum Programmes, transportation arrangement, lost-and-found information, tour arrangements and other related matters.

Opening Hours:

Date: 6th June to 9th June

Time: 8am – 6pm

Location: Palace of Independence – Level 1

*Information Counter will be open at 7am on 8th June 2011

FORUM SECRETARIAT

The WIEF Secretariat will provide all necessary information related to the Forum. In addition, the Secretariat will be responsible for the distribution of Forum documents and speech transcripts.

Speakers are requested to submit their presentation materials (e.g. PowerPoint slides etc.) to the Forum Secretariat in charge of that session at least one hour before their speech.

*In an effort to protect the environment, the WIEF consciously limits indiscriminate printing of documents throughout the course of the Forum. Paper circulation during the Forum is kept at an ideal minimum, while delegates can have free unlimited access to all documents pertaining to the Forum at our official website – www.7wief.org.

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MEDIA CENTRE

Journalists can utilise the Media Centre located on Level 2, where they will have access to all the necessary facilities such as internet, fax, printers and photo copiers at the Media Working Area. Refreshments will be available at the Refreshment Area.

Opening Hours:

Date: 5th June to 9th June

Time: 8am – 6pm

Location: Palace of Independence – Level 2

Journalists requiring assistance in securing interviews are requested to contact our Media Centre staff.

Note: Press Conferences will also be held at the Media Centre.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation between the Palace of Independence and designated hotels will be arranged for all delegates, including staff and the media, throughout the course of the Forum. Shuttle schedules will be posted on the transportation notice boards in hotel lobbies. Kindly ensure that badges are worn when using the shuttle services.

Please contact hotel reception desk or concierge for private use of transportation services (charges apply).

For airport transfer, kindly make your reservation with the hotel reception desk at least half a day before your departure.

MEALS

Breakfast: Delegates will have their breakfast at their hotels. Breakfast is included in the room rate.

Lunch: Meals will be provided for all delegates from 7th to 9th June at the Palace of Independence – Level 1.

Tea break/Refreshments: Tea, coffee and snacks will be available during the morning and afternoon coffee break.

*Non-delegates: Meals will not be provided for Non-delegates. However, they can have their meals at other restaurants at their own expense.

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WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE FORUM

The working languages of the Forum are Kazakh, Russian and English. However, there will be simultaneous interpretations through the SIS devices in the following languages – Arabic, French and Spanish.

SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SYSTEM (SIS)

For the convenience of the delegates, SIS devices will be placed on every seat in each hall. Delegates are kindly requested to leave the SIS devices on the seat once the session has concluded.

BADGE

For security reasons, only those delegates wearing a valid 7th WIEF badge (special wrist band for the Marketplace of Creative Arts) will be allowed entry into the Forum sessions, exhibitions and social events. It is also required for meals and shuttle services. Please make sure that your badge is visible to the security staff at all times. Our security staff has been instructed to question anyone without a valid badge. No access will be permitted to all forum venues without a badge.

To enter the Forum venue, you will pass through a security checkpoints and your belongings may be searched. Please avoid carrying any sharp objects such as penknives and scissors, as this may cause delay in entry into the venue.

Lost or damaged badges must be immediately reported to the Forum Information Centre. Replacement badges will be charged USD50.

DRESS CODE

Business attire.

HOTELS

Delegates will be staying at the following hotels during the forum:

Rixos President Astana – OFFICIAL HOTEL

Astana, 010000, 7 Kunayev Street

Tel: +7 7172 24 50 50

Fax: +7 7172 24 27 60

Website: www.rixos.com

General Information

Radisson SAS Hotel, Astana – OFFICIAL HOTEL

Sary Arka 4
Astana 010000,
Kazakhstan
Telephone: +7 7172 990000
Fax: +7 7172 992222
Website: www.radissonblu.com/hotel-astana

Ramada Plaza Astana

Abai Ave.47
Astana, 010000 KZ
Tel: 001-7717-2391000
Fax: 001-7717-2391010

Beijing Palace Soluxe Hotel Astana

Tel: +7 (7172) 701515
Fax: +7 (7172) 701500
Website: www.soluxe-astana.kz

King Hotel, Astana

Tel: +7 7172 705705
Fax: +7 7172 705205
Website: www.kinghotel.kz

INTERNET ACCESS

Internet access is provided at all hotels. However, please contact the reception for more details.

Unlimited wireless access is available at:

- Rixos President Astana – OFFICIAL HOTEL
- Radisson SAS Hotel, Astana – OFFICIAL HOTEL
- Ramada Plaza Astana
- King Hotel, Astana

Please consult the respective hotels regarding internet services.

Internet kiosks are available at the Business Matchmaking Lounge located at the 7th WIEF Exhibition Hall on Level 2.

Free wireless access is also available at the Palace of Independence.

General Information

DEPARTURE TIME FOR THE AIRPORT

Please check-out from your hotel three hours prior to your flight departure time. Information about transport to the airport is provided at the Information Centre and all designated hotels.

TELEPHONE

The country code for Kazakhstan is +7.
The Almaty city code is 7272 and the Astana city code is 7172.

Domestic and international long distance services are available in all hotel rooms, but deposits are required (to be paid at hotel reception desk) for such services.

WEATHER

Astana has a humid continental climate, bordering on a semi-arid climate, with exceptionally cold winters and warm summers. The average annual temperature in Astana is 18 °C (35.2 °F). January is the coldest month with an average temperature of -17.3 °C (1 °F). July is the hottest month with an average temperature of 20.2 °C (68 °F).

The temperature during the time of the Forum is within the comfortable range between 11 °C (average low) and 25 °C (average high).

TIME ZONE

BTT (UTC+6)

MEDICAL SERVICES

Located beside the Registration Tent.

FIRE PROCEDURE

All delegates are requested to familiarise themselves with the Fire Procedure notices, which are located throughout the Forum venue. These notices contain instructions for the correct action to be taken in the case of a fire, as well as information on the designated assembly area after evacuating the building.

INSURANCE

Forum delegates are advised to carry their own insurance.

General Information

LIABILITY

The WIEF Foundation will not accept liability for personal or property damage or injuries suffered by third parties including, but not limited to, loss or damage occurring to any property or theft of motor vehicle, deposited, or parked on site.

LOST PROPERTY

Any enquiries regarding lost property should be made with the WIEF Secretariat.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please turn off your mobile phones and other electronic devices or switch them to silent mode during the sessions.

SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited within the Forum venue.

TOURIST INFORMATION – WHAT TO SEE DURING YOUR STAY IN ASTANA

Cultural Places

- Astana Baiterek Monument, Central Boulevard, Left Bank
- Nur Astana Mosque, 2nd Street, AREA
- Atameken Ethno-Memorial Complex, Kabanbai Batyr, Molodezhni Microdistrict
- Beit Rachel Synagogue, Intersection of Imanov and Gumilyev Streets, AREA
- The Cathedral of Saints Konstantin and Elena, 16/3 Respublik Prospect, AREA
- Central Park and the Ishim River
- Museum of Modern Art, 3/1 Respublik Avenue, AREA
- Museum of the Presidential Cultural Centre, 1 Barayev Street, AREA
- Palace of Peace and Reconciliation, 7, 1st Street AREA

Theatres and Concert Halls

- Baisetov National Opera and Ballet Theatre, 10 Akzhaik Street, AREA
- Russian Drama Theatre, 72 Bigeldinov Street, AREA

For more information please visit: www.kazembassy.org.my/astana_cultural.htm#1

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ENTERTAINMENT

- Duman Entertainment Centre,
4 Kabanbai Batyr Prospect, AREA

Excursions around Astana

- Borovoye
- Korghalzhyn
- Kokshetau
- Malinovka

Golf

- Astana Golf Club, On the Karaganda Road, AREA

Ice Skating

- Ice Club, Eurasia Trade Centre, House 3, Microdistrict 2
- Ice City, Between Duman Entertainment Centre and the River Ishim, AREA
- Kazakhstan Sports Complex, 9 Munaytpasov Street, AREA

Racing

- Altyn Taga Hippodrome, Rozhdestvenko Road, Area

Riding

- Tulpar Horse Sports Club, Lesnaya Street, Koktal Microdistrict

Spas & Baths

- Rixos Royal Spa, Rixos President Hotel, 7, 1st Street, AREA
- Sary Arka Baths, address, AREA
- VIP Sauna, Astana Park Hotel, address, AREA

For more information please visit: www.kazembassy.org.my/astana_entertainments.htm

TRAVEL AGENCY

There are travel agencies located at each of the official hotels of the 7th WIEF.

General Information

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

HOSPITAL/MEDICAL CENTRES:

Interteach Astana Clinic

Tel: + 7 717 221 2054

Address: Kenesary Street, Astana, 50, Kazakhstan

Kerven Medicus Medical Center

Tel: + 7 717 239 0572

Address: Iryenko Street 14, Astana, Kazakhstan

Mirim Hospital

Tel: + 7 717 297 4010

Address: Left Berik Object No. 4, Astana, Kazakhstan

Republic Hospital

Tel: + 7 717 223 1199

Address: Ablehan Street 36, Astana, Kazakhstan

EMERGENCY SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE:

Police

Landline: 102

Mobile: 102

Astana City Medical Emergency Service

Landline: 103

Mobile: 103

General Information for Astana

Landline: 109

Mobile: 109

Rescue Service

Landline: 112

Mobile: 112

Astana Firefighting and Accident Rescue Operations Service

Landline: 101

Mobile: 101

General Information

Department for Emergency Situations

Landline: 32 31 98

Mobile: 8 (7172) 32 31 98

Fire Department of Astana City

Landline: 37 41 74

Mobile: 8 (7172) 37 41 74

Directory Assistance

Landline: 051

Mobile: 109

Astana City Telecommunication Center (AstanaTelecom)

Landline: 58 07 61

Mobile: 8 (7172) 58 07 61

Railway Station

Landline: 93 39 26

Mobile: 8 (7172) 93 39 26

BANKING HOURS

Monday–Friday: 9.00–17.00

Lunch: 13.00–14.00

Personal banking

Monday–Friday: 9.00–17.00

Saturday: 9.00–16.00

Lunch: 13.00–14.00

POST OFFICE

010000, Astana, Auezov st., 13,

Phone: 8 (7172) 580291

Call center, Fax: 333344

Email: kazpost@kazpost.kz

Monday–Friday: 9.00–17.00

Lunch: 13.00–14.00

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Astana City International Airport

Landline: 77 70 50

Mobile: 8 (7172) 77 70 50

Taxi

In Astana, please call 22 22 22 or 39 79 79 (please note that no English is spoken, so please ask for assistance from the hotel staff). You can also flag down gypsy taxis/private cars in the street starting from 300 tenge to take you anywhere in the city. However, caution must be exercised, especially at night, and delegates are requested not to get into a car with more than one person already in it. In Astana, taxis tend to be a bit more expensive, so be prepared to pay up to 500 tenge.

Public Transport

In Astana, the only form of public transport is the bus, which runs from 6am to 9pm. The fare is 40 tenge. The number and the main stops of the route are written on the side of the bus and announced by the instructor. In the absence of information about destinations at public transport stops, and because the information on public transport is in Cyrillic, it may be easier to take taxis in town.

FOOD

Based on nomadic roots, horse meat and mutton are the basis of a majority of Kazakh dishes. Dishes include shuzhuk (a type of sausage made from smoked horse meat) and kuyrdak.

Daily meals for Kazakhs are usually very hearty, they include bread and another starch such as noodles or potatoes and a meat dish. One common dish is pilaf, which is often associated with the Uzbeks. It is a rice dish usually made with carrots, mutton, and a lot of oil. Soups, including Russian borscht, also are very common. Soups in Kazakhstan can be made of almost anything. Borscht is usually red (beef-based) or brown (meat-based), with cabbage, meat, sometimes potatoes, and usually a large dollop of sour cream. Pelimnin, a Russian dish that is made by filling small dough pockets with meat and onions, is very popular with all nationalities in Kazakhstan and is served quite often as a daily meal.

PROUD TO SUPPORT THE WORLD ISLAMIC ECONOMIC FORUM

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ACROSS THE WORLD AND IS DELIGHTED TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE
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EVERY DROP MATTERS

'Every Drop Matters' is a joint social initiative of The Coca-Cola Company and UNDP to provide safe drinking water system via 2,2 km pipeline to the Kok-Ozek village, Almaty oblast. UNDP arranged a series of educational trainings to secure water efficient use, hygiene and sanitation among local 1,500 residents, high school students and medical clinic personnel who eventually created 'El Suy' (People's Water) water users cooperative.

COCA-COLA BYLGARY DOP

The Coca-Cola Company teamed with Football Federation of Kazakhstan to set up 'Coca-Cola Bylgary Dop' (Leather Ball) football championship among 300,000 students from 5,000 high schools. This initiative is based on Live Positively platform of The Coca-Cola Company to promote active lifestyle among youth. UEFA named this nationwide tournament Most Valuable Grassroots Event in the world.

OLYMPIC DAY

National Olympic Committee of Kazakhstan annually celebrates the Olympic Day where The Coca-Cola Company provides various beverages to the thousands of the Olympic Day Run participants in Astana, Almaty and other regional centers of Kazakhstan. The Coca-Cola Company enjoys partnership with International Olympic Committee since 1928.



ASYL MURA

The Coca-Cola Company pioneered a social humanitarian project 'Asyl Mura' ('Precious Heritage') with Central Archive of Films and Sound Records and Public Social Fund 'UMS' Agency' to make a contribution to Kazakh culture. Over a decade this partnership created 15 CD-albums where it illustrated unique masterpieces of outstanding Kazakh music icons. Historical records have been gradually revived: first selected, then restored and finally recorded on up-to-date digital devices.

COCA-COLA LECTURE HALL

The Coca-Cola Company created 'Coca-Cola Lecture Hall' at Almaty Economic College by upgrading and outfitting it with furniture and digital educational equipment including an interactive presentation board. This is another initiative to follow up the Coca-Cola School Internet Center which had not only provided free internet to 5,000 high school students and their teachers but also incorporated information technologies.

The Coca-Cola Company

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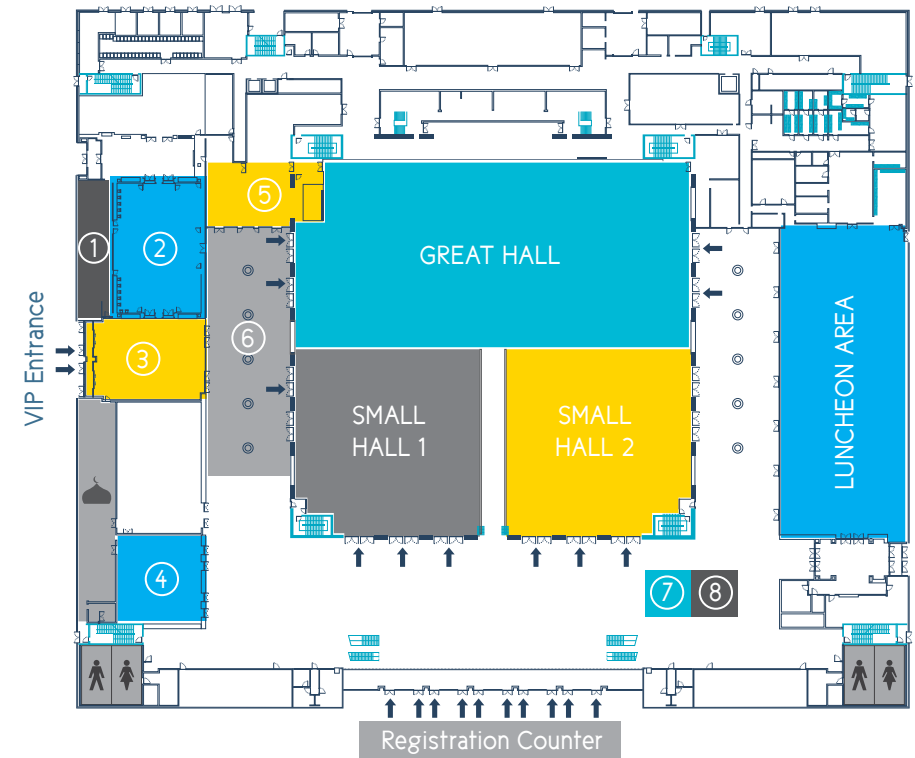


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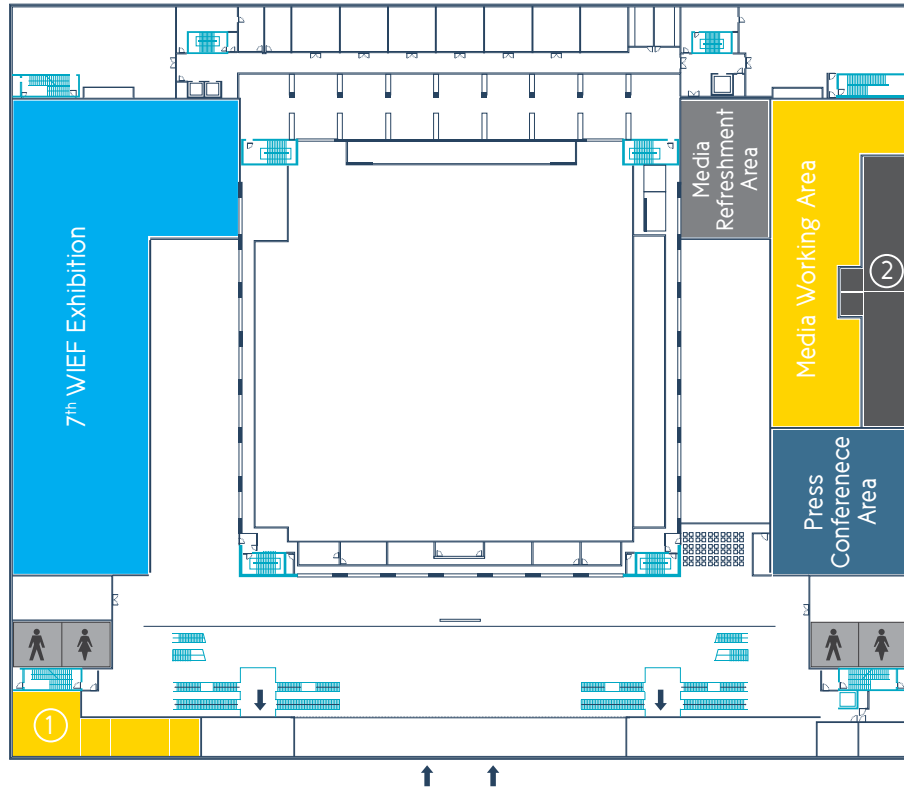


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| ① Security | ⑤ Bilateral Meeting Rooms |
| ② IAP Meeting Room | ⑥ VIP & Speakers' Holding Lounge |
| ③ Leaders' Luncheon Room | ⑦ Information Counter |
| ④ WIEF Executive Area | ⑧ Forum Secretariat Office |



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Palace of Independence | Level 2

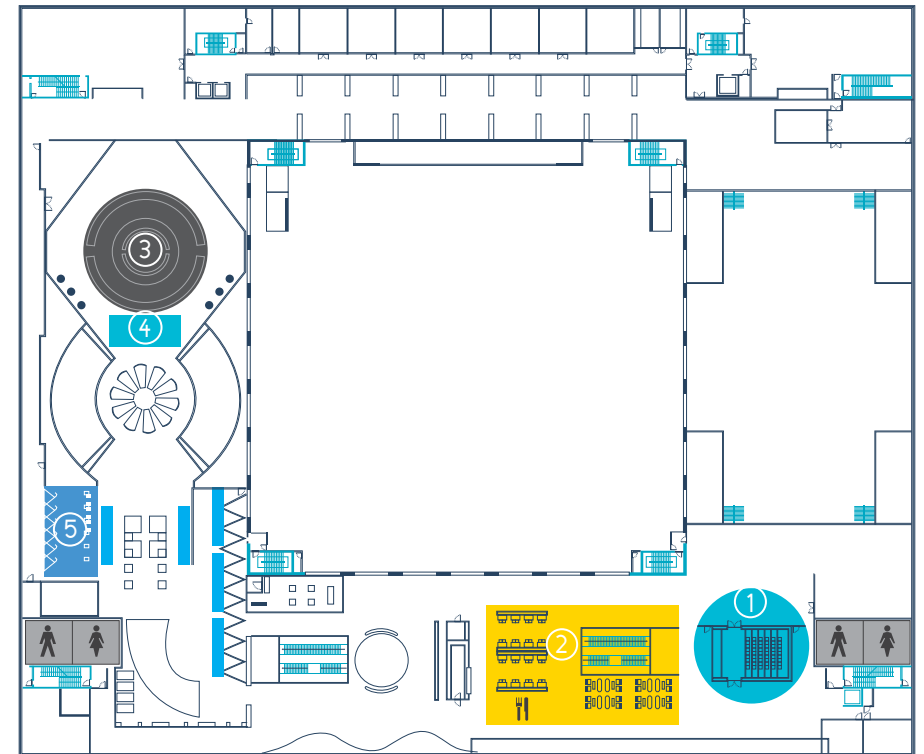


- ① Sponsors' Meeting Rooms
- ② Media Interview Rooms



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Marketplace of Creative Arts | Level 3



- ① The Reel Room: Short Film Screenings
- ② The Lounging Lounge: Networking Lounge
- ③ The Dark Room: Visual Arts (Night Art)
- ④ The Circle: Performing Arts Showcases
- ⑤ The Kiz Ui Chat Room: Dialogue Sessions
- The Gallery: Visual Arts (Day Art)



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PROGRAMME

WIEF BUSINESSWOMEN FORUM

Women and Business: Endurance and Perseverance

Small Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

ABOUT THE FORUM

The theme of the WIEF Businesswomen Forum, "Women and Business: Endurance and Perseverance", augurs well in the current reality where women are becoming more influential in the business world. In order to thrive in the present challenging and dynamic business environment, women entrepreneurs need to build on their capabilities as well as inner determination to pursue success rigorously.

The WIEF Businesswomen Forum held in conjunction with the 7th WIEF will address issues of interest to women entrepreneurs. The five (5) Plenary Sessions in the Forum are as follows:

- CEO Exchange: Growing Women Leadership: Lead, Influence and Change
- The Social Entrepreneur: Revolutionizing Societal Change
- Marketing – An Essential of Business
- Financing Alternatives for Women Entrepreneurs: Is Venture Capital A Solution?
- Industries in Focus: Healthcare/Tourism/Education/Food

Apart from sharing invaluable knowledge and experience, the Speakers invited from various parts of the world would also infuse in their lively discourse, the importance of endurance and perseverance in helping women excel in business.

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8.00am – 9.00am	REGISTRATION Arrival of Delegates, Guests and VIPs Venue: Small Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan
9.00am – 9.45am	JOINT OPENING CEREMONY Quran Recital Welcoming Speech by: • H.E. Aset Issekeshev, Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan & Chairman of the National Organising Committee for the 7 th WIEF Speech by: • The Hon. Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman, WIEF Foundation Keynote Address and Opening of Pre Forums by: • H.E. Karim Massimov, Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Venue: Great Hall, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan
9.45am – 10.00am	REFRESHMENTS
10.00am – 10.15am	WELCOMING SPEECHES BY: • Dato Dr Norraesah Mohamed, Chairman, Businesswomen Network(WBN) WIEF Foundation & Executive Chairman, My E.G. Services Berhad • Raushan Sarsembayeva, President, Association of Businesswomen of Kazakhstan
10.15am – 11.15am	PLENARY 1: CEO EXCHANGE Growing Women Leadership: Lead, Influence and Change Speakers: • H.E. Gulshara Abdykalykova, Minister of Labor and Social Protection & Chairman, National Commission for Women Affairs, Family and Demographic Policy, Kazakhstan • The Hon. Senator Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, Minister of Women, Family & Community Development, Malaysia • Dr Dariga Nazarbayeva, Director, The 1 st President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Foundation • Salukazi Dakile-Hlongwane, Deputy Chair & Chief Executive, Nozala Investments, South Africa • Dr. Martha Tilaar, Founder and Chair, Martha Tilaar Group of Companies, Indonesia Moderator: • Dato Dr Norraesah Mohamed, Chairman, Businesswomen Network(WBN) WIEF Foundation & Executive Chairman, My E.G. Services Berhad
11.15pm – 12.15pm	PLENARY 2: The Social Entrepreneur: Revolutionizing Societal Change Social entrepreneurs are individuals who address pressing social problems through innovative and sustainable business solutions. They

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	usually focus on creating value for disadvantaged segments of the population and develop solutions that can be scaled up and achieve significant societal impact. Due to the many challenges faced by women today, they are natural candidate to pursue social innovation and entrepreneurship. • How to start and grow new social ventures? • How management can nurture a culture of creativity and entrepreneurship? • What are the best practices in implementing and sustaining innovation? • Could technology be leveraged to grow nonprofits in this challenging economy? Speakers: • Datin Paduka Siti Sa'diah Sheikh Bakir, Managing Director, KPJ Healthcare Berhad, Malaysia • Zoran Puljic, Director, Mozaik Foundation, Bosnia and Herzegovina • Anshu Gupta, Founder & CEO, Goonj, India • Alua Rudar, Editor-in-Chief of "Businesswomen.kz" Magazine, Kazakhstan Moderator: • Asel Karaulova, Director, Kazakhstan Press Club
12.15pm – 1.15pm	PLENARY 3: Marketing – An Essential of Business To do business without marketing is like trying to catch a fish without a pole, net or bait and to make mistake in marketing strategy is like giving a death sentence to a business. • What are the latest tools in marketing, new and emerging trends? Would a combination of internet marketing and creativity help to elevate profit level? • How best-in-class organizations manage to stay on top? • How can marketing strategy better help any business entity stay ahead? Speakers: • Dato' Dayang Fatimah Abang Saufi, Director & Chief Designer, Ethnicite Sdn Bhd, Malaysia • Owek, Hajat Rehman Kasule, Founder, Century Marketing, Uganda • Aida Dosayeva, Director, Corporate Communications, GSM Kazakhstan / Kcell, Kazakhstan • Dr Amany Asfour, President, Egyptian Businesswomen Association(EBWA) Moderator: • Rokia Afzal Rahman, Chair, Midas Financing Ltd. & President of Bangladesh Federation of Women Entrepreneurs(BFWE)

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1.15pm – 2.15pm	LUNCH
	Venue: Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan
2.15pm – 3.15pm	<p>PLENARY 4:</p> <p>Financing Alternatives for Women Entrepreneurs: Is Venture Capital A Solution?</p> <p>Women-owned businesses are just as financially strong and creditworthy as any other business organisations. Yet women struggle more than men to acquire equity capital.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is venture capital a viable option for women-owned businesses? • What is it that women do, or don't do, that causes them to fall short in realizing entrepreneurial potential? • Why women entrepreneurs access only a small percentage of venture capital investment? • How to accelerate women access to VC funding? <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umit Shayakhmetova, Chairperson of the Management Board, Halyk Bank, Kazakhstan • Darawati Hussain, Head, Private Equity, CIMB PrivateEquity, Malaysia • Meltem Metin, Director, Strategic Business Development, Coca-cola Icecek AS., Turkey • Dr. Zarina Arslanova, Board of Directors, National Innovation Fund(NIF) JSC, Kazakhstan <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Datuk (Dr.) Rafiah Salim, Director, NAM Institute For The Empowerment Of Women, Malaysia
3.15pm – 4.15pm	<p>PLENARY 5:</p> <p>Industries in Focus: Healthcare/Tourism/ Education/Food</p> <p>The speakers in this session will share their thoughts and experiences as well as challenges and opportunities available in these industry sectors.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratkan Israilova, Chair of the Board, "Kairat Bol" Company, Kyrgyzstan • Roza Assanbayeva, President, Kazakhstan Tourism Association (Tourism) • Kamal Ahmad, Founder & Acting Vice Chancellor, Asian University for Women, Bangladesh <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adema Zhanassova, Country Manager, MDC (Oil & Gas N Block Kazakhstan) GmbH,Kazakhstan
4.15pm	END OF PROGRAMME / REFRESHMENTS

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WIEF YOUNG LEADERS FORUM

Leadership in Motion: Leveraging Skills and Talent

Small Hall 2, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

ABOUT THE FORUM

The WIEF Young Leaders Forum 2011, in conjunction with the 7th WIEF in Astana, Kazakhstan, bears the theme of "Leadership in Motion: Leveraging Skills and Talent" to reflect the growing number of young people taking up positions of influence and leadership in the Muslim World. Being a region with the highest percentage of young people and where leadership succession is one of the most critical issues of the day, the Muslim World is undergoing an important period of transition. By leveraging on successful individuals and best practices around the world, the Muslims, especially the younger generation can benefit from an infusion of ideas and an exchange of skills. Throughout the four plenary sessions, the 2011 Forum sheds light on the most important aspects of leadership, focusing on critical leadership areas as well as industries in which the younger generation can play a bigger role.

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PRE FORUM, (Tuesday, 7th June)

8.00am – 9.00am	REGISTRATION Arrival of Delegates, Guests and VIPs Venue: Small Hall 2, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan
9.00am – 9.45am	JOINT OPENING CEREMONY Quran Recital Welcoming Speech by: • H.E. Aset Issekeshev, Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan & Chairman, National Organising Committee for the 7 th WIEF Speech by: • The Hon. Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman, WIEF Foundation Keynote Address and Opening of Pre Forums by: • H.E. Karim Massimov, Prime Minister of Kazakhstan Venue: Great Hall, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan
9.45am – 10.00am	REFRESHMENTS
10.00am – 10.15am	WELCOMING SPEECHES BY: • Dato' Sri Nazir Razak, Chairman, Young Leaders Network(WYN), WIEF Foundation & CEO, CIMB Group, Malaysia • Nurlan Uteshev, Executive Secretary, Association of Young Leaders 'Zhas Otan', Kazakhstan
10.15am – 11.15am	PLENARY 1 Leadership in Motion: Anecdotes of Success To create leaders of tomorrow and chart the future of a nation, stories of success must be shared and built upon from generation to generation. The journey to success is filled with various challenges and it takes strong determination, creativity and vision to turn these challenges into opportunities. Stories of success in the past are invaluable anecdotes that can help mould a positive future for the next generation of leaders. • What are the winning criterias of leaders? • How can success be institutionalized? • Do peer-to-peer mentorship schemes work on a large scale? • Can a culture of success be nurtured from the bottom? Speakers: • Jamail Larkins, Founder, Ascension Aircraft, USA • Sandiaga Uno, Managing Director, Saratoga Capital, Indonesia • Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar, Chairman, UMNO's Youth Wing, Malaysia • Zhanna Tulegenova Viktorovna, Executive Director, Bolashak Association, Kazakhstan Moderator: • Dato' Sri Nazir Razak, Chairman, Young Leaders Network(WYN), WIEF Foundation & CEO, CIMB Group, Malaysia

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11.15pm – 12.15pm

PLENARY 2:

Humanising Prosperity: Making Social Entrepreneurship Work
Social entrepreneurship is an idea of sustaining businesses that helps improve the wellbeing of society. When governments and the corporate sector are unable to address societal issues, the responsibility lies on the young men and women who hold social ideals and an entrepreneurship spirit. A conducive ecosystem for social entrepreneurship must include the key role-players namely the government, the corporate sector and civil society.

- How do we single out the social entrepreneurs in our society?
- How do great ideas turn into great business plans?
- What are the institutions crucial to help nurture a social entrepreneurship framework?
- What kind of synergy can we expect from the tripartite relationship of the government, corporate sector and civil society?

Speakers:

- Hideyuki Inoue, Founder, Social Venture Center, Japan
- Martin Burt, Founder & CEO, Fundación Paraguaya
- Zhuldyz Omarbekova, Chairman of the Organising Committee, Altyn Zhurek National Award, Kazakhstan
- Kamal Quadir, Founder, CellBazaar, Bangladesh

Moderator:

- Zarina Nalla, Policy and Project Development Consultant, International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies, Malaysia

12.15pm – 1.15pm

PLENARY 3:

Creating Change Through Arts: Images, Fables and Poetry
Where mainstream media fails to convey the plight of a people, it is time for arts to tell a story. The power of creative arts to educate and to change opinions and worldviews is a force to be reckoned with. With a lot of misconceptions pervading mainstream media, the role of arts in correcting the wrong has become increasingly important in today's world.

- How does creative writing impact society?
- What is the effectiveness of documentaries and films in telling the story of a people?
- How do we get media experts, creative writers and filmmakers to work together?
- What is the funding prospect of the creative arts industry?

Speakers:

- Emmy Abdul Alim, Freelance Journalist, Singapore
- Susan Schulman, Award-Winning Photo and Video Journalist, UK
- Elya Gilman, Movie Director, GilmanFilm Production, Kazakhstan

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PRE FORUM, (Tuesday, 7th June)

- Asad Jafri, Director of Arts Program, Inner-city Muslim Action Network, USA

Moderator:

- Wan Zaleha Radzi, Former TV personality and Principal, AsiaPromote Ventures, Malaysia

1.15pm – 2.15pm

LUNCH

Venue: Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

2.15am – 3.15am

PLENARY 4:

Nurturing Global Champions: Building the Right Ecosystem
SMEs play a pivotal role in shaping the domestic economy. In some countries, SMEs are the major employers of the country's labour force. Not only do they help maintain the circulation of domestic wealth, they also contribute significantly to economic development. But how keen are we in developing these dynamic change agents? Do we have the right framework in place to assist their growth?

- What are the ingredients to a conducive ecosystem for SME growth?
- How can the funding mechanism for SMEs be better managed?
- What is the support framework needed to bring SMEs to the next level?
- Can governments play a pivotal role in developing the SME sector?

Speakers:

- Isabel Romero Arias, Director General, Halal Institute, Spain
- Abas A. Jalil, Chief Operating Officer, International Business, Amanah Raya Capital Group Sdn Bhd, Malaysia
- Tatyana Zhdanova, Vice President for External Economic Relations, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kazakhstan
- Kamal Mouzawak, Founder, Souk el Tayeb, Lebanon

Moderator:

- Khalid Sharif, Editor & Managing Director of the Muslim Paper; Managing Director, Ummah Foods, United Kingdom

4.15pm

End of Programme / Refreshments

3rd Marketplace of Creative Arts: Astana

Unity in Diversity

7-8 June 2011 @ Palace of Independence, Astana

PLENARY SESSIONS

DAY 1 (Tuesday, 7 June 2011)

10.30am – 11.00am

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Venue: 1st Floor, Palace of Independence

11.00am – 12.00pm

PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE 1

Theme: Jewels of the Past

Venue: The Circle, Level 3

- Traditional music from Kazakhstan
- Agung Gunawan, Traditional Javanese Dancer, Indonesia
- Salim al Maqrashi, Oud Player, Oman

12.00pm – 1.00pm

DIALOGUE SESSION 1

The Art of the Tengri: Exploring the Culture of the Steppes

Venue: The Kiz Ui Chat Room, Level 3

Central Asia is home to the Tengri tradition, a culture specific to the people of the Steppes. With the advent of Islam in the region, the Tengri culture assumes a unique fusion of artistic expressions and symbols. This ancient culture has survived the sands of time, and it is therefore time to unravel its hidden beauties. This session explores key questions such as:

- What are Tengri values?
- What are the main elements of Tengri Art?
- What are the mediums in which Tengri Art can be visible?
- How has Islam contribute to the flourishing of the Arts in Central Asia?
- What is needed to nurture Tengri Art into the modern context?

Panelists:

- Tolik Gadamadov – Filmmaker and Organiser, The Roof of the World Festival, Tajikistan
- Esengali Sadyrbayev, Painter, Kazakhstan
- Gulnazim Omirzak, Handicraft Artist, Kazakhstan

1.00pm – 2.00pm

DIALOGUE SESSION 2

Silk Road Revisited: Connecting Cultures Through Art

Venue: The Kiz Ui Chat Room, Level 3

The days of the Silk Road were not only marked by the pinnacle of international trade. This ancient trade route was the crossroad in the meeting of different cultures, bustling with the exchange of goods and the sharing of common values. In today's Muslim World, the call for unity is voiced from all sides of society. On the economic and political front, there is positive progress in integration. But to unite people culturally, the Arts has to take the final mantle. Key questions to consider during this session:

- What is the common denominator of Arts in the Muslim World?
- Is calligraphy unique to the Middle East or is it different in various Muslim countries?
- How has modern music changed the landscape of Arts in the Muslim World?
- Can Art be a counter-culture to western liberalism?
- How can culture be fused in music, visuals or even films?
- Can Art be a revolutionary movement?

Panelists:

- Eugene H. Johnson, Photographer, USA
- Agung Gunawan, Javanese Dancer, Indonesia
- Iskandar Idris, Visual Artist, Singapore
- Madny Al Bakry, Calligraffiti Artist, Oman
- Bashir Ismail, Humourist, Zimbabwe (Moderator)

2.00pm – 3.00pm

BREAK AND NETWORKING

Venue: The Lounging Lounge, Level 3

3.00pm – 4.00pm

PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE 2

Theme: Contemporary Vibes

Venue: The Circle, Level 3

- Altimef, Hip-Hop Artist, Malaysia
- Bashir Ismail, Humourist, Zimbabwe
- Shyngys (LJYNGYS) Alkeev, Hip-Hop Artist, Kazakhstan
- Endah n Rhesa, Acoustic Duo, Indonesia

4.00pm – 5.00pm

DIALOGUE SESSION 3

The Business of Art: Strengthening an Industry, Securing a Future

Venue: [The Kiz Ui Chat Room, Level 3](#)

The Arts is often thought of as a peripheral industry – ‘something on the sides which does not pay the bills’. This perception may in turn reduce the support given to young budding artists to pursue their aspirations. The resultant lack of opportunities and other support systems crucial for young artists to further nurture their talents is the main reason why the industry has stagnated to what it is today. But Art is about everything. It is about being creative and thinking beyond the realm of the obvious. These are important skills that can be employed across different industries. Key questions to explore are:

- What are the common misperceptions about the Arts?
- How do we mitigate these misperceptions?
- What are the support systems readily available in the Muslim World and how do we make it better?
- What role can the governments play in securing a better future for the industry?
- What role does information technology/new media play in propagating appreciation of the arts?

Panelists:

- Nurlan Turekhanov, Director, Mechanical Piano, Kazakhstan
- Altimet, Hip-Hop Artist, Malaysia
- Mo Amer, Comedian, USA
- Alexey Velizhanin, Founder of Alexey Velizhanin's Dance Theatre
- Asad Jafri (Man-O-Wax), Director of Arts Program, Inner-City Muslim Action Network, USA (Moderator)

5.00pm – 6.00pm

PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE 3

Theme: Contemporary Vibes 2

Venue: [The Circle, Level 3](#)

- Shyngys (LJYNGYS) Alkeev, Hip-Hop Artist, Kazakhstan
- Asad Jafri, (Man-O-Wax), DJ, USA
- Endah n Rhesa, Acoustic Duo, Indonesia
- Mo Amer, Comedian, USA

DAY 2 (Wednesday, 8 June 2011)

2.00pm – 3.00pm

PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE 4

Theme: The Best of Central Asia

Venue: [The Circle, Level 3](#)

- Shyngys (LJYNGYS) Alkeev, Hip-Hop Artist, Kazakhstan
- Alexey Velizhanin, Founder of Alexey Velizhanin's Dance Theatre

3.00pm – 4.00pm

SPECIAL WORKSHOP: MADNY AL BAKRY

Theme: Islam and the Philosophy of Art

Venue: [The Circle, Level 3](#)

4.00pm – 5.00pm

FILMMAKERS SHOW REEL 1

Theme: Culture in Images

Venue: [The Reel Room, Level 3](#)

- Tolik Gadomamadov, Filmmaker, Tajikistan
- Sanif Olek, Filmmaker, Singapore

5.00pm – 6.00pm

FILMMAKERS SHOW REEL 2

Theme: Culture in Images

Venue: [The Reel Room, Level 3](#)

- Elya Gilman, Movie Director, GilmanFilm Production, Kazakhstan
- LesCopaque Productions, Malaysia

6.00pm – 7.00pm

PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE 5

Theme: Fusion Magic

Venue: [The Circle, Level 3](#)

- Agung Gunawan & Oud Player – Traditional Music
- Endah n Rhesa & Shyngys – Contemporary Mix
- Shyngys & Altimet & Asad – Hip-Hop Culture Remix
- Mo Amer & Bashir Ismail – Comedy Slapstick

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MARKETPLACE

PARALLEL ACTIVITIES

Activities at the Gallery, Level 3

7-8 June 2011

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITS

Theme: Cultural Crossroads

Genres: Tengri Art, Oriental Art and Calligraphy

* Art displays include photography, paintings, installations and sketches.

Artists:

- Murat Alimov, Cartoonist, Kazakhstan
- Madny Al Bakry, Calligrapher Artist, Oman
- Raushan Aspandiyarova, Painter, Kazakhstan
- Esengali Sadyrbayev, Painter, Kazakhstan
- Nurlan Turekhanov, Designer, Kazakhstan
- Iskandar Idris & Nassar Zain, Installation Artists, Singapore
- Gulnar Sunbayeva, Painter, Kazakhstan
- Gulnazim Omirzak, Handcraft Artist, Kazakhstan
- Eugene H. Johnson, Photographer, USA

Please note: Art displays will be on-going throughout the day.

Activities at the Dark Room, Level 3

7-8 June 2011

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITS

Theme: Soul Searching

Art displays include video artwork and photography.

Artists:

- Madny Al Bakry, Calligrapher Artist, Oman

Please note: Art displays will be on-going throughout the day.

Activities at the Reel Room, Level 3

7-8 June 2011

(1st day – 4hrs)

2.00pm – 6.00pm

SHORT FILM SCREENINGS

(2nd day – 4hrs)

2.00pm – 6.00pm

SHORT FILM SCREENINGS

* Short films followed by talk back session with respective filmmakers.

Please note: Film screenings will be on-going within specific times of the day.

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MARKETPLACE

SECTIONS @ MARKETPLACE: ASTANA

THE KIZ UI CHAT ROOM • an enclosed space showcasing the dialogue sessions.

THE CIRCLE • an open area showcasing music and theatre performances as well as the workshop session.

THE REEL ROOM • a screening room to showcase short films and talk back sessions with the respective filmmakers.

THE GALLERY • a designated area showcasing the wide array of visual artworks including painting, installations and photography.

THE DARK ROOM • a designated area showcasing the wide array of visual artworks utilising acute light and darkness.

THE LOUNGING LOUNGE • a resting and networking area for Marketplace participants to mingle and refresh.

7TH WIEF EXHIBITION

7-9 June 2011 | Level 2, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

3RD MARKETPLACE OF CREATIVE ARTS

7-8 June 2011 | Level 3, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

WELCOME DINNER FOR ROLE PLAYERS

Hosted by the Hon. Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman, WIEF Foundation

Venue: Zhibek Zholy Restaurant, 102 Abay Street, Astana

Date and time: Tuesday, 7th June 2011, 8.00pm.

(Dress code: Smart Casual)



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MAIN FORUM

7TH WORLD ISLAMIC ECONOMIC FORUM

Globalising Growth: Connect, Compete, Collaborate
8-9 June 2011 | Great Hall, Small Hall 1 & 2

DAY 1 (Wednesday, 8 June 2011)

8.00am – 9.00am	REGISTRATION Arrival of Delegates, Guests and VIPs Venue: Registration Tent, Level 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan
10.00am – 11.30am	OPENING CEREMONY Venue: Great Hall, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan Quran Recital Speech by The Hon. Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman, WIEF Foundation Keynote Address and Official Opening of the 7 th WIEF by H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of Kazakhstan Special Addresses by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia • H.E. Ismail Omar Guelleh, President of Djibouti • HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister of Bahrain • H.E. Oqil Oqilov, Prime Minister of Tajikistan • H.E. Prof. Dr Boediono, Vice President of Indonesia • H.E. Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Ali Al Madani, President, Islamic Development Bank
11.30am – 12.00pm	Signing of Agreements
12.00pm – 1.30pm	LEADERS LUNCHEON (BY INVITATION ONLY) Hosted by the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, H.E. Karim Massimov Venue: Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan DELEGATES LUNCH Venue: Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

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1.30pm – 3.30pm

PLENARY ONE: LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE

Entrepreneurship as a Vehicle of Growth: A Roadmap to Success
Entrepreneurship is a mindset or culture that emerges as a result of a combination of factors involving various stakeholders and institutions in society. Institutions such as the education system, civil society, labour and the business sector play very crucial roles in creating the right ecosystem for entrepreneurship to flourish. It is therefore pivotal that government policies facilitate the empowerment of these institutions to nurture a culture of entrepreneurship amongst its people. A sound ecosystem can help create generations of citizens who can come up with innovative ideas to create products and services that can uplift society's socio-economic wellbeing.

- What is the main role of governments in creating this ecosystem?
- How can other stakeholders such as the private sector and civil society facilitate in this process?
- What role can a more vigorous business sector do in opening up new markets and venturing abroad?

Venue: Great Hall, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

Panelists:

- H.E. Omurbek Babanov, First Vice Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan
- H.E. Dr Ros Nuri Shaweis, Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq
- H.E. Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, former Prime Minister of Malaysia
- H.E. Cassam Uteem, former President of Mauritius
- H.E. Fuad Siniora, former Prime Minister of Lebanon
- H.E. Shaukat Aziz, former Prime Minister of Pakistan
- H.E. Wim Kok, former Prime Minister of Netherlands
- H.E. Dr Mohammed Abu Hamour, Minister of Finance, Jordan
- H.E. Dr Ibrahim bin Abdulaziz bin Abdullah Al-Assaf, Minister of Finance, Saudi Arabia

Moderator:

- The Hon. Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman, WIEF Foundation

3.30pm – 5.30pm

PLENARY TWO

Islamic Banking and Finance in Emerging Markets:
Seizing Opportunities, Overcoming Challenges

Islamic banking and finance is one of the fastest growing industries in the world. The fact that the Islamic financial service industry has been largely immune to this crisis had led to its greater growth in the future. This would encourage the Islamic banking industry players to explore the possibility of expanding their operations to new emerging economies to secure greater returns on their investment.

- What is the future outlook for these emerging economies?
- How can the industry capture growth potential of these emerging economies?
- What are the regulatory frameworks and the challenges that could be expected?

Venue: Great Hall Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

Keynote Speaker:

- HRH Raja Dr. Nazrin Shah ibni Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah, Financial Ambassador, Malaysia International Islamic Financial Center (MIFC) & Crown Prince, State of Perak, Malaysia

Speakers:

- Amer Bukvic, CEO, Bosna Bank International, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Yerlan Bidaulet, Chairman, Kazakh Association for Development of Islamic Finance & Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Industry and New Technologies, Kazakhstan
- Dr. Adalet Djabiev, Founder & CEO, Al-Shams Capital, Russia
- Dr Umaru Abdul Mutallab, Chairman, JALZ, International Bank, Nigeria
- Prasad Abraham, CEO, Al Hilal Bank, Kazakhstan

Moderator:

- Datuk Mohamed Azahari Kamil, CEO, Asian Finance Bank, Malaysia

5.30pm

REFRESHMENTS / INFORMAL NETWORKING

SPECIAL FORUM ON COUNTRIES IN FOCUS

Investment Opportunities & Challenges

Supported by Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group

Small Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

ABOUT THE FORUM

A signature Forum for the WIEF where speakers would showcase the business and investment opportunities available in the selected countries and to promote collaboration across borders. Speakers will highlight the guidelines to doing business in the countries concerned, the incentives given, updates on specific projects, if any and other related issues of interest to investors and businessmen. The session will provide an excellent opportunity for participants to interact with policy-makers and entrepreneurs from the respective countries

1.30 pm – 1.45 pm	INTRODUCTORY SPEECHES BY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tan Sri Ahmad Fuzi bin Hj Abdul Razak, Secretary General, WIEF Foundation Khaled Mohammed Al-Aboodi, Chief Executive Officer, Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD)
1.45 pm – 2.45 pm	SESSION 1 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Dato' Sri Mustapa bin Mohamed, Minister of International Trade & Industry, Malaysia H.E. Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, Advisor to the President, Republic of Sudan IDB Group Presentation on Financing and Services Facilities Q & A by Participating Investors Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian Buchanan, Senior Executive Advisor, Booz & Company, Australia

2.45pm – 3.45pm	SESSION 2 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Dato' Paduka Awang Hj Ali bin Hj. Apong, Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office & Chairman of Brunei Economic Development Board Dr. Maggie Kigozi, Executive Director, Uganda Investment Authority, Uganda Asylkhan Serikov, Chairman, Committee on Investments, Ministry of Industry and New Technologies, Kazakhstan Esra Tulgan, Project Director, Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT) Q & A by Participating Investors Moderator: Ebrahim Patel, Chief Executive Officer, Magellan Investment, South Africa
3.45pm – 4.45pm	SESSION 3 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Uchkunbek Tashbaev, Minister of Economic Regulation, Kyrgyzstan Jose Neif Jury Fabre, Business Representative, ProMexico Trade & Investment Office in UAE, Mexico H.E. Shahin Mustafayev, Minister of Economic Development, Azerbaijan Amondjon Eshonkulov, First Deputy Chairman, State Committee on Investments and Management of State Property, Tajikistan Q & A by Participating Investors Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evelyn Mungai, Executive Chairman, Speedway Investments Ltd, Kenya
5.30pm	END OF FORUM & REFRESHMENTS
7.00pm – 8.30pm	GALA DINNER (BY INVITATION ONLY) Hosted by the President of Kazakhstan, H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev Venue: Saltanat Sarayi
6.00pm – 7.30pm	DELEGATES DINNER Hosted by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan Venue: Palace of Independence

DAY 2 (Thursday, 9 June 2011)

9.00am – 10.30am

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION 1

Deploying Innovative Technologies for Infinite Possibilities

The cataclysmic economic events of the past two years have demonstrated that businesses cannot afford to continue to govern and manage their organizations and institutions – both public and private – using the same assumptions or models of the past. It is important to change the perception on technology and innovation, their role in economic development and how to create policies that foster innovation. Globally, innovation is recognized as the premier path to economic expansion.

- Would public-private partnership be the best way to fund these technologies?
- What role should the government have to advance research in these areas?
- What are the main challenges and obstacles?
- How do we develop innovative approaches toward improving corporate culture integration and eliminating needless complexity?
- Should companies adopt the 'offensive' approach, implementing talent strategies dedicated to driving innovation?

Venue: Great Hall, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

Speakers:

- Jehan Ara, President, Pakistan Software Houses Association for IT & ITES(P@SHA), India
- Suvopriyo Mukherjee, Head of International Partnership of Global Talent Track, India
- Munirah Haji Abdul Hamid, Managing Director, Neuramatix Sdn Bhd & Executive Director, Malaysian Genomics Resource Centre Berhad, Malaysia
- Kairat Tilebaldinov, Chairman, JSC Kazakhstan PPP Center
- Deborah Leary OBE, FRSA, Founder & CEO of Forensic Pathways (FPL)

Moderator:

- Dr. Mezyad Alterkawi, CEO, Riyadh Technology Incubation Centre

SESSION 2:

Infrastructure Development: Investing for the Future

A sound infrastructure is an essential backbone to a country's economic strength. It supports economic activities, improves human capital, creates jobs, opens up new markets and improves public services. Despite the challenging economic environment, infrastructure investments and projects must go on. Public-private partnerships in infrastructure development are crucial to stave off recession and continue to create employment opportunities.

- Which sectors represent the greatest opportunities for growth?
- Where can investors, financiers, developers, and government officials discover where to invest?
- How can project developers raise capital and forge the partnerships needed to get business done?

Venue: Small Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

Speakers:

- H.E. Lyazzat Kiinov Ketebaevich, Vice Minister of Oil and Gas, Kazakhstan
- Rashad Rudolf Kaldany, Vice President, Asia, Eastern Europe, Middle East and North Africa, International Finance Corporation, USA
- Mugo Kibati, Director General, Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat, Kenya
- Ismail N. Tahboub, Chief Executive Officer, Jordan Dubai Energy & Infrastructure
- Zeki Pilge, President, Turkuaz Group of Companies, Turkey

Moderator:

- Imad Hindi, General Manager, National Beverage Company & Coca-Cola, Palestine

SESSION 3:

Innovating SMEs: Driving Future Growth

In an era of globalisation, for any small or medium sized enterprise to grow and prosper it must have the competitive edge. The complex yet dynamic environment of global markets today presents new and exciting challenges to even the most experienced business leaders. To remain competitive in this climate a business needs to review its practices, become innovative, increase productivity, seek new alliances and manage its resources more effectively.

- What are the opportunities and challenges that SMEs face in the present environment?
- How could SMEs cultivate and develop an innovative culture to stay ahead in today's technology and knowledge driven global economy?
- What are the future global trends that may alter business competitiveness what is the role of government in fostering creativity, innovation and productivity?

Venue: Small Hall 2, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan

Speakers:

- Carlos Chen-Tsair Cheng, Deputy Director General, Small and Medium Enterprise Administration, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taipei
- Dr. Maggie Kigozi, Executive Director, Uganda Investment Authority, Uganda
- Dr. Ir Hj Mohd Abdul Karim Abdullah, Founder and President of Serba Dinamik Group Berhad, Malaysia

- Lyazzat Ibragimova, Chairman, JSC DAMU Entrepreneurship Development Fund, Kazakhstan
- Linar G. Yakupov, Chairman, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Agency, Republic of Tatarstan, Russia
- Sevkhet Can Tulumen, Chairman of Foreign Relations Commission of MUSIAD, Turkey

Moderator:

- Khaled Mohammed Al-Aboodi, Chief Executive Officer, Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD)

10.30am – 11.00am

REFRESHMENTS / INFORMAL NETWORKING

11.00am – 12.30pm

SESSION 4:

Food Security: Balancing Trade and Social Needs

By 2050, the world's population is projected to reach 9.1 billion. Together with the ensuing consumption growth, the global demand for food will increase for another 40 years. Growing competition for land, water, and energy as well as the overexploitation of resources, will affect our ability to produce food. The effects of climate change are a further threat. The world must produce more food and ensure that it is used more efficiently and equitably. A multifaceted and linked global strategy is needed to ensure sustainable and equitable food security.

- How can we forge a partnership between public and private sectors to promote and improve food security?
- What are the challenges, risks and possible drivers of future food crises?
- How can the private sector play a role in reducing the likelihood of future crises?
- What can be done to protect, conserve and enhance the natural resources required to support the required growth in the production of food?
- How do we guarantee that everyone has access to the food they need for an active and healthy life?

Venue: [Great Hall, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan](#)

Speakers:

- H.E. Saktash Khasenov, Vice-Minister of Agriculture, Kazakhstan
- Mohamed Ait Kadi, President, General Council of Agricultural Development, Morocco
- Dyno Keatinge, Director General, World Vegetable Center(AVRDC), Taiwan
- Herbert Oberhansli, Chairman, Nestle Group, Switzerland
- Dr. John K. Mutunga, Chief Executive, Kenya National Federation of Agricultural Producers (KENFAP)

Moderator:

- Dato' Dr. Mahani Zainal Abidin, Chief Executive, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Malaysia

SESSION 5:

World of Halal: Tapping the Potential of the Global Halal Ecosystem

The World Muslim population is approaching 1.6 billion people and expected to increase by 30% of the world's population by 2025. The Halal industry is one of the fastest growing industries, with growth rates exceeding traditional industry sectors. At present, there are huge gaps between the existing trade level of Halal products and size of the market potential.

- How do we harness the investment and trade opportunities available in the global halal industry?
- What are the new research findings, emerging technologies, trends, issues and challenges in the global Halal industry?
- Could emerging technologies help develop new products and improve the technology in halal food and non-food products processing?
- Has there been a change in consumer preference and awareness level, and what is their impact?

Venue: [Small Hall 1, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan](#)

Speakers:

- Darhim Dali Hashim, CEO, International Halal Integrity Alliance, Malaysia
- Koen De Praetere, General Manager, Volys Star, Belgium
- Marat Sarsenbaev, Chairman and Founder, Halal Certification Committee, Kazakhstan
- Zhafar Azizbaev, Director, Halal Standards Development Division, Russian Mufties Council (RMC), Russia
- Bill Ibrahim Aosseay, Senior Director & Founder, Midamar Corporation, USA

Moderator:

- Jeremy Green, Managing Director, Quantum Capital Partners Ltd, UK

SESSION 6:

Harvesting Alternative Energy: Cleaner, Greener, Safer
Energy harvesting has been around for centuries in the form of windmills, watermills and passive solar power systems. In recent decades, technologies such as wind turbines, hydro-electric generators and solar panels have turned harvesting into a small but growing contributor to the world's energy needs. This technology offers two main advantages: virtually inexhaustible sources and little or no adverse environmental effects.

- What are the latest trends and current technologies being used today?
- Who are the leaders in renewable energy and who are the laggards?
- What is the market potential for renewable energy and what level of investment is required to help it reach full potential?
- What is the role of government in promoting the application of these alternative energy? What supporting policy framework and direction does the renewable energy industry need from government?
- Can markets and policies deliver a clean revolution at a time when climate change science is coming under fire?

Venue: [Small Hall 2, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan](#)

Speakers:

- Aidar Kazybayev, Chairman, Committee of Trade, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Kazakhstan
- Mumtaz Khan, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Middle East and Asia Capital Partners Pte Ltd, Singapore
- Huang Ming, President, Himin Solar Company Ltd, China
- Douwe Tideman, Partner, Energy, Chemicals and Utilities Division, Booz & Company, Australia
- Serge Devieux, Regional Industry Director, Financial Markets Asia, International Finance Corporation, USA
- Ahmad Zairian Bin Ismail, Senior Vice President, Energy, Building, Industry and Green IT, Malaysian Green Technology Corporation, Malaysia

Moderator:

- Dr. Yuri Sigov, US Bureau Chief in Washington, "Business People" Magazine, USA

12.30pm – 2.00pm

LUNCH

Venue: [Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan](#)

2.00pm – 3.30pm

PLENARY THREE:

Islamic Banking and Finance: Raising the Bar

Despite a global financial setback that has jeopardized the integrity of the conventional banking system, the Islamic banking industry has not been expanding at a desirable rate. Islamic finance as a whole has not been able to capitalize on the credibility gap left by the conventional system of debt and inflation. This problem can be attributed to the restricted outreach of its market base and the lack of sound infrastructure crucial for it to grow to its maximum potential. But the current tide is in its favour. Now Islamic finance is a household name in many countries and has even made its way into different regions across Europe and North America, all competing to get a slice of lucrative Muslim capital.

- What is the current state of the Islamic finance landscape in the aftermath of the global crisis? What are its growth strategies? How do we define its next stage of evolution?
- Are interpretations of Islamic finance principles real impediments to its growth?
- Is harmonization possible in the varying regulatory frameworks governing Islamic banking? What are the practical steps towards this direction?

Venue: [Great Hall, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan](#)

Speakers:

- H.E. Bolat Zhamishev, Minister of Finance, Kazakhstan
- Richard Thomas, CEO, FCSI, UK
- Saad Rahman, Executive Director, Global Islamic Banking, Calyon Credit Agricole CIB
- Raja Teh Maimunah, Global Head of Islamic Markets, Bursa Malaysia
- Nicholas Kaiser, Director and Chairman, Saturna Capital Corporation, US

Moderator:

- Nigel Vooght, Global Leader – Financial Services, PwC International, UK

3.30pm – 5.00pm	<p>PLENARY FOUR: GLOBAL CEO PANEL</p> <p>Innovative Leadership: Capitalizing on Complexity</p> <p>Today, organizations are operating in complex environment which is increasingly volatile and uncertain. Most successful organizations are using new approaches to tap new opportunities and overcome the many challenges to growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are CEOs responding to a competitive and complex business environment?• What strategies do successful organizations employ to tap into new opportunities, and overcome the barriers to growth?• Would value creation be important? What organizational capabilities do businesses need to acquire in order to capitalize on opportunities?• what individual capabilities should a leader develop in order to be effective? <p>Venue: Great Hall, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tanri Abeng, Former State Minister of State-owned Enterprises & Chairman, Global Investment Partner, Indonesia• Aidan Karibjanov, Deputy Chairman, Samruk-Kazyna, Kazakhstan• Tan Sri Azman Mokhtar, Managing Director, Khazanah Nasional Berhad, Malaysia <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alan Friedman, Chairman & Founder, FBC Media, UK
5.00pm – 5.30pm	<p>CONCLUDING SESSION</p> <p>Venue: Great Hall, Palace of Independence, Astana, Kazakhstan</p> <p>7th WIEF Astana Statement read by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Aset Issekeshev, Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan & Chairman, National Organising Committee of the 7th WIEF <p>Vote of Thanks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Hon. Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman, WIEF
5.30pm	<p>END OF FORUM & REFRESHMENTS</p>

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H.E. NURSULTAN NAZARBAYEV

President,
Kazakhstan

Nursultan Nazarbayev was born on July 6, 1940. In 1967, he graduated from the Highest Technical Educational Institution at the Karaganda Metallurgic Factory. He is a Doctor in Economics and an Academician of the National Academy of the RK, International Academy of Engineering, Russian Federation Academy of Social Sciences, Honorable Professor of the Al-Farabi Kazakh State National University, Honorable Member of the Academy of Science of the Republic of Belarus, Honorable Professor of the Lomonossov Moscow State University.

In 1960–1969, he worked at the Karaganda Metallurgical Combine. In 1969–1973, he was involved in the Party and Komsomol work in Temirtau of the Karaganda region. In 1973–1977, he was a secretary of the party committee at the Karaganda Metallurgic Factory. In 1977–1979, he served as secretary of the Regional Committee of the Party in Karaganda. From 1979 through 1984, he served as Secretary of the Committee of the Communist Party of the RK.

From 1984 through 1989, he was a Chairman of the Ministers Council of the Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic. In 1989–1991, he served as First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Kazakhstan. From February to April 1990, he concurrently worked as Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic.

At the first general elections of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan in 1991 Nursultan Nazarbayev achieved a landslide victory, receiving 98.7% of votes. On April, 29, 1995, through a popular referendum, the terms of office for the President were extended until the year 2000. In subsequent elections of 1999, 2005 and 2011, he was re-elected as the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Nursultan Nazarbayev is the Supreme Commander in Chief of the Armed Services of the Republic of Kazakhstan as well as the Chairman of the World Association of Kazakhs.

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H.E. DATO' SRI NAJIB TUN
ABDUL RAZAK

Prime Minister,
Malaysia

Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato' Sri Mohd Najib was appointed as Malaysia's 6th Prime Minister on 3 April 2009. He succeeded Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who did not seek reelection as Umno President.

Dato' Sri Najib, the eldest son of Malaysia's second Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, was born in the district of Kuala Lipis in the state of Pahang. He received his primary and secondary education at one of the country's leading schools in the country, St John's Institution. He then continued his secondary education at the Malvern Boy's College, Worcestershire, England. Upon completion of his secondary education, Dato' Sri Najib enrolled at the University of Nottingham and graduated in 1974 in industrial economics.

On his return to Malaysia in the same year, Dato' Sri Najib joined the national oil company, Petronas, as an executive where he served for two years before taking the plunge into politics following the sudden demise of his father in 1976. He was the obvious choice of the ruling National Front coalition to contest the Pekan parliamentary seat vacated by his late father. The national outpouring of grief following Tun Razak's death and the respect for his father tremendous contributions toward Malaysia's development, saw Dato' Sri Najib elected unopposed as Member of Parliament at the very young age of 23.

It was to mark the start of Dato' Sri Najib's long association in politics and government service. Following his unopposed victory as Member of Parliament in 1976, Dato' Sri Najib was appointed the Deputy Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts. He had also served as Deputy Education and Deputy Finance Minister. In the 1982 general elections, he stood in the state seat of Bandar Pekan and was subsequently appointed the Menteri Besar of Pahang until 1986.

Following the general elections in 1986 where he re-contested and won the parliamentary seat of Pekan, Dato' Sri Najib was appointed the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports. Under his stewardship Malaysia made its best ever showing in the Sea Games where the country came out on top in the medal tally for the first time in the history of the game. He also introduced the National Sports Policy which outlines the development of sports in the country and introduced monetary incentives for the Malaysian athletes who won medals at the Olympics Games.

In 1990, Dato' Sri Najib was appointed Defence Minister, a senior position within the government by the Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. He embarked on the modernization of the Armed Forces, moving it towards a leaner fighting force capable of handling any conventional

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threats. The Armed Forces modernization, among others, saw Malaysia's acquisition of new assets such as the Russian aircrafts, MiG 29, Boeing F18 Super Hornet, the F-2000 frigates, the 155m artillery gun and the upgrading of the country's air defence with the acquisition of a new radar system. The welfare and well-being of the armed forces personnel were given due attention including improving their housing facilities and allowances.

In 1995, Dato' Sri Najib was appointed to a much more prominent ministry, which is the Ministry of Education. During his tenure the country's education system underwent a major reform with the passing of six legislations, the main one being, The Education Act 1996, to facilitate a more market driven education system.

The legal framework saw the country's education system undergo massive reforms and sweeping changes to the institutions of learning. It allowed them to offer a wider range of courses, different options and approaches to learning and new teaching methods. Today, there is greater choices and places for Malaysians to pursue their higher education locally or abroad. Besides that, there is an increasing number of foreign students pursuing their studies at local and foreign learning institutions in Malaysia.

Indeed, Dato' Sri Najib had a big part in this move to build a world class education system that is flexible and innovative in Malaysia as well as turning the country into a regional education hub and center of excellence. Besides that, the well-being of teachers were given due attention with the introduction of time-based promotion, better starting salary for new teachers and special housing projects for teachers.

During the 1999 general elections Dato' Sri Najib received a major setback when he barely scrapped through with a majority of 241 votes for the predominantly Malay Pekan parliamentary seat compared to the over 10,000 majority in the previous election. It came as a shock for him and the political observers. However, it was not a complete surprise as the election came at the height of the 1999 political upheaval.

Following the elections, he was appointed Defence Minister for the second time and proceeded with the modernization of the Armed Forces which came to a halt following the financial crisis of 1997. Major acquisitions include the purchase of the new Russian fighter aircraft, Sukhoi Su30 MKM, submarines which the Royal Malaysian Navy had sought for many years and the Polish tanks. Also,

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the short-range air defence system. Jernas, was acquired for the Army. For the Armed Forces personnel, several allowances were improved in particular flying allowances for air force pilots and higher starting salaries for new recruits.

The 2004 general elections which came a few months after Dato' Sri Najib's elevation as the Deputy Prime Minister, saw him winning his parliamentary seat with a whopping 22,922 majority. It was one of the highest majority in the elections and undoubtedly the most improved performance by a candidate.

In the 2008 general election, Dato' Sri Najib was re-elected to the Pekan parliamentary seat with a majority of 26,464. It was the highest majority for Barisan Nasional despite the overall drop in support for the coalition government in that general election.

He remained as Defence Minister until September 2008 when he took over as Finance Minister in 2008 from Dato' Seri Abdullah. In March 2009, Dato' Sri Najib was elected unopposed as Umno President after Dato' Seri Abdullah decided not to seek re-election. Subsequently, in April, Dato' Seri Abdullah announced he was stepping down as Prime Minister and Dato' Sri Najib was sworn in as Prime Minister. He still holds the Finance Ministry post.

Under his premiership, the nation has embarked on a journey of transformation within Malaysia's multiracial, multi religious context. The cornerstone is his 1Malaysia initiative, which emphasizes national unity.

Dato' Sri Najib has also launched a Government Transformation Programme to improve the quality of public services, increase efficiency, and make government more transparent. The programme sets Key Performance Indicators to measure the performance of officials and agencies and National Key Result Areas to define goals for specific areas of public policy. He also introduced a new cabinet position to support the Unity and Performance Minister in implementing the KPI system.

To drive the nation forward, Dato' Sri Najib introduced a New Economic Model with reforms to create a business environment conducive to economic growth, development and investment. The goal is to make Malaysia a high-income nation and a developed country by 2020. Transformation and further liberalization of the economy are vital to this.

Dato' Sri Najib is married to Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor and he has five children.

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HRH PRINCE KHALIFA BIN SALMAN
BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA

Prime Minister,
Bahrain

HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa has served as the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain since its Independence in 1971. He is the second son of the former ruler of Bahrain Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and the uncle of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

He was born on the 24th of November 1935, and grew up in the care of his father, H.H. Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, ruler of Bahrain from 1942 to 1961. Ever since he was a child, his father instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility by assigning him to learn the Qur'an under the guidance of one of Bahrain's most eminent scholars. Upon becoming 7 years of age, his father instructed that he and his brother attend his father's court in which he met with Bahrain's citizens to learn about their problems and concerns, and closely understand the manner by which his father ran the country's affairs.

Before beginning his formal education in a government school, he started his formal education and was assigned one of the most capable teachers of the time by his father. As a young man, he travelled intermittently to England to study from 1957 to 1959.

From 1953 since serving as an Assistant in his father's ruling court, he has had an extended and distinguished service in various levels and fields including, but not limited to,

- Member of the Rental Solutions Committee (September 1954)
- President of the Educational Board (January 1957)
- Member of the Electricity Committee (December 1957)
- Acting Secretary of the Government of Bahrain (August 1958)
- President of government Finance (November 1960)
- President of Irrigation Council (November 1961)
- President of Monetary Council (December 1964)
- President of Immigration and Residency Appeals Council (August 1965)
- President of Management Council (May 1966)
- President of State Council (January 1970)

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Following the decree to reorganize the political structure of the country in 1971, the Emirate of Bahrain was renamed the State of Bahrain and the Ruler of Bahrain was changed to Emir of Bahrain. Furthermore, the President of the State Council was changed to Prime Minister and Members of the State Council to Ministers.

The Cabinet of Ministers, guided by the now Prime Minister, worked to bring Bahrain up to speed with other modern nations and reach the hopes and dreams of its people. Since then, the country has gone from one success to another, becoming a model for larger countries with bigger human and natural capital.

HRH Prince Khalifa is currently married with three children: Mohammed (deceased), Ali, and Salman. He regularly meets with key pillars of the community and invites them to his palace in the evening to discuss various affairs. His court receives a large number of letters from Bahrain's citizens requesting help in various matters. He usually forwards these letters to the proper entities or issues answers to these letters himself.

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H.E. ISMAIL OMAR GUELLEH

President,
Republic of Djibouti

Ismail Omar Guelleh is the President of the Republic of Djibouti. Born November 27, 1947 in Dire Dawa, Ethiopia, he is the son of Omar Guelleh, who served in the thirties, the first wave of indigenous teachers before working with the Railway Company from Djibouti to Ethiopia. He is also the grandson of Guelleh Batal, one of the great figures in Djibouti's history who co-signed the treaty with France.

In the period of struggle for independence during which he demonstrated a commitment that led to his ousting from the body of the General Security in 1974. From that date, he placed all his energy to inject new impetus to the LPA (African People's League) led by Gouled.

During this crucial period that shaped the destiny of the nation's future, he participated actively in the citizens' awareness of independence. He frequently participated in international conferences and this experience led to his appointment as a member of the delegation of LPAI responsible for conducting negotiations towards independence in Paris in 1976.

After the proclamation of independence, he was called upon to shoulder the heavy responsibility of Chief of Staff. He was only 30 years old at the time. A close associate of the President, the young Chief of Staff had to immediately cope with two major challenges facing the new state; namely – assuming the heavy burden of internal and external security of the country; and controlling the risks of inter-ethnic clashes. In this regional context in turmoil, the young republic has demonstrated remarkable pragmatism in upholding its principles of neutrality.

An RPP (Popular Rally for Progress party) activist since its inception March 4, 1979 and then Chairman of the Central Committee in 1981, he directed the Cultural Committee of the party before joining its highest political level in 1987 as a member of the Political Bureau.

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Upon signing the Peace Treaty between the Government and FRUD, the qualities of a refined politician have been proven in the negotiating process, which culminated in the signing of the Peace treaties of December 24, 1994 and 12 May 2001; and this was without the mediation of a third country. Building on this success and following the political storm that shook the party in 1996, he assumed the position of third Vice President of the Political Bureau. Thereafter, his dedication, rich experience, fierce defence of national interests, his sense of humility, tolerance, and constant focus to serve the state legitimately justified his ascension in the political qualities that distinguish him from other candidates and rank him well in the small category of approachable and humble politicians.

Now in his sixties, President Ismail Omar Guelleh, by his natural abilities and renowned name, became the ideal leader of his party. A good communicator, refined diplomat and strategist with an accurate and profound vision of the socio-political situation in his country, the candidate of the RPP has always put his skills to service of the state.

The history speaks for itself. A fighter for independence in the past, his dedication, his regulatory role during the tense hours inside the country and his perfect appreciation of the interests of the nation, are all facts that have not gone unnoticed among his fellow citizens.

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H.E. KARIM MASSIMOV

Prime Minister,
Azerbaijan

Karim Massimov was born in 1965. He graduated from Beijing Language and Culture University, Law School of Wuhan University, and Kazakh State Academy of Management and holds degrees in international law and economics, and Doctor of Science in Economics. He speaks English, Chinese, and Arabic.

Karim Massimov started his professional career as Senior Economist at the Ministry of External Economic Ties of the Republic of Kazakhstan; served as Senior Specialist of the China-based representation office of the Kazakh Ministry of External Economic Ties in Urumqi; held the position of Managing Director of the Kazakh Trading House in Hong Kong. Karim Massimov went on to hold positions of Chairman of the Board of Almaty Trade and Finance Bank and Chairman of the Board of the People's Savings Bank of Kazakhstan. He was appointed Minister of Transport and Communications, Deputy Prime-Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Assistant to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

From January 2006, he served as Vice Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan. From April 2006, he served as Vice Prime Minister-Minister of Economic Affairs and Budget Planning. He is currently the incumbent Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan since January 2007.

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H.E. ATHUR RASIZADE

Prime Minister,
Azerbaijan

Born in 1935, Artur Tahir oğlu Rasizade, or popularly known as Artur Rasizade, was a long-time Communist Party member during the Azerbaijan SSR period. He was Prime Minister from July 20, 1996 until August 4, 2003, when he resigned, enabling President Heydar Aliyev's son Ilham Aliyev to assume the office. Rasizade continued to act as Prime Minister for Ilham Aliyev, however, and he formally returned to the post on November 4, after Ilham Aliyev was elected as president.

Rasizade was awarded with Istiglal Order for his contributions to economic development of Azerbaijan by President of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev on February 23, 2005

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H.E. DR ROS NURI SHaweIS

Deputy Prime Minister,
Iraq

H.E. Dr Ros Nuri Shaweis was born in 1947 and has a Ph.D. in Engineering from a German university. Dr Shaweis, a Kurd, has been in many prominent and influential posts since the establishment of the Kurdistan Regional Government in 1992. He has been appointed Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister in place of Barham Salih, who took over as Kurdistan Prime Minister last October following elections in the Kurdistan region in northern Iraq.

Dr Shaweis is also from a prominent and well-respected Kurdish family. Shaweis, who will serve alongside a second deputy premier, Rafa al-Essawi, a Sunni, already held the same post in 2005, a year after he was the Vice President of Iraq.

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H.E. PROF. DR BOEDIONO

Vice President,
Indonesia

Prof. Dr. Boediono is the Vice President of Indonesia, after winning the 2009 presidential election together with the incumbent President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. He was born in Blitar, East Java, February 25, 1943.

He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Western Australia in 1967, and five years later, his Master's degree from Monash University in 1972. He went on to get his Doctorate degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1979. He also worked at the Australian National University in the 1970s as a Research Assistant. He was listed as one of the Wharton School's 125 Influential People and Ideas in 2007 and was dubbed as "Indonesia's financial rudder".

Boediono was the Bank Indonesia Deputy Governor in charge of fiscal monetary policy from 1997 to 1998 and served as State Minister of National Planning and Development from 1998 to October 1999. He was then appointed the Minister of Finance; under his leadership, the economy grew by 4% in 2002.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono appointed Boediono as the Coordinating Minister for the Economy during his first cabinet reshuffle in 2005, replacing Aburizal Bakrie. In 2008, a commission of the People's Representative Council elected him as Governor of Bank Indonesia. After he was selected by Yudhoyono as a running mate in the 2009 presidential elections, Boediono submitted his resignation from the central bank post.

Boediono is also a Lecturer of Economics at Gadjah Mada University in Indonesia.

He is married and has two children.

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H.E. ASET ISSEKESHEV

Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Industry and Trade, the Republic of Kazakhstan

Aset O. Issekeshov was born on August 17, 1971 in Karaganda city and graduated in 1994 from the Al-Farabi Kazakh State National University with a major in law and in 1998 graduated from the National School of public policy of the Academy of public administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

He started his career in 1995 as Assistant and Senior Assistant Attorney in Medeu District of the city of Almaty for two years. In 1998–1999 he was Senior Expert of the Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms. He then became Head of the Department for Registration and Regulations of Ministry of Justice (1999–2000).

In 2000–2001 he was President of Legal Consulting Services Agency under the Ministry of Justice before becoming Counsellor to the Minister of Economy and Budget Planning (2002–2003). In 2003, he was Vice Minister of Industry and Trade, a position he held for five years. He also held several positions from 2006. He was Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of the "Kazyna" Fund for Sustainable Development, 2007–2008 Director for Marketing of financial projects of the "Credit Swiss (Kazakhstan)" Company.

In 2008, he was Assistant to the President of Kazakhstan for a year before becoming Minister of Industry and Trade in May 2009. In March 2010, he became Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Industry and New Technologies.

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H.E. OMURBEK BABANOV

First Vice Prime Minister,
Kyrgyzstan

Omurbek Babanov was born on May 20, 1970 in the village of Kara-Buurinskogo Shymkent Talas region of the Kyrgyz Republic, Kyrgyzstan. In 1993 he graduated from the Moscow Agricultural Academy named after KA Timiryazev Order of Lenin and Red Banner of Labor. In 2005, he graduated from the Academy of National Economy under the Government of the Russian Federation (Graduate School of Financial Management) in 2009 – Kyrgyz State Law Academy under the Kyrgyz Republic.

He has been an authorized representative of Shymkentnefteorgsintez in the Kyrgyz Republic between 1988 and 1999. He was also a member of the State Commission for the elaboration of measures to further stabilize the political situation in Kyrgyzstan.

In 2004, he was voted the Businessman of the Year in Kyrgyzstan in a survey of public opinion. Omurbek was among the most active participants in opposition rallies in the autumn of 2006 and spring of 2007 and was among the leaders of the Movement for Reforms.

In December 2008, Omurbek was awarded the medal for his patronage, for his contribution to the development and improvement of education for children in the country. This marked the first time in the history of the international organization of the Rotary Foundation, that they have awarded an individual who is not a member of the Fund.

Omurbek Babanov became the First Deputy Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, on 17 December 2010. As Deputy Prime Minister, he coordinates the issues of analysis, forecasting and planning of economic development; development strategies of the country; technical regulation; secure the holding of investment, fiscal, policy, antitrust and competition, financial market development, natural resource management, fuel and energy complex and housing and utilities; construction, repair and maintenance of roads, railways, public policy management of state property, State-owned enterprises and joint stock companies with equity participation of the State; of free economic zones, the activities of the intergovernmental commissions, communications, and communications. He also coordinates the issues of architecture and construction industry, to protect the population and territories from emergency situations.

Omurbek also provides cooperation between the States of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Community.

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HON. TUN MUSA HITAM

Chairman,
WIEF Foundation

Tun Musa Hitam received his Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Malaya; Masters Degree at the University of Sussex and was a fellow at the CFIA Harvard University. He also holds Honorary Doctorates from Sussex University, University Malaysia Sabah, the national university, University of Malaya and University Technology MARA. He is a Fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Management, and Member of the Advisory Board of the Malaysian Journal of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations.

Tun Musa Hitam has held posts at the international level at various times. These included Chairman of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Member of the Board of UNESCO and Leader of various Commonwealth Missions. Between 1990 and 1991, he was Malaysia's Special Envoy to the United Nations and from 1995 to 2002 the Prime Minister's Special Envoy to the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG). He was leader of the Malaysian delegation to the UN Commission on Human Rights from 1993 to 1998 and Chairman of the 52nd Session of the Commission in 1995.

Before becoming Malaysia's fifth Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs in 1981 – 1986, Tun Musa Hitam held a number of key government posts, including Chairman of Federal Land Development Authority (FELDA), Deputy Minister of Trade & Industry, Minister of Primary Industries and Minister of Education.

Tun Musa Hitam is currently Chairman of three public listed companies; Lion Industries Corporation Berhad, UMLand Bhd and Sime Darby Berhad. He is also a Joint Chairman of Malaysia-China Business Council, Chairman of the World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Foundation, Member of the Advisory Panel of the Iskandar Regional Development Authority, the International Advisory Board of the Port City of Rotterdam and the International Advisory Council of Brookings Doha Center. He was Chairman of the Eminent Persons Group on the ASEAN Charter and currently Joint-Chairman of the Indonesia-Malaysia Eminent Persons Group.

For his services to the nation, he was honoured by Malaysia's Yang Di Pertuan Agong (King) with the country's highest award that makes him a "Tun". He also received the Prix de la Fondation Award from Crans Montana Forum of Switzerland for his commitment to social responsibility.

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HRH RAJA DR NAZRIN SHAH IBNI
SULTAN AZLAN MUHIBBUDIN SHAH

Financial Ambassador,
Malaysia International Islamic Financial Center (MIFC)
Crown Prince,
State of Perak, Malaysia

His Royal Highness Raja Dr Nazrin Shah is the Crown Prince of the state of Perak, Malaysia. He served as the Regent of Perak from 1989 to 1994 when his father, Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah, became the ninth King of Malaysia.

His Royal Highness holds a B.A. (Hon.) degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University; a Master in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. His research interests are in the areas of economic and political development in Southeast Asia, economic growth in developing countries and economic history. He has written articles and spoken on a wide range of issues including constitutional monarchy, nation building, Islam, Islamic finance, ethno-religious relations, and education and socio-economic development.

His Royal Highness is the Pro-Chancellor of the University of Malaya, the President of the Perak Council on Islam and Malay Customs, the Eminent Fellow of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia, the Royal Patron of the Kuala Lumpur Business Club and the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Malay College of Kuala Kangsar. From November 2008 to April 2009, His Royal Highness was the Honorary Chairman of 'Bridges – Dialogues Towards a Culture of Peace', organised by the International Peace Foundation.

In the international arena, His Royal Highness has represented the government of Malaysia in his role as Financial Ambassador of the Malaysian International Islamic Financial Centre. He was also Malaysia's head of delegation to the Third Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations in Rio de Janeiro from 28 to 29 May 2010. Additionally, he was Malaysia's Special Envoy and head of delegation at the Special Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial Meeting on Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace and Development in Manila from 16 to 18 March 2010.

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H.E. DR. AHMAD MOHAMED ALI

President,
Islamic Development Bank

Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Ali Al-Madani is the first President of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) since 1975.

Dr. Ali was born in Saudi Arabia in 1934, where he completed his early education. He holds a B.A. degree in Commerce and Law from Cairo University. He earned his M.A. and PhD degrees, both in Public Administration, from the University of Michigan and State University of New York (SUNY) in 1962 and 1967. He is married and has four children.

He returned to Saudi Arabia as the Acting Rector of King Abdulaziz University from 1967 to 1972. In 1972, he was selected to serve as Deputy Minister of Education and served for three years. When the member countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) decided to establish the Islamic Development Bank, he was chosen as its first President.

His education, background and experience has helped him to establish a strong base for the mission of the development of the Bank. His qualifications, background and commitment to development of people have enabled him to take up the challenges of managing the IDB and to widen the spectrum of development by addressing the various issues, as reflected in the activities of the Bank.

Dr. Ali's views on development have been expressed in many articles, speeches, lectures and working papers on Islamic Economics, Banking and Education. He is a firm believer that Islamic principles and its applications in Economics and Banking has a lot to offer the world and thus contribute positively towards solving the current economic crisis.

He is keen on taking the IDB to a world of excellence with the Vision 1440H, which was delineated on behalf of the Bank by a group of Eminent Persons. The Vision 1440H Document aims at alleviating poverty, eradicating illiteracy, providing better health facilities to the people, strengthening ties with the private sector, NGOs, and striving for the cause of development of women, etc. He looks at development as a comprehensive and integrated phenomenon that has to be continuously reviewed and closely coordinated. He seeks cooperation with all people who would like to contribute to a better life for all humans in this global village.

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HON. TUN ABDULLAH
AHMAD BADAWI

Former Prime Minister of Malaysia

Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's career as a civil servant, political leader, diplomat and statesman spanned 45 years. He was born in 1939 into a prominent religious family in the northern state of Penang. Graduating in Islamic Studies from the University of Malaya, Abdullah started in the Malaysian civil service in 1964. He left the civil service as Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sports to become a politician in 1978, and rose to become Prime Minister of Malaysia 25 years later, in October 2003.

Abdullah held various positions in government, including Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Minister of Education, Minister of Defence, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Finance. Excelling in diplomacy and international relations, as Prime Minister, Abdullah sought to improve bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation, actively leading (among others) the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) when Malaysia assumed the chair of these international organisations.

As Prime Minister, Abdullah introduced the concept of Islam Hadhari to guide development efforts in Malaysia and the wider Islamic world. This move towards progressive Islamic civilisation seeks to make Muslims understand that progress is enjoined by Islam. It is an approach that is compatible with modernity and yet firmly rooted in the noble values and injunctions of Islam. Islam Hadhari espouses ten fundamental principles, which were accepted by Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

Abdullah focused on human capital development as a key pillar of his Administration. This went beyond merely strengthening lower and higher education in Malaysia, to enhancing mindsets and infusing ethical, moral and religious values. Science and technology was further promoted, while innovation and creativity was pushed to the fore.

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H.E. CASSAM UTEEM

Former President of Mauritius

Cassam Uteem, G.C.S.K., born in March 1941 in Port Louis, Mauritius, is the holder of a Bachelor's degree in Art and a Master's degree in Psychology from Paris VII University.

As a youth leader and social worker, he was involved in local community work and, in the early seventies, joined the leftist political party, the Militant Movement of Mauritius (MMM) and rose to become its deputy-leader.

He was elected Member of the Mauritian Parliament in 1976 and re-elected successively in 1982, 1983, 1987 and 1991. In 1982-1983, he served as Minister of Employment, Social Security and National Solidarity and in 1990-91 Deputy Prime-Minister and Minister of Industry and Industrial Technology. As Opposition Member of Parliament, he occupied the post of Opposition Whip and Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. He was also Municipal Councilor of the City of Port Louis elected in 1969, 1977, 1980 and 1986. He was Lord Mayor of Port Louis in 1986.

In July 1992, he was elected President of the Republic of Mauritius and re-elected in 1997, for a second 5-year term. He resigned his post in February 2002, after refusing to give his assent to the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

He is currently a member of the Africa Forum (of former African Heads of State), member of the International Jury for the UNESCO Prize of Education for Peace, Founder-Member of the Global Leadership Foundation (GLF) and Member of the Club de Madrid.

Awards received: Doctor Honoris Causa, University of Mauritius; Doctor Honoris Causa, University of Buckingham, UK; Docteur Honoris Causa, Université d'Aix en Provence, France; Membre honoraire, Université de Tananarive, Madagascar; Doctor Honoris Causa, Jamia Millia University, Delhi, India

As Chairman of the OIC, Abdullah waged a war against poverty and the lack of knowledge and development in the Muslim world. Besides emphasising the enhancement of education in OIC countries, Malaysia sought to share its experience in national economy development by initiating a series of self-help projects involving OIC Members and the Islamic Development Bank with the objective of increasing capacities in several poor member countries of the OIC. The immediate purpose was to generate income and provide employment, while the longer-term intention was to assist the OIC countries upgrade their governance and development efforts.

Abdullah also sought to provide an economic face to the OIC, in a bid to enhance trade, business and investment linkages between Member countries. The World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF), of which Abdullah is the founder patron, continues to be an important gathering of government and business leaders from the Muslim world and beyond. International Halal forums and trade expositions, initiated by Malaysia, are now held regularly throughout the globe to advance Halal industries, for the benefit of the larger Ummah.

Tun Abdullah married the late Tun Endon Dato' Mahmood in 1965 and after 40 years of marriage, lost her after a prolonged battle with cancer on 20 October 2005. They have 2 children and 6 grandchildren. Tun Abdullah married Tun Jeanne Abdullah on 9 June 2007.

Abdullah stepped down as Prime Minister on 3 April 2009. He remains committed to pursuing development, promoting progressive Islam and enhancing understanding between the Muslim and Western worlds. He is Chairman of the Malaysian Institute of Islamic Understanding (IKIM), and Patron of the Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) in Kuala Lumpur which he established in 2009. He is the founding patron for the World Islamic Economic Forum. He holds several government advisory roles, including Malaysia's regional growth corridors and Malaysia Airlines. Internationally, Abdullah is the member of the InterAction Council, board member of BOAO Forum for Asia (BFA) and World Muslims Foundation, and Chair of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group.

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H.E. SHAUKAT AZIZ

Former Prime Minister of Pakistan

His Excellency Shaukat Aziz was the first Prime Minister of Pakistan to complete a full term in office. His Excellency served as Prime Minister from 2004 – 2007, following a five-year term as Finance Minister in 1999.

Known for securing significant US loans in return for Pakistan's support in the war on terror, PM Aziz restored his country's credibility within the global market. He is renowned for his strategic approach, transparency, and ability to focus on doing what is best, not simply what is politically expedient.

After graduating from Gordon College, Rawalpindi, in 1967, Shaukat Aziz gained an MBA Degree from Institute of Business Administration (IBA) in Karachi.

An internship at Citibank marked the beginning of a 30-year career in global finance, encompassing roles in Pakistan, Greece, United States, United Kingdom, Malaysia, the Philippines, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Singapore. He headed Citigroup's global Private Banking Division and progressed to a senior position with the bank in New York.

He became Finance Minister in 1999, and was named "Finance Minister of the Year" for 2001 by Euromoney and The Bankers magazines. Having presided over impressive economic growth in his country, Mr Aziz offers an expert view on the challenges of the global economy, reform, and the role of emerging markets.

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H.E. WIM KOK

Former Prime Minister of Netherlands

H.E. Wim Kok was born in Bergambacht (The Netherlands) on September 29, 1938. After his education at the Nijenrode Business School, Mr. Kok was employed by the Dutch construction workers union. In 1973, he was elected Chairman of the Confederation of Trade Unions (NVV/FNV), a position he held until 1985. From 1979 to 1982, he was also Chairman of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC).

Mr. Kok was elected Member of Parliament in 1986. He was leader of the Labour Party (PvdA) from 1986 to 2002.

In 1989, he became Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister in the 3rd Lubbers-Government. After the general elections in 1994, Mr. Kok served as Prime Minister in two consecutive governments (1994-1998 and 1998-2002). In 2002, he stepped down as Prime Minister.

As of 2010, he has been elected as the President of Club de Madrid.

In addition, Mr. Kok serves on the board of trustees of a considerable number of non-profit organizations.

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H.E. LYAZZAT KIINOV

Vice Minister of Oil & Gas,
Kazakhstan

Lyazzat was born in 1949, in Tauchik village of Mangistau oblast. He graduated from the Kazakh Polytechnical Institute majoring in "Geology and exploration of oil and gas deposits" with a qualification of the "the mountain engineer". Kiinov L.K. – Doctor of Technical Sciences, the Academician of the International Academy. He has published 19 articles and a monograph.

From 1977–1979, he was an instructor at the Industrial – Transport Department of the Mangyshlak Regional Committee of the Communist Party. In 1979, he worked as a Chief Engineer of the Territorial Processing office of "Mangyshlakneftepromkhim". In 1982 he headed the Karazhanbas office on oil recovery factor-enhancement and down-hole repair work, and was the head of the Oil and Gas office of "Karazhanbastermneft". In 1987, he held a position of the head of Oil and Gas office at "Komsomolskneft".

In 1992, he worked as the General Director of the Production Union "Mangyshlakneft". In 1993–1995, he headed the Mangistau oblast administration. He was also Deputy Minister of the Oil and Gas Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan and he worked as the Deputy General Director of the Caspian Pipeline Consortium and in 2002, he was President of the Joint-Stock Company "National Company "KazMunaiGas". In March 2003, he held the position of the Vice Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Since April 2010 to present, he has been a Vice-Minister of Oil and Gas of Kazakhstan. Awarded by the Order of "Parasat" and the Medal of "10 years of the Republic of Kazakhstan".

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H.E. DATO' SRI MUSTAPA
BIN MOHAMED

Minister of International Trade & Industry,
Malaysia

Y.B. Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed was appointed Minister of International Trade and Industry on 10 April 2009.

Prior to the appointment, he held the following positions: Political Secretary to the Minister of Finance (1987 – 1991); Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Finance (1991 – 1994); Deputy Minister of Finance (1994 – 1995); Minister of Entrepreneur Development (1995 – 1999); Finance Minister II (1998 – 1999); Adviser to the Ministry of Finance (2000 – 2001); Executive Director, National Economic Action Council (2001 – 2004); Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (2004 – February 2006); Minister of Higher Education (February 2006 – March 2008); Minister of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry (19 March 2008 – 9 April 2009).

Dato' Sri Mustapa was appointed Senator in 1991, and served as a Member of Parliament (MP) for the Jeli Parliamentary Constituency in Kelantan between April 1995 and November 1999 and again from March 2004. He returned for a third term as MP for Jeli in March 2008. He has been a member of the UMNO Supreme Council since 1993. He was the Kelantan UMNO Liaison and Barisan Nasional Chief from 2000 to 2004 and again in 2009.

A graduate in Economics from the University of Melbourne, Australia, he pursued a Master's degree at Boston University, U.S. and began his career as an Administrative and Diplomatic Officer in the Ministry of Finance (1974–1980). Later, he lectured at the National Institute of Public Administration (1982–1984) and served as Special Officer to the Minister of Finance (1984–1987), before entering active politics in 1987.

Academic awards bestowed to Dato' Sri Mustapa in recognition of his contributions to public service include an Honorary Doctorate of Commerce from the University of Melbourne (1997), and an Honorary Degree of Law by the University of Nottingham (2005). Dato' Sri Mustapa also went through the Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellowship Programme in January 2002. He was awarded an Honorary Fellowship to the National Institute of Public Administration in 1997, and as a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australia (FINSIA) in 2006.

Dato' Sri Mustapa is married to Datin Khamarzan Ahmed Meah and has four children. He is the author of eight books on the Malaysian economy and national politics.

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THE HONOURABLE SENATOR
SHAHRIZAT ABDUL JALIL

Minister of Women, Family &
Community Development,
Malaysia

The Honourable Senator Shahrizat Abdul Jalil is the Minister of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia. Her portfolio includes the Women's Development Department, National Population and Family Development Board, Social Welfare Department, Malaysia Social Institute and NAM Institute for the Empowerment of Women. In December 1999, she was appointed as a Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

In May 1995, she was appointed as a Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Youth and Sports. Previously, she was also a Magistrate, an Assistant Treasury Solicitor and an Advocate and a Solicitor. On the 19th of March 2008, she was appointed by the then Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tun Abdullah Hj Ahmad Badawi, as the Special Advisor on Women and Social Development to the Prime Minister.

The Honourable Senator Shahrizat received her early education in English and Arabic from Northam Road Girl's School and Madrasah Tarbiah Islamiah in Pulau Pinang respectively. She then pursued her secondary education at St. Georges' Girls School and gained her entry to Tunku Kurshiah College, one of the prestigious boarding schools in Malaysia. She then entered the University of Malaya in 1973, where she read law and received her Law Degree LLB (Hons) in 1976.

Before joining politics, she was an active member of the corporate world. She was a director of several public-listed companies. She made history when she became the first Malaysian woman to be the Chairman of a conglomerate of two public listed companies on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (KLSE), namely Island & Peninsular Berhad and Austral Enterprises Berhad.

On the 24th of March 2009, the Honourable Senator Shahrizat was appointed as the Head of Wanita UMNO (United Malays National Organisation), the women's wing of UMNO. In the 1995 General Election, she was one of the women candidates to be fielded in Kuala Lumpur. She retained her city constituency seat of Lembah Pantai in the 1999 and 2004 General Election, creating history by becoming the first Member of Parliament to serve the Lembah Pantai constituency for three consecutive terms.

The Honourable Senator Shahrizat Abdul Jalil is married to Datuk Dr. Mohamad Salleh Ismail, a scientist and they have three children.

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H.E. DATO' PADUKA AWANG HJ ALI
BIN HJ. APONG

Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office
Chairman of Brunei Economic Development Board

Dato' Ali Apong was appointed as Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office with a portfolio that includes management of the Brunei Economic Development Board and the Department of Economic Planning and Development. Prior to this, he was the Deputy Minister of Development.

Dato' Ali started his career in the Brunei Investment Agency (BIA) in 1983 as an Investment Officer, and was later appointed as the Assistant Managing Director of BIA on 1 September 1997. In 1999, he was posted at the Ministry of Finance as a member of the team that was tasked to set up the Brunei International Financial Centre (BIFC), where he remained until early 2002. He then resumed his position as the Assistant Managing Director of BIA until his appointment as the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Finance in 2004.

Apart from his duty as the Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, Dato' Ali is Chairman of the Brunei Economic Development Board. He is also a member on various boards, some of which include Brunei Investment Agency (BIA), Monetary Authority of Brunei Darussalam, Retirement Fund, Special Development Fund, Brunei Sustainability Fund, Chairman of Empire Hotel and Country Club and Chairman of Jerudong International School (JIS).

Dato' Ali received his BA (Honours) in Economics from the University of Reading, United Kingdom. He graduated with an MBA from Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine at the University of London, United Kingdom, and holds a Post-Graduate Diploma in Management from the same university.

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TAN SRI AHMAD FUZI BIN HJ ABDUL RAZAK

Secretary General, WIEF Foundation

Tan Sri Dato' Ahmad Fuzi Haji Abdul Razak was previously the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia. He joined the Malaysian Diplomatic and Administrative Service in 1972, and served in various capacities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, mainly in the Political Division, and at the Malaysian Missions abroad in Moscow, the Hague, Canberra, Washington and Dhaka.

Tan Sri Ahmad Fuzi has previously also served as Director General, Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations Malaysia; Ambassador-at-Large; Malaysia's Representative to the ASEAN High Level Task Force (HLTF) on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter and Malaysia's Representative to the High Level Panel (HLP) on the Drafting of the Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Human Rights Body.

He was formerly Member, the Board of BERNAMA; PROTON; the Malaysian-Thailand Joint Authority (MTJA); the Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA); the Board of Advisors, Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR); the Board of Trustees, World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Foundation; International Advisory Panel (IAP) of the WIEF Foundation; Chairman, AmanahRaya Capital Group Sdn Bhd; Chairman, Al-Nibras Limited and Independent Non-Executive Director, LCL Corporation Berhad.

Tan Sri Ahmad Fuzi is currently the Secretary General of the WIEF Foundation; Chairman, Amanahraya-Reit; Chairman, Seremban Engineering Berhad; Executive Chairman, AsiaEP Bhd; Chairman, PKT Logistics (M) Sdn Bhd; Non-Executive Chairman, Sofgen Sdn Bhd; Chairman, Leisure Guide Publishing Sdn Bhd; Independent Non-Executive Director, Puncak Niaga Holdings Berhad; Non-Executive Director, Management Development Institute of Singapore; Member, Board of Trustees, F3 Strategies Berhad; and Member, Advisory Board, Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Award (APEA).

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Tan Sri Ahmad Fuzi is also a Distinguished Fellow, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS); Distinguished Fellow, Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations; Deputy Chairman, Malaysian Member Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP Malaysia); Member, Board of Trustees, MERCY, Malaysia; President, Association of Former Malaysian Ambassadors (AFMA) and Advisor, High School Bukit Mertajam Alumni Malaysia.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Honours) from the University of Malaya (1972) and a Certificate in Diplomacy (Foreign Service Course) from the University of Oxford (1974). In recognition of his service to the nation, he was awarded the AMN (1979), the JSM (1999), the DSPN (1999), the DMPN (2002) and the PSM (2003). Born on 8 January 1949, Tan Sri Ahmad Fuzi is married to Puan Sri Khadijah bt. Mohd. Nor and has two children.

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ABAS A. JALIL

Chief Operating Officer,
International Business,
AmanahRaya Capital Group Sdn Bhd,
Malaysia

Abas A. Jalil, 30 years old, is the Chief Operating Officer of AmanahRaya Capital Group, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Amanah Raya Berhad ("AmanahRaya"). AmanahRaya is the Malaysian Public Trustee Company under the Ministry of Finance (Inc.) Malaysia, which is actively involved in fund management, corporate finance, Islamic capital market, and offshore investment banking at domestic and international levels. Mr. Jalil is currently supervising the international businesses and funds of AmanahRaya, which include the establishment of Hajj Fund and Islamic Bank in Kazakhstan and Kazan Halal Hub in Russia.

He joined AmanahRaya in early 2005 and served in various capacities within the Group, mainly in real estate investment (conventional and Islamic). He was responsible in setting up the Real Estate Investment Department of AmanahRaya Investment Management, where he was the Head of Property Investment since 2007. Mr. Jalil was the Principal Officer of AmanahRaya REIT Managers ("AR-REIT") from June 2009 until May 2010; and subsequently was appointed a member of the Board of Directors of AR-REIT.

His experience in real estate investment and capital market includes dealing in various transactions, fund structuring and fundraising activities in SE Asia, Middle East, China, Hong Kong and USA. He was directly involved in the listing of AmanahRaya REIT on Bursa Malaysia, and completed various investment transactions for AmanahRaya and established funds.

Prior to joining AmanahRaya, Mr. Jalil had worked at Tenaga Nasional Berhad (Malaysian National Electricity Company). He holds an MBA from the University of Sunderland, UK and B.Sc Property Management from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. Mr. Jalil had delivered presentations at conferences in Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, Jeddah, Seoul, Hanoi, Kazan and Moscow, promoting cross-border investments and Islamic Finance.

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ADEMA ZHANASSOVA

Country Manager,
MDC (Oil and Gas N Block Kazakhstan) GmbH,
Kazakhstan

Adema Zhanassova has been working in the oil and gas industry since her graduation in 2002, from the Edinburgh Business School with an MBA degree. She joined Edinburgh-based research and consultancy group upon successful completion of her post-graduate education.

Later, Adema moved to the London office of Shell Exploration and Production Company where she worked for few years covering the Middle East and Central Asia regions. She moved back to Kazakhstan last year to continue her career in the oil and gas sector as a Country Manager for Mubadala Oil and Gas. Apart from her professional activities, Mrs Zhanassova is an active participant in the social projects and she is involved in the Association of Business Women of Kazakhstan.

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AIDA DOSAYEVA

Director,
Corporate Communication,
GSM Kazakhstan/Kcell Kazakhstan

Aida Dossayeva is an economist, with a Diploma from Almaty Institute of the National Economy; PhD in Economics at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, MA in Public Relations and International Journalism at KIMEP University. She worked as a teacher of economic theory in a number of Almaty universities.

In 1993, she was the first person in Kazakhstan to be awarded with grant from U.S. Federal government, it was a special exchange program by Senator Fulbright. Under this program, she worked as a teacher in the management department at the University of Kentucky, USA, teaching the discipline of "Cross cultural management".

She has more than 10 years of progressive experience in marketing & sales, and PR in a number of American, European, and Kazakh companies and non-profit foundations, like Microsoft, Oracle, and Eurasia Foundation. Aida has headed the Department of Corporate Communications, GSM Kazakhstan/Kcell Kazakhstan since October 2008. The primary objective of the department is corporate communications establishment between the company and all market-stake-holders: mass media, government, corporate customers, as well as departments and employees within the company.

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AIDAR KAZYBAYEV

Chairman,
Committee of Trade, Ministry of
Economy Development & Trade,
Kazakhstan

Aidar Kazybayev is the current Chairman of the Trade Committee of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan

He graduated from the Eurasian National University with LN Gumilev's degree in Economics and Management and from Kazakh Humanitarian Law University, majoring in Law. He holds a Ph.D. and is the author of 11 scientific papers and manuals for students.

He worked his way from the leading specialist to the Director of the Department in various ministries and departments of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

He worked as Director of Business Support Center JSC Small Business Development Fund. *

Since June 2008 he has been in charge of the Trade Committee of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan and after reorganization of state bodies – of the Trade Committee of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

He has the Jubilee Medal for the 10th anniversary of Independence of Kazakhstan as well as the 10th anniversary of Astana. Since 2008, he has held the post of Commissioner General of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the International exhibitions EXPO.

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ALAN FRIEDMAN

Chairman & Founder,
FBC Media UK

Alan Friedman, Chairman and Founder of FBC Group Ltd. (www.fbcmedia.com), is a media entrepreneur, former award-winning journalist with the Financial Times of London, the International Herald Tribune and The Wall Street Journal, best-selling author (Agnelli, Spider's Web), television talk show host and a former contributing editor of Vanity Fair.

One of Europe's most respected economic and political commentators, author and well-known TV personality, Alan Friedman is head of FBC, a media company whose subsidiaries include an international television and digital content producer, a branded content agency and a strategic communications and national branding company, with head offices in London and offices in Rome, Delhi, and Jakarta.

FBC has been active in crisis management and prevention, countering negative perceptions and promoting dialogue and understanding between the Muslim and the non-Muslim world, with special outreach efforts for governments and international organizations especially in Asia and the Middle East, including its work during the past three World Islamic Economic Forums. FBC has also been an active partner of several directorates at The European Commission, working on issues ranging from the euro, enlargement, immigration, security and humanitarian aid and development issues.

Alan Friedman was awarded the British Press Award (UK equivalent of the Pulitzer award) four times during his 14-year career with the Financial Times.

Alan Friedman was born in New York City in 1956. He was educated at NYU (B.A. Politics and History), the London School of Economics (International Relations) and the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (M.A. International Economics and Law). He lives in Rome and London, and travels frequently across Asia.

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ALUA RUDAR

Editor-in-Chief of Businesswomen.kz Magazine,
Kazakhstan

Alua Rudar is the editor of Businesswomen.kz magazine, which is issued in Kazakhstan. Since 2007, she has been working as the assistant of the Editor-in-Chief of Businesswomen.kz and as a freelance author.

Alua graduated from Kazakh Economic University in the name of T. Ryskulov with the Bachelor's degree in Public Relations in 2005. She also acquired a Master's degree in Public Administration from Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP) in 2009. Alua is a representative of Association of Businesswomen of Kazakhstan during the 7th World Islamic Economic Forum in Astana.

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AMER BUK VIC

Chief Executive Officer,
Bosna Bank International,
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Amer Bukvic, CEO of Bosna Bank International (BBI) received his bachelor's degree from the International Islamic University (IIUM) in Kuala Lumpur and his Master's degree from the International University of Japan, where he was the recipient of the 'Monbusho Scholar Award'. He also completed the Executive Education Program at the IDBG and Management Development Program at the Center for Management Development of the London Business School.

He is regarded as one of the most successful executives in Islamic banking and finance in Europe. Amer Bukvic began his early career working for the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) where he received exposure in trade financing operations, project finance operations and investment insurance in 57 member countries of the IDB Group.

Prior to taking position with Bosna Bank International, he held the position as Deputy Director General in 2004, and subsequently appointed as the CEO in 2006. During his tenure as CEO, BBI solidified its market position in all segments of business and positioned itself among the ten best performing banks in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. BBI assets increased by almost 300% during this period. BBI has managed to position itself as the fastest growing bank in the market.

Amer Bukvic received the prestigious 'Person of the Year Award' in 2010, from Daily San Newspaper in Bosnia and Herzegovina for his contribution to economic development as the major architect of the Sarajevo Business Forum, the largest International investment conference ever to be held in Southeast Europe and described by the Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan as the 'Balkan Davos'.

Amer Bukvic was also awarded the 'Medallion of the City of Sarajevo' in 2011.

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ANSHU GUPTA

Founder & Chief Executive Officer,
Goonj, India

Popularly known as the Clothing Man, Anshu graduated in Mass Communications twice and took his Masters in Economics. Starting as a freelance journalist, Anshu left a corporate job in 1998 and founded GOONJ; with a mission of making clothes a matter of concern and bringing it to light for the development sector. An Ashoka Fellow and the Global Ambassador of Ashoka, Anshu is creating a mass movement for recycling and reusing waste material – channeling it from the cities to the villages, as a resource for rural development.

Listed in Forbes as one of the India's most powerful entrepreneurs, GOONJ has won numerous prestigious awards including the Innovation for India award, the Lien i3 challenge, the CNN-IBN Real Hero's Award, the India NGO of the Year Award, the Changemakers Innovation Awards and the Development Market Place Award from the World Bank.

Anshu's efforts to bring wider attention to the most ignored basic need of a human i.e. clothing and its various aspects – from dignity, deaths in winters to the most taboo subject of sanitary pads, they are receiving wider acceptance across the world and many organizations have started replicating GOONJ's various initiatives.

GOONJ is considered one of the leading social enterprises in India, the largest non-monetary resource agency. People have also said it is one of the largest civic participation movements.

Anshu is a passionate photographer, and travels to remote parts of the country to understand the people, their behavior and their needs.

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ASAD JAFRI

Director of Arts Program,
Inner-city Muslim Action Network
DJ, USA

Asad Jafri is the Director of Arts and Culture at the Inner-city Muslim Action Network (IMAN), a Chicago-based community organization that works for social justice, provides direct services, and cultivates the arts in urban communities. Since working with IMAN in 2003, Asad has been able to create spaces that bring together thousands of leaders, artists, and community members to collectively celebrate and engage in diverse and creative artistic expression.

Asad presents artists mainly through IMAN's 'Community Café' and 'Takin' It to the Streets' festival, and cultivates IMAN's artist network through an annual Artist Retreat. These spaces also allow IMAN to utilize the arts as a tool for cross-cultural communication, spiritual expression, civic engagement and social change.

As a multidisciplinary artist, Asad has created, curated, and presented original productions across many genres of music, theater, visual art, and dance. Asad also DJs under the moniker 'Man-o-Wax'; where he blends soulful music from all over the world. One of Asad's DJ projects is 'Turntable Dhikr', a fusion of traditional and contemporary music dedicated to the praise of the Most High using turntables as the vehicle.

Asad's fusion of art and social change through innovative mediums has been recognized throughout the country and around the globe. As a result, Asad is engaged in several US State Department activities and continues to travel extensively performing, presenting, and conducting workshops.

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BILL IBRAHIM AOSSEY

Senior Director & Founder,
Midamar Corporation,
USA

Bill Aosseý was born and raised in Iowa, USA and is the son of one of the first Muslim families from the Syria- Lebanon region of the Ottoman Turkish Empire who came and settled in Iowa in 1888.

Bill attended Cornell College and the University of Iowa majoring in Sociology and International Studies. He was the first American Muslim to serve in the United States Peace Corps in Senegal, West Africa from 1963-1965.

In 1966, Bill was selected for a 'Fulbright Scholarship- Grant' at the Institute of International Education to go to South Vietnam for 'Research On Declining Agricultural Productivity as Related to Increased War Devastation'.

From 1967-1970 Bill taught in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and has taught, worked and travelled to nearly 100 countries globally.

After years of teaching and travelling globally, Bill established Midamar Corporation in 1975, specifically for international development with the view of agricultural development and protein enhancement.

Bill is the founding Director of the Islamic Services of America established in 1975. A past member of the Islamic Center of Cedar Rapids, Iowa - home of the Mother Mosque of America established nearly eighty-five years ago and was the first Mosque in North America.

He was invited by past President Clinton to the White House for the signing of Oslo Peace Awards. Bill has been invited three times to the Obama Administration White House functions and was honored to be seated with President Obama at the past White House Iftar dinner in Ramadan.

He has been a Guest Speaker in the U.S.A. and in a number of countries including Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, U.A.E and the Middle East region.

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CARLOS CHEN-TSAIR CHENG

Deputy Director General,
Small & Medium Enterprise Administration,
Ministry of Economic Affairs,
Chinese Taipei

Carlos Chen-Tsair Cheng received his Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Tamkang, Taiwan. He later studied in the Graduate School of European Studies at the same university; he also studied at the Graduate School of Humanities in the University of Chile.

Cheng has served in the Ministry of Economic Affairs since 1978, and has spent most of his career overseas. He occupied official commercial and economic positions such as designated economic secretary, commercial attaché, and economic counselor in the Embassy of the Taipei Cultural and Economic Office. His extensive experience as a diplomat has covered eight countries, including Peru, Chile, Panama, The Dominican Republic, Paraguay, Italy, Spain, and Vietnam. His work consisted of promoting Taiwanese trade and investment affairs. In appreciation of Mr. Cheng's contribution in promoting investment cooperation between Vietnam and Taiwan, and enhancing trade ties between the two countries, the Vietnamese government laured him with a medal of honor.

After four years as Deputy Representative of the Taipei Cultural and Economic Office in Vietnam, Cheng has been appointed as the Deputy Director General of Small and Medium Enterprise Administration (SMEA) of the Ministry of Economic Affairs from September 2010. He is in charge of SME industrial policies and business strategies such as entrepreneurial development and incubation, business consultation and guidance, financial assistance and facilitation, e-business and e-learning capacity building, knowledge management, and international collaboration.

In Taiwan, Cheng's work in the Bureau of Foreign Trade was related to bilateral and multilateral trade relations. Hence, he is also familiar with WTO affairs.

In light of his outstanding performances and contributions, he was laured with the Award for Civil Servant in 1988 and 1998.

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DARAWATI HUSSEIN

Head,
CIMB Private Equity,
Malaysia

Darawati Hussein heads CIMB Private Equity & Venture Capital (CPE). Ms. Hussain has over 18 years of experience in corporate finance, asset management and private equity. She first joined the corporate advisory team of CIMB Group (Malaysia) where she specialised in mergers and acquisitions, and capital raising transactions. She then spent 5 years in London where she was a European equities portfolio manager for a US fund management company with AUM of 42 billion USD. She returned to Malaysia in 2001 and re-joined CIMB Group to set-up and develop the private equity initiative.

She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Accountancy from Durham University, United Kingdom, and also holds an MBA from London Business School (UK). She has obtained the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) qualification.

CIMB Group with a market capitalisation of \$20 billion USD is a Universal Bank with a strong ASEAN presence. CPE is a wholly-owned subsidiary with over \$290 million USD in private equity funds under management, primarily in 3rd party funds.

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DARHIM DALI HASHIM

Chief Executive Officer,
International Halal Integrity Alliance,
Malaysia

Darhim Dali Hashim is the Chief Executive Officer of International Halal Integrity Alliance Ltd (IHI Alliance), an international non-governmental organisation created to uphold the integrity of the Halal market concept in global trade through recognition, collaboration and membership. IHI Alliance is the strategic partner of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce & Industry in the implementation of the Global Halal Program, as mandated at the OIC (Organisation of Islamic Conference) Summit 2008 held in Dakar, Senegal.

Darhim brings to IHI Alliance a wealth of corporate and Halal industry experience. Previously, he worked in various senior management positions, including leading a diversification strategy for a conglomerate into the agricultural sector. This led to an opportunity to head up an integrated livestock and Halal meat operations.

He was invited to share his knowledge and experience on Halal Journal TV, Pakistan's ATV and Business Plus channels and was interviewed for Time and Forbes magazines and most recently, The New York Times. Darhim introduced Halal at various platforms including the CIES International Food Safety Conference held in Barcelona, Spain, and the World Bank's East Asia Pacific Regional Agribusiness Trade & Investment Conference in Singapore.

Darhim is a regular speaker at Halal industry platforms including the World Halal Forum, Global Halal Congress in Pakistan, International Halal Conference in Iran and the Gulf Conference on Halal Industry and Services in Kuwait, among others.

In the early part of his career, he was an audit manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers after having completed his Chartered Accountancy qualification with Kingston Smith in London. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree in Economics from the University of Bristol in England.

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DATIN PADUKA SITI SA'DIAH
SHEIKH BAKIR

Managing Director,
KPJ Healthcare Berhad, Malaysia

In 1993, Datin Paduka Siti Sa'diah Sheikh Bakir became the Managing Director of KPJ Healthcare Berhad (KPJ), Malaysia's leading private healthcare services provider. KPJ has 22 hospitals in Malaysia and Indonesia, and is one of the Top 100 companies on Bursa Malaysia with a market cap of more than RM2 billion and a revenue of more than RM1.6 billion for the year 2010.

Datin Paduka's career with Johor Corporation (JCorp) commenced in 1974 and is directly involved with JCorp's Healthcare Division since 1978. She was appointed as the Chief Executive of Kumpulan Perubatan (Johor) Sdn Bhd (KPJSB) from 1989 until KPJ's listing in 1994.

Datin Paduka is the Chairman of various hospitals and companies in the KPJ Group, as well as MIT Insurance Brokers Sdn Bhd. She has held the position of Director of Bursa Malaysia since 1993.

She contributes to the community through her capacity as a Director of Waqaf An-Nur Corporation, a JCorp NGO providing affordable healthcare services to the less fortunate through a chain of 15 charity clinics, dialysis centers and one Hospital Waqaf managed by KPJ, which provides management and medical expertise.

In 1997, she became the President of the Malaysian Society for Quality in Health (MSQH). She is also a member of various national organisations and councils, primarily concerned with raising healthcare standards and awareness throughout the nation.

In 2010, Datin Paduka was named 'CEO of The Year 2009' by the New Straits Times Press and American Express. In 2011, she was selected as 'Asia's Leading Woman CEO of the Year' at the Women In Leadership (WIL) Forum.

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DATO' DAYANG FATIMAH
ABANG SAUFI

Director & Chief Designer,
Ethnicite Sdn Bhd,
Malaysia

Dato' Dayang Fatimah Abang Saufi (Dato' Tom) is one of Malaysia's most loved fashion designers, known especially for her fusion of the modern with the traditional ethnic designs of Southeast Asia. Tom started designing soon after finishing her fashion design course in London in 1986.

Tom Abang Saufi's TAS designs are for the modern woman in mind, although somewhat ironically eschewing, where possible, zips and buttons to allow the fabric to accentuate the contours of the human body for maximum style and minimal fuss. A carefree spirit and fun-loving approach to life are reflected in her saucy chic, bold use of colour and instinctive understanding of the tools of her trade.

"What makes TAS so different is that we design our own fabrics – hand-painted batik, the patterns for which we conceive and design in house before they are created by our team of highly skilled craftsmen. We are involved in the process from start to finish, which allows us to maintain the highest standards of quality," explains Habsah Abang Saufi, Tom's sister and the TAS' Managing Director.

Tom draws inspiration from a myriad of sources, especially and significantly from the rich cultural heritage of the place of her origin, Sarawak.

Dato' Tom who, despite being named Malaysian Designer of the Year in 2004, and winning many other awards and accolades in her career, knows that fashion, like everything else in life, is subject to the laws of evolution.

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DATO' DR MAHANI ZAINAL ABIDIN

Chief Executive,
Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)
Malaysia

Dato' Dr. Mahani Zainal Abidin obtained her Bachelor of Economics (Hons) from University of Malaya in 1977. She obtained the Dip. Statistics in 1978; M.Sc (Statistics) in 1979, and PhD (Development Economics) in 1992 from the University of London.

Dr. Mahani was appointed Chief Executive of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia in January 2010 and prior to that, she was the Director-General of the Institute from May 2007 to December 2009.

Dr. Mahani is a Council Member of the National Economic Advisory Council (NEAC), established in July 2009 to advise the Government on a new national economic model for Malaysia. She is also a Trustee of Yayasan 1Malaysia; a Commission Member of the Land Public Transport Commission; the Deputy President of the Malaysian Economic Association; and a Member of International Steering Committee for the Pacific Trade and Development (PAFTAD).

Dr. Mahani was a Professor in the Department of Applied Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya. In 1998, Dr. Mahani was a Member of the Working Group for the National Economic Action Council, a body established by the Malaysian Government to formulate measures to initiate recovery from the financial crisis. In 2005, she was appointed as the Deputy Director-General, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia. She served as Deputy Chairman of the National Accreditation Board from May 2003 until October 2007.

Her research interests are in industrial policy, international trade and regional integration and economic structural transformation. Her book, "The Malaysian Crisis Management Model: Rewriting the Rules" was published in 2002.

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DATO' DR NORRAESAH MOHAMAD

Chairman,
WIEF Businesswomen Network (WBN),
WIEF Foundation & Executive Chairman,
My E.G. Services Bhd

Dr Norraesah Mohamad is the Executive Chairman of My E.G. Services Berhad, an IT service provider and Chairman of Penang Bridge Sdn Bhd. She is also Executive Chairman of Embunaz Ventures Sdn Bhd, a family-owned investment company involved in education and medical care products.

Dr Norraesah is a member of the Board of Trustee of the World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Foundation, and member of its International Advisory Panel and heads the WIEF Businesswomen Network.

She obtained a PhD (Economic Science) in International Economics and International Finance from the University of Paris I, Pantheon-Sorbonne, France in 1986. In 1982, she obtained her Masters in International Economics Relations from the International Institute of Public Administration, France; and a Masters in International Economics and Finance from the University of Paris I, Pantheon-Sorbonne, France. She obtained her first Degree in Economics from the University of Malaya and acquired a Diploma in Commercial Policy from GATT, Geneva.

She has over thirty-seven years of working experience in the fields of banking, investment consultancy and international trade and commerce. She worked with the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) from 1972 to 1985, during which time she was in charge of trade policies and multilateral trade negotiations, trade fairs and missions. From 1986 to 1988, she was attached to the Ministry of Finance, responsible for national privatization programmes and debt management. In 1988, she left the public sector to join ESSO Production Malaysia Inc. as the Communications Manager.

From 1990 to 1991, she assumed the position of Managing Director with a consulting firm, which provided financial and investment advisory services. She was later appointed as the Chief Representative of Credit Lyonnais Bank in Malaysia in 1991, a position she held until 1998. She was

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the Chairman of Bank Kerjasama Rakyat Malaysia, the largest Cooperative Bank of Malaysia, from 2000 to 2003. She was then appointed Chairman of Alcatel Network Systems from 2003 to 2005. She currently sits on the Board of several listed companies and private limited companies.

She was appointed a Senator from October 2005 to February 2008. She is a recipient of several state awards and was conferred the Chevalier de La Legion d'Honneur from the French Government in 2004.

She sits on several taskforces and committees on economics, education and entrepreneurship – NGOs and those constituted by the Government. She is also a known motivational speaker.

Her other professional affiliations include OECD Centre for Development, Paris (1982) and a consultant for UNCTAD on Malaysia's Trade Relations with Socialist Countries of Eastern Europe (1979).

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DATO' SRI NAZIR RAZAK

Chairman,
WIEF Young Leaders Network (WYN),
WIEF Foundation

Dato' Sri Nazir Razak is presently the Group Chief Executive of CIMB Group Holdings Berhad. Nazir graduated from the University of Bristol with a BSc (Hons) and obtained an MPhil from the University of Cambridge.

He joined CIMB's corporate advisory department in 1989 and was appointed Chief Executive in June 1999. Nazir spearheaded the Group's transformation from a Malaysian investment bank to a leading ASEAN universal bank via several acquisitions throughout the region.

To date, CIMB Group is Malaysia's 2nd largest financial services group and 5th largest in ASEAN with total assets of about USD88 billion USD. Under Nazir's stewardship, CIMB Group has won many prestigious accolades. In 2010, CIMB Group was recognised by Euromoney as Best Bank (Malaysia) and Best Investment Bank (Malaysia), and by Asiamoney as Asia's Best Islamic Bank. Most recently, CIMB Group won The Banker's top investment bank award for Asia – the Most Innovative Investment Bank from Asia.

Nazir became the youngest recipient of FinanceAsia's "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2009, and was named the "Best Top Executive in Malaysia" by Asiamoney in 2009 and 2010.

Nazir is married to Dato' Azlina Aziz and they have two young children.

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DATUK DR RAFIAH SALIM

Director,
NAM Institute For The Empowerment
Of Women, Malaysia

Datuk Dr Rafiah Salim, a lawyer by qualification, has almost three decades of experience in the academic and human resource fields. For more than five years, Rafiah was the Assistant Secretary General for Human Resource Management at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, the highest post held by a Malaysian at the international body.

In 2003, upon returning to Malaysia, Rafiah was given the responsibility of setting up the International Centre for Leadership in Finance (ICLIF), an institution entrusted with the mandate of training corporate CEOs of the region. In 2006, she was appointed the Vice Chancellor/President of University Malaya, the first woman to be appointed a university president in Malaysia.

Amongst other posts held by Rafiah was as General Manager (HR) of Maybank, Assistant Governor of Malaysia's Central Bank and as a lecturer and Dean of the Faculty of Law, University Malaya.

She was awarded the "Darjah Kebesaran PANGLIMA JASA NEGARA (P.J.N)" by the Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong XII, Tunku Syed Sirajuddin ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Syed putera Jamalullai in 2004.

In 2005, she was awarded Honorary Doctorate from her alma mater, the Queens University of Belfast. Datuk (Dr.) Rafiah Salim is a lawyer by training, obtaining LLB and LLM from the Queens University and Certificate of Legal Profession in 1987; she was admitted to the Malaysian Bar the year after.

Rafiah has been active in publishing academic works and in presenting papers at both local and international platforms.

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DATUK MOHAMED AZAHARI KAMIL

Chief Executive Officer,
Asian Finance Bank,
Malaysia

Datuk Mohamed Azahari, 48, graduated from the Institut Teknologi MARA (UiTM) in Shah Alam with a Diploma in Banking in 1980 and subsequently obtained his BBA (Finance) from the Western Michigan University in 1982. He obtained his MBA (Finance) from the Central Michigan University in the US in 1984.

He started his career with the Malaysian French Bank in 1984 as a Credit and Marketing Officer. In 1985, he joined the Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Bhd (MIDF) as a Project Officer after which he joined MIDF Corporate Consultancy Services Sdn Bhd as a Manager for Public Issues and Marketing. He was also attached to Bapema Corporation Sdn Bhd as a Senior Manager, Investment and Corporate Planning before moving to Island and Peninsular Berhad as the Assistant General Manager of Business Development. In 1993, he joined Kimara Equities Sdn Bhd as an Executive Director, after which he joined PB Securities Sdn Bhd in April 1994 as a Corporate Institutional Dealer.

In November 1994, he established JMF Asset Management Sdn Bhd assuming the role of Managing Director. In September 2005, AmanahRaya Berhad acquired 70% of JMF-Asset Management; and Datuk Mohamed Azahari was appointed Managing Director of the newly formed entity AmanahRaya-JMF Asset Management Sdn. Bhd.

In June 2008, Datuk Mohamed Azahari took on the role of Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of AmanahRaya Investment Bank Ltd, Labuan. On 20 August 2008, Datuk Mohamed Azahari became the first Malaysian to be appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Asian Finance Bank, the third foreign Islamic Bank.

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DEBORAH LEARY

Founder and Chief Executive Officer,
Forensic Pathways Ltd., UK

Deborah is Founder and CEO of Forensic Pathways (FPL). Forensic Pathways specialises in unique data analysis solutions in the area of due diligence/risk, business and criminal intelligence and is recognised for taking a lead in the development of forensic products/services. It is internationally renowned for its level of innovation and collaboration at all levels including private and government sectors and over the past ten years has received numerous awards for technological innovation, including the National Business Awards 2009. Headquartered in the UK, the company has offices in Australia along with a large international distribution network.

Deborah's board positions include:

- National President of the British Association of Women Entrepreneurs
- Chair of the Midlands World Trade Forum
- Chair of Future Europe
- Deputy Director of the United Nations UK Global Compact Network
- Development Council Member of the Young Vic Theatre
- A Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

In addition, Deborah runs her own consultancy practice supporting new and growing businesses in terms of business strategy, developing brand awareness, CSR policies and international trade.

Deborah was awarded an O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2008, and in 2009, she was voted one of the top 100 women entrepreneurs in the UK by Real Business Magazine. Other awards include: the Joyce Award 2009, for commitment to the British Association of Women Entrepreneurs, the FCEM International Woman Entrepreneur of the Year 2007/8, the European Woman of Achievement 2006 and the British Female Inventor of the Year 2005.

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DR. ADALET DJABIEV

Founder & Chief Executive Officer,
Al-Shams Capital, Russia

Dr. Adalet Djabiev is one of the pioneers in introducing Islamic banking and finance in former Soviet republics.

Widely regarded as one of the most experienced and prominent personalities in the area of Islamic finance in former Soviet countries, Dr. Djabiev founded, chaired the Board of Directors, and was CEO and Adviser of a several financial, insurance and banking institutions in Russia, CIS countries and Switzerland. Currently, Dr. Djabiev sits on a Board of Directors of Kauthar Bank, which is the first Islamic Bank in Azerbaijan, and is a President of the endowment organization "Waqf" (Russia).

Dr. Djabiev has contributed as a Board Member, Advisor and Observer to the activity of different institutions, such as: Association of National Development Finance Institutions in Member Countries of the Islamic Development Bank (ADFIM); Association of Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technical and Cultural Cooperation with developing countries of Africa and Asia, under the auspicious of the Government of the Russian Federation; Experts Committee which Contributed to the Formulation of the Islamic Development Bank Vision 2020; number of banks in Central Asia and Azerbaijan on establishment of Islamic banking in the country; Islamic Development Bank's (IDB) annual meetings.

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DR. AMANY ASFOUR

President,
Egyptian Business Women Association (EBWA)

Dr. Amany Asfour graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at Cairo University and acquired a Master's degree & M.D. in Pediatrics. During her academic career, she was a Lecturer of Pediatrics at the National Research Center of Egypt. She then joined the private sector, and within a few years, she was able to establish a company for medical equipments with over 30 brands.

Her interests were not limited to establishing her private business; she soon realized the importance of creating an organization targeting economic women empowerment and young women entrepreneurship promotion. As a result, she established the Egyptian Business Women Association in 1995, with the objective of promoting the younger generation of women entrepreneurs and giving guidance to women business owners of small and medium enterprises.

She directed her activities towards economic empowerment of women, capacity building, development of human resources and stressing equal opportunity for the youth and women in terms of education, training and promotion of women and youth in science and technology.

She recognizes that economic empowerment of women is necessary for economic growth and development. She founded The African Alliance for Women Empowerment, which has focal points all over Africa and its main target is women empowerment and promoting economic integration among women and youth entrepreneurs and building partnerships with their colleagues in Asia, Europe and the rest of the world.

Dr. Asfour is lobbying for women empowerment locally and internationally and was granted many awards from Egypt, Africa, the Arab world, and the Islamic World.

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DR. DARIGA NAZARBAYEVA

Director,
The 1st President of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Foundation

Dr. Dariga Nazarbayeva is the founder of "Khabar" Broadcasting Agency, the largest TV company in Kazakhstan and one of the major media networks in Central Asia. "Khabar" Agency runs two nationwide TV channels and the first satellite television channel in Kazakhstan, CaspioNet, which broadcasts all over Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

Dr. Nazarbayeva is a former Member of the Kazakhstan Parliament and a co-chairperson of the Kazakhstan Republican Political Party "Nur Otan" – the leading political party in Kazakhstan.

Dr. Nazarbayeva is an active advocate of press freedom and media development in the region as Chair of the Eurasian Media Forum – a prominent international conference held annually in Kazakhstan – and leader of the Congress of Journalists of Kazakhstan, an independent public association of Kazakhstan media organizations which aims to promote better interaction between government and the press.

She also holds positions in a number of public and private organizations, including: Board Chairperson of the Foundation of the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Board Member of the International Television Academy based in New York; President of the Eurasian Center for Strategic Studies, Russia; Vice-president of the Eurasian Television Academy, Russia; Co-chair of the Eurasian TV Forum Organizing Committee, Russia; Associate member of the International Economic Academy "Eurasia".

Dr. Nazarbayeva holds an honours history degree from Moscow State University. She also received a doctorate in Political Science from the Russian Presidential Academy of Public Service.

She is author of several monographic works, books and numerous publications and is also an accomplished opera singer. She speaks Kazakh, Russian, English and Italian.

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DR. DYN0 KEATINGE

Director General,
World Vegetable Centre (AVRDC),
Taiwan

Dyno Keatinge holds a Doctorate from Queen's University, Belfast and a Visiting Professor of Tropical Agriculture at Reading, UK. He is an agronomist and devoted much of his career spent working in Islamic countries. He was a founder staff member of the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) in Syria. He then transferred to Pakistan (1985–1990) and developed ICARDA's highlands research on crop-range-livestock systems. Finally, he started the ICARDA Highlands Regional Coordinated Program for Central and West Asia and North Africa (1990–1993) from Ankara, Turkey.

Subsequently, he took up a Chair at the University of Reading in the United Kingdom and was concerned with improving agricultural and rural systems. In 1999, he became Director Resource and Crop Management Division at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Ibadan, Nigeria.

He then became Deputy Director General (Research) in 2002, at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT); which addresses the dryland research needs in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. In 2008, he became the Director General of AVRDC, The World Vegetable Center based in Taiwan. This Center specializes in both exotic and indigenous species of vegetables and holds the largest collection of public-sector tropical vegetable germplasm in the world.

His driving concern now is to encourage people to consume a sufficient but better balanced diet. Overcoming malnutrition is his principal goal; this implies not only vitamin and mineral deficiency problems such as lack of vitamins A and C and insufficient iron and zinc, but also imbalanced nutrition from excess carbohydrate and fat consumption, which is causing obesity, and now commonly serious human diseases such as type II diabetes and metabolic syndrome.

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DR. IR HJ MOHD KARIM ABDULLAH

Founder and President,
Serba Dinamik Sdn Bhd Malaysia

Dr. Ir. Hj. Mohd Abdul Karim Abdullah (PE, Mech. Engineering & Ph.D in Industrial Engineering) is the Founder and President of Serba Dinamik Group Berhad. He has acquired more than 26 years of hands-on experience in managing, supervising, lecturing and carrying out various tasks related to turbomachinery maintenance nation-wide in Malaysia and internationally. He also has experience in other integrated engineering and financial tasks.

Listed below are a few of his other experiences:

- Conducting public and in-house training course covering topics on precision alignment and balancing, maintenance & inspection of steam turbines, compressors and pumps, predictive/preventive maintenance and turbomachinery protection system.
- Involved in field management and supervision for overhauling of steam turbines, gas turbines, reciprocating & centrifugal compressors and pumps of various make / brand.
- Executing project control function in the job planning and work scheduling to maintain the planned work and production schedule. Analyse schedule impacts resulting from design alternatives, field change and site condition encountered and revising the project schedule when necessary to incorporate any changes.
- Planning, recruiting and managing human resources for various plant shutdown & maintenance representing company management.
- Miscellaneous experience on construction & fabrication for various projects under the company involving civil activities & mechanical such as checking fabrication drawings, erection drawings.
- Involved actively and executively in strategic planning of Serba Dinamik Group of companies and manage to achieve several recognitions.
- Involved in financial fund raising through Sukuk market and gearing the company towards an IPO journey.

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DR. JOHN K. MUTUNGA

Chief Executive,
Kenya National Federation of Agricultural Producers
(KENFAP)

Dr. John Kanyithia Mutunga has both public and private sector experience; having worked with the Kenyan Government for over twelve years, and in the private sector, he was the Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya National Federation of Agricultural Producers (KENFAP).

Professionally, Dr. Mutunga has a PhD in Environmental Studies, specialized in Socio-Economic Empowerment of communities through exploitation of bio-geophysical resources, development sociology and institutional development.

He is an alumni of the Kenyatta University and a part-time lecturer in the department of Environmental Science, and a member of the Inter-ministerial Coordination Committee of the agricultural sector ministries. He is also Chairman of several national level formations, companies and institutions and an Executive Director of BESCK Holdings.

Dr. Mutunga is a board member of the International Planning Committee of CSOs/NGOs and the International More and Better support to Agriculture Network.

He has published several books in Governance, Leadership, Management and Community Development.

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DR. MAGGIE KIGOZI

Executive Director,
Uganda Investment Authority,
Uganda

Dr. Kigozi is a medical doctor by profession. In 1994, Dr. Kigozi joined the private sector as Marketing Director of Crown Bottlers (PEPSI) Limited. She was elected as a Board Member of Uganda Manufacturers Association.

In 1999, Dr. Kigozi was appointed as Executive Director of the Uganda Investment Authority, a government body that promotes and facilitates investment in Uganda. Under Dr. Kigozi's leadership, foreign and domestic investments have continued to increase. She has advocated for a better investment climate, supported businesswomen and small and medium enterprises.

In addition to her work with the Uganda Investment Authority, Dr. Kigozi is involved in a number of local and international organizations. She is an Associate Professor at Makerere University and Chancellor of Nkumba University. She is the Patron of the Uganda Change Agents and Junior Chamber International, Director of the Board of Uganda Export Promotion Board, Crown Beverages Limited (PEPSI). She is also the Chief Scout of Uganda Scouts Association and Focal Point, East Africa for the Commonwealth Business Women's Network (CBWN).

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DR. MARTHA TILAAAR

Founder and Chair,
Martha Tilaar Group of Companies,
Indonesia

Dr. Martha Tilaar started a small business in a garage-sized beauty salon and built up a home industry of Indonesian cosmetics. For over 41 years it has been growing into Martha Tilaar Group, which employs over 4,000 people and has been known as one of Indonesia's foremost purveyors of innovative, high-quality beauty products and services, which is inspired by the ancient wisdom of traditional Indonesian herbal ingredients and other natural plant extracts. ASEAN Business Council awarded the company to be The Most Admired Company in Innovation Category for ASEAN region.

Her lifetime dedication as beauty entrepreneur yields various achievements, both in her profession as an entrepreneur and her capacity as social activist in cultural and environmental organization. She has received many awards such as Women Entrepreneur of The Year from Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship.

In May 2010, the Ministry of Law and Human Rights Republic of Indonesia appointed her the Ambassador of Education and Training for Human Rights. United Nations Global Compact awarded the "The Outstanding Contribution 2000 – 2010" for Dr. Martha Tilaar for her 10 years of commitment as a founding participant of the United Nations Global Compact from Indonesia. She also had an honor to become a member of the Global Compact Lead, a group of 55 international companies who have displayed their commitment to the implementation of the Blueprint for Corporate Sustainability Leadership.

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DR. MEZYAD ALTERKAWI

Chief Executive Officer,
Riyadh Technology Incubation Center,
Saudi Arabia

Dr. Mezyad Alterkawi is the CEO of Riyadh Technology Incubation Center (RTIC) and an Associate Professor and faculty member of the College of Architecture at King Saud University, Riyadh. He completed his B.Sc. and M.S from the Utah State University Civil and Environmental Engineering, then earned his PhD in Urban & Regional Planning in 1991 at Texas A&M University, following which he joined King Saud University. Today, he oversees operations at RTIC, one of the most prominent Technology Incubators in the Middle East. Dr. Mezyad has presented his ideas at several Business Incubation Conferences and works extensively in the knowledge-based economy arena.

Dr. Mezyad is an important figure globally in the establishment of global strategies for science parks and technology incubators. He was instrumental in RTIC becoming the first NBIA member from the Kingdom. He has also served as advisory to the President of the Daedeok Innopolis Science Park and was a member of the Steering Committee for the 2010 International Association of Science Parks (IASP) conference held in Korea. He also had the honour of being nominated as the only overseas speaker for the Arab and Muslim World at the International Japan Green New Deal Forum held in April 2010 at Kawasaki City, Japan.

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DR. UMARU ABDUL MUTALLAB

Chairman,
JAIZ International Bank, Nigeria

Alhaji (Dr.) Umaru Abdul Mutallab is currently the Chairman of the 1st proposed Islamic Bank in Nigeria and he is also Chairman of numerous blue-chip companies in Nigeria and abroad. Umaru is a banker and qualified chartered and certified accountant with experience in development banking, commercial and merchant banking spanning over 30 years. He was the immediate Chairman of First Bank of Nigeria Plc, the oldest and largest bank in Nigeria from 1996 – 2009.

Alhaji Mutallab was a graduate of the South-West London College and was admitted as an Associate and later as a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered & Certified Accountants of Nigeria and the United Kingdom.

Dr. Mutallab was once Nigeria's Federal Minister of Economic Development and later Cooperatives & Supplies. He was also a member of the Nigeria's Federal Executive Council from 1975 to 1978. He left the services of the Federal Government of Nigeria to serve as Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the United Bank for Africa (UBA) from 1978 to 1988.

He is an accomplished technocrat and astute administrator and is a recipient of numerous honors and awards. He has been serving as a member of the Honourary International Investors Council set up by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria since 2008. He also chairs the Business Support Group (BSG) arm of the Vision 20: 2020 which is one of the cornerstones of the economic policies of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

Alhaji Mutallab is happily married with children.

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DR. YURI SIGOV

US Bureau Chief in Washington,
"Business People" Magazine, US

Dr. Yuri Sigov is the US Bureau Chief in Washington of Business People magazine. Previously, Mr. Sigov worked as a Spokesman for the UN in South Africa, Namibia and Angola, and communication advisor in the UN HQ office in Geneva, Switzerland.

During his professional career, he worked as a foreign correspondent and Bureau Chief of "Moscow News" in London, Hong Kong and Washington D.C. From 1988-1991, in Moscow he was the foreign editor of Argumenty and Factly, the largest weekly in the world with a circulation of 33 million copies.

Mr. Yuri Sigov holds a PhD in International Affairs and Foreign Policy. He participated in numerous international forums and conferences on foreign policy affairs, energy, media and international issues. Regular contributor to international and regional media on the Middle East, Central Asia and Caspian, post-Soviet republics, their energy and foreign policy, inter-religious dialogue and economic relations between East and West.

In 1992, Mr. Yuri Sigov was a Fellow of Reuters News Agency program "Writing international news" in London and Hong Kong and in 1993 he was Hubert Humphrey Fellow at the University of Maryland, USA.

Author of numerous monographs and books: "The Caspian Gates of Asia" (Azerbaijan), "Unknown Kazakhstan", "Under the Roof of the World" (Tajikistan), "Multi-faced Malaysia", "In the Country of Golden Buddha" (Thailand), "Big Ambitions of a Small Lion" (about Singapore), "Brazil: Country, People, Policy", and "South Africa: Today and Tomorrow". He has more than 10,000 articles published in numerous countries, with an emphasis on business and trade issues, mass media influence on world politics, financial markets, role of Islam in international business, political and economic affairs, foreign policy of the developing countries, international commerce, humanitarian and religious problems.

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DR. ZARINA ARSLANOVA

Board of Directors,
National Innovation Fund (NIF) JSC
Kazakhstan

Dr. Zarina Arslanova is currently Chairwoman, Board of Directors of National Innovation Fund and past founder and first Rector of UIB, one of the first private University in Central Asia.

Zarina has higher education degree and PhD in Economics from Kazakh State National University and has more than 20 years experience throughout Central Asia and Russia working as CEO, Consultant, and Regional Advisor at the most senior levels of business and leading International Organizations.

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ELYA GILMAN

Movie Director,
GilmanFilm Production,
Kazakhstan

Elmira Gilman (Elya) was born in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on June 14th, 1975. In 1997, Elya graduated from the Institute of Labor and Social Relationships n.a. Plehanov, Moscow, Russia, with distinction. During her studies she directed student theater performances.

In 2003, she started her Master's degree in Kazakh National Academy of Arts n.a. T. Zhurgenov, Almaty, Kazakhstan, Cinema and TV faculty (Workshop of S. Narynbetov) and graduated in 2005 with distinction.

During the period of her student years, she directed several films. Of the many films she directed or has been involved in are: "Imago" (2004); "Dog's Life" (2004), "Gust of Wind" (2005), "Ikar" (2008), "Troubadour" (2010).

Elya runs her own production company – GilmanFilm – through which the comedy film "Troubadour" (2010) was produced.

In 2006, Elya received an invitation from the US State Department to visit the United States for educational purposes. During her visit, at the White House, she met with President Bush and his wife Lora.

Currently Elya works on her own cinema and TV projects. Recently she participated in project "Astana My Heart" of Egor Konchalovsky, where she directed her 10 minutes story about Astana.

She is married and has a 9-year old daughter.

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EMMY ABDUL ALIM

Freelance Journalist,
Singapore

Emmy is a freelance journalist covering the areas of business and Islamic banking and finance. She is currently contributing to the Islamic Banking & Finance Magazine, and The Islamic Globe and Business Network Magazine. Emmy is also the Director of the living and lifestyle company, Annex'Em LTD in the UK, a company supplying original Indonesian recycled teak furniture. She previously worked as radio producer and presenter, and freelance writer in Cairo.

Emmy started her career in the performing arts in the early 1990s in her native Singapore; she was the Theatre Manager with Singapore's National Arts Council. She then moved to managing the professional theatre company, The Necessary Stage, before running a professional actor-training programme with Practice Performing Arts School. She has had more than a decade of experience in research, planning and producing arts projects. She has lived and worked in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Egypt, London and the Netherlands.

She has acquired BAs in English & European Studies (National University of Singapore) and Arabic & Islamic Studies (School of Oriental and African Studies, London); and an MBA in Finance from the University of Aberdeen. She is currently pursuing a Diploma in Islamic Banking.

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HERBERT OBERHÄNSLI

Chairman,
Nestlé Group, Switzerland

From 1974–82, Herbert Oberhänsli studied at the Swiss Institute for International Economics at the University of St. Gallen. He participated in leading various projects in international economics and innovation research mandated by the industry, the Swiss National Bank, the Swiss Ministry of Economics and the government financed the Swiss Science Foundation. His main subjects are imports from developing countries, impact of exchange rate changes on Swiss competitiveness, risk from foreign debt, innovation in small and medium sized enterprises, and stabilisation of commodity prices in times of inflation.

From 1982–85, he worked at the Swiss Ministry of Economics, Bern: economics department and directorate for the export credit insurance within the Federal Office for Foreign Economic Affairs. There he worked on competitiveness of Switzerland in the global economy, and was responsible for building up the country's risk evaluation system.

As of currently from 1985, he has been working at Nestlé S.A., Vevey. He worked his way up from Deputy Head of Investors Relations, to Assistant for economic affairs, then to the CEO, and now he is the Chairman of Nestlé Group, which has been his present position since 2010. His focus in the last couple of years has been mainly on risks related to both food security and the risk of global water shortage.

Herbert Oberhänsli is married, has three children and three grandchildren.

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HIDEYUKI INOUE

Founder,
Social Venture Partners Tokyo,
Japan

In 2001, Inoue joined ETIC (Entrepreneurial Training for Innovative Communities), a nonprofit organization which fosters entrepreneurship between people in their 20s. ETIC initiated EIP (Entrepreneurial Internship Program), which sends students as interns to venture companies.

He founded the Social Venture Center within ETIC and started the annual "Style" prize in 2004, Japan's first social venture business plan competition for the younger generation. He established a fund called the "Social Venture Partners Tokyo" (SVP); where individual partners contribute their time, knowledge, and funding in order to nurture social entrepreneurship. There are currently more than 90 partners in the fund.

Prior to joining ETIC, he worked for the Washington D.C. city government in the field of Performance Measurement and Andersen Consulting as a corporate strategy consultant. He is a graduate of Keio University, and received his Master's degree in International Affairs from George Washington University.

He is also an assistant professor at Keio University, teaching theoretical and practical classes about social entrepreneurship including "social entrepreneurship", "social business planning", and "community investment." In addition, he launched "Social Innovator Course" in the graduate school of Keio University in 2009, as a professional school for social entrepreneurs, and became Associate Professor in 2010.

In 2009, he was nominated as one of the Young Global Leaders of 2009 by World Economic Forum, and in 2010, he became a member of the "Roundtable of New Public Commons", an advisory committee for the Prime Minister for social innovation, initiated by Prime Minister Hatoyama.

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HUANG MING

Chairman,
Himin Solar Energy Group,
China

Mr. Huang Ming, holds under his portfolio the Vice presidency of International Solar Energy Society (ISES), the Deputy of the 10th and 11th NPC, Vice Chairman of CRES, as well as being the President of Himin Solar Company Ltd.

He has created a name for himself in the area of thermal utilization; and he is popularly known as the "solar- king" in the world's renewable-energy circles. He is credited for creating the sustainable development model for the Chinese solar industry, thereby becoming number one in the Chinese solar industry. As a result of this, he was invited to the United Nations to introduce and spread the Himin model to the world, which sets an example for the development of world's renewable energy.

Mr. Huang Ming proposed the "G (green) energy substitution" strategy and came up with a timetable for renewable-energy substitution in China – which was the first of its kind – and thus attracted worldwide focus. In September 2010, the 4th ISCC (International Solar Cities Congress) was held in China, where he proposed the "micro-emission strategy" which was supported by all guests and people attending.

Further to the event, China Solar Valley (a project by Mr. Huang Ming), became the template for a micro-emission city, which carries the theme of sustainable development.

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IMAD HINDI

General Manager,
National Beverage Company,
Coca Cola Palestine

Mr. Hindi is the General Manager for the National Beverage Company (NBC) Coca Cola – Cappy/ Palestine. Previously, he occupied the position of Supply Chain Manager at NBC, he also worked as a Plant Development Manager at NBC, and in addition to that, he was employed as Plant Manager of Coca Cola Bottling Company in Jordan.

Mr. Hindi earned a B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering in 1995 from Jordan University of Science and Technology. He has more than 15 years of experience in running and managing the beverage bottling and producing sector. Mr. Hindi earned different professional certificates and attended different courses such as: Corporate Leadership Program, Innovation Leadership, Media Skills and Message Delivering Course, Revenue Growth Manager, Strategic Planning Seminar, and Crisis Management Course.

Mr. Hindi is a Board Member of INJAZ Palestine; which is an NGO targeting youth and aiming to bridge the gap between the education system and the skills required for entering the job market. In addition, Mr. Hindi is a Board Member of the Palestinian American Chamber of Commerce-PACC.

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ISABEL ROMERO ARIAS

Director General,
Halal Institute,
Spain

Isabel Romero Arias has been very active as Project Director at the Islamic Federation of Spain (FERRI), a spokesperson at the Islamic Commission of Spain (CIE) and in 1998, the founder and promoter of the Halal Institute, where she holds the title of Director General and is in charge of planning and communication.

The Halal Institute in Spain is a non-profit organization created by the Islamic Board, which is responsible for and signatory of the Co-operation Agreements between Muslims and the Spanish national government. It is responsible for regulating and certifying Halal products and services aimed at Muslims. It now has more than one hundred certified companies that it supports and advises, especially in terms of exportation.

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ISMAIL N. TAHBOUB

Chief Executive Officer,
Jordan Dubai Energy & Infrastructure,
Jordan

Ismail Tahboub joined Jordan Dubai Capital (JD Capital) in early 2006 as Chief Financial Officer and later became Vice Chairman to the CEO. He carries a wide range of experience in private equity activities; corporate finance; financial systems restructuring, planning, and financial control gained through filling substantive front office positions in various companies and organizations; as well as having sat on several Boards of Directors in Jordan and within the region.

His career background includes a number of senior managerial positions that comprise both strategic and operational experience. Mr. Tahboub currently represents JD Capital and is on the boards of several of its affiliates and subsidiaries, including the Chairmanship of the Board of Kingdom Electricity Company (KEC), the Central Electricity Generating Company (CEGCO), Jordan Dubai Properties (JD Properties) and Energy Arabia (ENARA). He is also a Board Member of Jordan Dubai Islamic Bank (JDIB).

Mr. Tahboub holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Jordan, is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) from the Montana Board of Public Accountants, and is a member in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Tahboub witnessed the growth of Jordan Dubai Capital first hand; he took part in its expansion into different investments across the Kingdom; building on his experience and knowledge of the Jordanian economy to become CEO of the company.

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JAMAIL LARKINS

Founder,
Ascension Aircraft,
USA

Jamail Larkins was named the top young entrepreneur in the United States by Inc. Magazine in 2009. Since then, he has received similar accolades by CNBC, Bloomberg BusinessWeek, and Black Enterprise Magazine.

In 2001, Jamail Larkins founded Larkins Enterprises, Inc., an aviation sales and advertising company. Since then, Larkins Enterprises has started several successful business units; including Ascension Aviation Services, LLC, one of the premier private aviation services firms in the US. Ascension provides aircraft sales, management, and financing services to the private aviation industry. A wide range of entrepreneurs, universities, and small to medium sized businesses depend on Ascension for a wide range of their aviation needs.

In addition to his business accomplishments, Jamail is an accomplished aviator. He has logged over 1,600 hours of flight time in over thirty-six different types of aircraft. Jamail is also active in a wide range of industry organizations and boards, and currently serves as the Federal Aviation Administration's Ambassador for Aviation & Space Education.

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JEHAN ARA

President,
Pakistan Software Association India

Jehan Ara is the President of the Pakistan Software Houses Association for IT & ITES (P@SHA). She has previously served two terms as President of P@SHA during which she was responsible for developing the P@SHA brand and for creating linkages between P@SHA and local and international partners.

Jehan has 29 years of experience in marketing, communications and interactive new media in Hong Kong, the Far East, the UAE and Pakistan. She is a motivator, an entrepreneur, a social activist and a strong propagator of extending the power and use of information and communication technologies beyond pure traditional business, to empower and enable communities. She is a regular speaker at seminars, conferences and at colleges and universities across Pakistan and the region. She also writes for various industry publications.

Policy advocacy using cutting-edge technology is one of Jehan Ara's passions. In addition to advocating acceptable cyber-crime, data protection, privacy and confidentiality legislation, she is currently collaborating with Bytesforall, on an initiative called 'Take Back the Tech', which focuses on strengthening the use of ICTs to counter violence against women and girls and on an initiative with Privacy International.

In addition to her role as President of the industry association, she is launching an initiative known as the Women's Virtual Network, which will connect educated women with potential employers, mentors and peers remotely, thus bringing more women into the economic fold and creating a community that will evolve into a support network for professional women.

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JEREMY GREEN

Managing Director,
Quantum Capital Partners Ltd.
UK

Jeremy is Managing Partner at Quantum Capital Partners, a private corporate finance advisory and investment firm based in London. For several years, in addition to its technology and life sciences focus, the firm has had an interest in Halal and its potential to become 'mainstream'.

Formerly an investment banker with Commerzbank AG, Lazard Brothers and UBS; Jeremy has spent more than 25 years structuring financing solutions for new asset classes. Over the period he has been involved with innovative transactions, including the first UK negative equity mortgage product; structuring the first rated 'criteria-driven' US property tax lien transaction; arranging a AAA-rated insurance-backed film finance deal for the US movie industry; and advising the UK Government on a securitization framework for university student loans. He has also provided strategic advice to UK and US technology companies, and completed several acquisitions in Europe.

At Commerzbank, until 2002, he was responsible for the bank's activities in Leveraged Finance and Venture Capital. From 1993 to 1996, he was Head of Structured Finance at Lazard Brothers, where he established the firm's debt advisory business including assignments such as the reconstruction of Lloyds of London.

Prior to Lazard, he spent ten years at UBS as Executive Director of Asset Securitisation, he was responsible for the structuring of asset-backed financings including the first AAA-rated auto loan securitizations in the UK. While at UBS he was also responsible Money Markets origination; led a team to establish an investment banking presence in Japan; and in the early 1980's worked in fixed income sales with responsibility for Swiss institutional clients.

He has an honours degree in Banking & International Finance from The Cass Business School, London.

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KAIRAT TILEBALDINOV

Chairman,
JSC Kazakhstan PPP Centre

Kairat Tilebaldinov is currently the Chairman of the Board of the "Kazakhstan Public-Private Partnership Center" JSC.

After graduating from T. Ryskulov Kazakh State Academy of management (IER) with a degree in Economics and International Relations in 1998, he furthered his education in 2002 with a Master's degree in Business Administration at the International Management Institute in Brussels (Belgium). In 2007 he was granted the Bolashak scholarship by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan and in 2008 received a Master's degree in International Commercial Legislation from Madrid (Spain).

He then worked in both the private and Public sectors between 1995 and 2007 before joining the "Kazakhstan Public-Private Partnership Center" JSC in 2008 where he still is today.

Kairat Tilebaldinov has authored various publications in journals and the media.

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KAMAL AHMAD

Founder & Acting Vice Chancellor
Asian University for Women

Kamal Ahmad is the Founder and Acting Vice Chancellor of the Asian University for Women. Based in Bangladesh, the University is exclusively dedicated to the education and leadership development of women from throughout the region (www.asian-university.org).

Kamal also serves as the President and CEO of the Asian University for Women Support Foundation based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, which spearheads a global effort to mobilize resources for the University.

Growing up as a teenager in Bangladesh, at the age of 14, he founded a series of highly successful internationally-funded alternative schools for underprivileged children. As a freshman at Harvard College, he also founded and ran the Overseas Development Network – a national network of 70 campus student groups dedicated to the engagement in and promotion of grassroots international development.

He served on the staff of the World Bank, the Rockefeller Foundation and UNICEF prior to entering law school. While practicing law with the New York law firm of Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson (1996–2000), he also conceived and co-directed the World Bank/UNESCO Task Force on Higher Education & Society (www.ffhe.net).

He is a recipient of a number of awards including United Nations Gold Peace Medal & Citation Scroll, given by the Paul G. Hoffman Awards Fund for "outstandingly significant work in national and international development". He was also awarded the Time magazine College Achievement Award; Global Leader for Tomorrow Award from the World Economic Forum; and the John Phillips Award from his alma mater, the Phillips Exeter Academy.

He holds a B.A. from Harvard College and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.

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KAMAL MOUZAWAK

Founder,
Souk el Tayeb, Lebanon

Kamal Mouzawak is a food and travel writer specializing in traditional, healthy and organic living. After extensive work and research of local culinary traditions, recipes and ingredients; Kamal co-presented a successful TV show about his work called "Sohtak bel Sahenn" – Health in the Plate. The show had a strong impact on many people, especially pushing producers towards a responsible production.

The need of a market emerged and "Souk el Tayeb" was formed in June 2004, for local, natural, traditional and organic food products, from producer to consumer. Souk el Tayeb is a producers-only market; gathering farmers, producers and cooks from all parts of Lebanon, to share fresh fruits and vegetables, mouneh, and home cooked food.

Souk el Tayeb has been an important factor to bring Lebanese people from different regions, religions, and politics around a common project: the land, its produce and its cuisine. In an organic evolution, other projects developed; in which awareness, information and education are a priority, like "Souk at School"; the "Kitchen Workshop"; and the "Eco market", an example of sustainable architecture and a showcase of good environmental practices.

Regional food and tradition festivals were launched in 2007. "Tawlet", one of the latest development project, the producers' co-op kitchen, in which a different producer or cook from a different region, prepares typical food specialties.

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KAMAL QUADIR

Founder,
CellBazaar,
Bangladesh

Kamal Quadir is the CEO of bKash, a mobile financial company that brings convenient, affordable and reliable financial services to low-income people.

Earlier, Kamal founded CellBazaar, a communications company that has introduced a mobile phone-based electronic marketplace for developing countries. He ran CellBazaar until the end of 2010 before Telenor, the world's sixth largest telecommunication operator, acquired it. Under his leadership, CellBazaar won the Best Use of Mobile for Social and Economic Development Award 2008 from GSM Congress and Asia Telecom's Innovation of the Year 2008 Award.

Previously, Kamal led the business development division of Occidental Corporation's energy initiatives in South Asia, and worked in the New York City Chamber of Commerce and Insight Venture Partners.

Kamal is a founding member of Open World Initiatives; a Lausanne, Switzerland based organization of young thinkers. He is involved with Anwarul Quadir Foundation, which recognizes innovations in developing countries. He received the Tech Award 2007 for Applying Technology to Benefit Humanity. In 2009, the World Economic Forum had selected him as a Young Global Leader.

Kamal is a recognized artist in Bangladesh, and his works are in the permanent collections at the Bangladesh National Museum. He has a BA from Oberlin College and an MBA from the Sloan School of Management at MIT.

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KHAIRY JAMALUDDIN ABU BAKAR

Chairman,
UMNO's Youth Wing,
Malaysia

Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar, 35, popularly known as KJ, is a Barisan Nasional Member of Parliament for the Rembau Parliamentary Constituency. He is also Chairman of Barisan Nasional Youth, and Leader of UMNO Youth.

Khairy was educated at the University of Oxford, with an undergraduate degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics; subsequently, he earned a postgraduate degree at University College London. He was also the visiting fellow at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies.

Khairy has worked as a broadcast and print journalist, a policy aide to the Prime Minister and an investment banker; which gives him a diverse and rounded view of both the corporate and public sectors. In sports, Khairy, who is an avid sportsman himself, was the Deputy President of the Football Association of Malaysia, where he brought his experience from the successful MyTeam reality TV program he produced and UPB-MyTeam to restructure grassroots development for better talent identification.

On the international scene, Khairy was selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland; which inducts a select group of young political and business leaders around the world as their members. Khairy is married to Nori Abdullah and they have been blessed with two boys.

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KHALED MOHAMMED AL-ABOODI

Chief Executive Officer,
Islamic Corporation for the Development of
the Private Sector (ICD)

Khaled Al-Aboodi joined the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group in November 2001, as Deputy Director General of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD), the Private Sector arm of IDB and since 2007, he has served as Chief Executive Officer of (ICD).

Al-Aboodi has over 20 years of experience in serving the developing finance industry in the Middle East and USA. He started his tenure with Ministry of Finance & National Economy of Saudi Arabia in 1982 as an Economic Researcher; and served as Director of the Environment Unit, Acting Director of the International Financial Institutions Department.

In 1995, he moved to Washington D.C. to serve as assistant to the Saudi Executive Director of the World Bank; and was appointed Alternate Executive Director for Saudi Arabia at the World Bank Board until 2000.

Later in 2000, he joined the Saudi Public Investment Fund (Ministry of Finance), as a senior economist where he was in charge of several privatization operations.

Khaled Al-Aboodi is a Saudi national, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from King Saud University in Riyadh (1982), and a Master's degree in Economics from the Northeastern University, Boston, USA (1987).

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KHALID SHARIF

Editor and Managing Director,
The Muslim Paper
Managing Director,
Ummah foods, United Kingdom

Khalid is the Managing Director of Ummah foods, a Halal chocolate company that he founded in 2004, and he is the Editor and Managing Director of The Muslim Paper. He is the founder and the former Chair of the Association of Muslim Governors, and the founder of the Islamic Circles Supplementary School. Khalid is Vice Chair of the Business & Economics within the Muslim Council of Britain, and has previously sat on the management committee of the City Circle, Indonesian Children's Relief, and IG-Soc. He is an active community worker and has been a weekend volunteer teacher.

Khalid is a world renowned expert on marketing to Muslims and has advised numerous corporate, charitable and public sector bodies on how to reach the community effectively. He has advised Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS); Office of Science and Technology (OST); Food Standards Agency (FSA); Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) – the foreign office, and the home office.

He has most recently spoken at the Said Business School at the University of Oxford on understanding the Muslim community. Khalid was selected to sit on the Government's Ethnic Minority Task Force (BERR) and is part of the Federation of Islamic Goods & Services (FIGS). He is an Ambassador for 'Make Your Mark' and a Business Ambassador for H.R.H. The Prince of Wales Mosaic Project.

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KOEN DE PRAETERE

General Manager,
Volys Star,
Belgium

After publishing on climate control in animal houses, Koen De Praetere joined Vandemoortele, a major European oil & fats producer. He held various European management positions in operations, quality and business reengineering. Prior to moving into the poultry business, he took responsibility for business expansion in Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia.

Currently, Koen is the General Manager at Volys Star, a Belgium based pioneer of innovative, value added poultry products. Under his lead, Volys Star has transformed from a local player to a more regionally diversified company, producing for the European Market as well as for the Middle East and Asia.

Engaging in various Halal seminars and working groups, Koen acquired and shared in depth knowledge of Halal food manufacturing, allowing Volys Star to penetrate Halal markets worldwide.

Awarded the Armand Blanc prize of the International Commission of Agricultural Engineering, Koen holds a Master's degree in Agricultural and Food Sciences, along with a Master's in Business Administration.

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LINAR G. YAKUPOV

Chairman,
Small & Medium Enterprise Development Agency,
Republic of Tatarstan,
Russia

Linar Yakupov was born in January 1974, in the village Baltasy of the Baltasy region in the former Tatar Republic, TASSR. He graduated from the International Islamic University in Malaysia (IIUM), majoring in Economics.

He was first employed in 2000, while being an undergraduate. He worked as a deputy senior manager of a business incubator at the International Islamic University of Malaysia and the managing director of an international company.

From 2001-2002, he was appointed as the General Director of the JSC MALKO. In 2003-2009, he was a commercial director, deputy general director, financial director and a Board of Directors member at the JSC Tatintelcom.

In 2008-2010, he was the Director of the Russian Centre for Islamic Economy and Finance at the Russia Islamic University. Since 2006, he has been the General Director of the investment finance company Linova, the President of Tatarstan's press service reports.

On 4 March 2011, he was selected as the Chairman of the Committee for the development of Small and Medium Enterprise of Tatarstan, pursuant to a decree by the President of Tatarstan.

Linar Yakupov is a founder of the annual International Islamic Business and Finance Summit (KAZANSUMMIT). Since the beginning of 2010, he established the Islamic Business and Finance Development Foundation and was appointed the President of the Foundation.

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LYAZZAT IBRAGIMOVA

Chairman,
JSC DAMU Entrepreneurship Development Fund
Kazakhstan

Lyazzat Ibragimova was born on November 7, 1972 in Akmola region and is married with 3 children. In 1994, she graduated from Akmola Agricultural Institute with honors in "Economics and management in the sectors of agriculture" and in 2003, she graduated from the Eurasian Humanitarian Institute with honors in law. She is also a candidate of Economic Sciences.

She began her career in 1995, as a teacher in the economic faculty of the Gumilev Eurasian State University. In 2004, she worked as a National Expert on economic development project of UNDP in Kazakhstan. From August 2004 to January 2009, she headed the Department of Analysis and Strategy Development, Training and Consulting, Corporate Development of JSC "Entrepreneurship Development Fund" (Damu). Since January 2009, she worked as the Chief Manager of the Department of Special Programs of the Directorate on financial institutions and development institutes management of JSC NWF "Samruk-Kazyna".

From August 2009, she was appointed as a Member of the Board of the Entrepreneurship Development Fund (Damu). Since January 2011, she serves as the Acting Chairwoman of the Board and from 14 April, she serves as the Chairwoman of the Board of the Entrepreneurship Development Fund.

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MARAT SARSENBAYEV

Chairman & Founder,
Halal Certification Committee Kazakhstan

Marat Sarsenbayev is the Chairman of a Technical Committee concerned with Halal standardization in Astana and since 2007 he has held the post of President of the International Technical Committee for Halal Standardization. In his capacity, he has been able to draw on his experience as a professor of theology as well as being an expert auditor on QMS.

His vast knowledge of medicine, standardization and certification, as well as in-depth knowledge of the Qur'an and the Bible is crucial in his capacity of developing and approving the government's policy on Halal standards.

Hailing from the North-Kazakhstan region, he has a background in medicine, from Karaganda Medical Institute after which he worked as a General Practitioner (GP) as well as senior positions in the Health Industry such as Chief Physician, Head of Regional organization of Medstandart "GNPTSS", National Center for examination and certification of medical products and medical technology

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MARTIN BURT

Founder & CEO,
Fundación Paraguaya

Martin Burt is founder and CEO of Fundación Paraguaya, a 25-year old NGO devoted to the promotion of entrepreneurship and the elimination of poverty around the world. He is a pioneer in applying microfinance, microfranchise, youth entrepreneurship, financial literacy and technical vocational methodologies to address chronic poverty in Paraguay. He has also developed one of the world's first financially self-sufficient agricultural and tourism schools for the rural poor.

He is Executive Director of Teach a Man to Fish, a global network based in London (2000 members in 119 countries) that promotes 'education that pays for itself', and is collaborating with more than 50 organizations from 27 different countries to establish self-sufficient schools, mostly in rural areas.

Burt also co-founded the Bertoni Nature Conservancy and the Mbaracayu Forest Reserve Foundations, two of Paraguay's largest nature conservation institutions. He participates in the Education Global Agenda Council of the World Economic Forum. He has served as Vice Minister of Commerce and was elected Mayor of Asunción. His work was featured at the Clinton Global Initiative and he is associated with the Skoll, Schwab, Synergos, Eisenhower, and Avina foundations. Burt teaches online courses in social entrepreneurship and has books published on economics, development, municipal government, poetry, and education.

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MELTEM METIN

Director,
Strategic Business Development,
Coca Cola İçecek AS Turkey

Meltem is the Strategic Business Development Director of Coca-Cola İçecek (CCI), the 5th biggest bottler of Coca-Cola system Company – covering a large region including Turkey, Pakistan, Central Asia and the Middle East. CCI's consolidated turnover in 2010 was \$1.8 billion with an EBITDA of \$290 million. It is currently operating in 10 countries, serving a population of 363 million and is working on prospects of geographical expansion through M&A.

Being responsible for M&A, Meltem oversees all projects related with CCI expansion into new territories and segments to provide inorganic growth. The projects include all aspects of M&A – from finding the right targets to negotiations, and from legal processes to financial and operational integration.

She is capitalizing on a 9-year experience in the Coca-Cola business as Country Finance and General Manager for Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, and 4 years in the Corporate Office. During her years in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, she was responsible for developing the market to grow in sales and market share, as well as growing the soft drink business in the country.

During her time as Country Manager for Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, company sales increased 10 times, along with achieving an EBITDA margin between 18-20% from negative levels. Along with the total growth of business and profitability, she was also responsible of setting adequate operating plans and future developments.

She is a graduate of Istanbul University with a degree in Business Administration and started her career in the banking sector.

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MOHAMED AIT KADI

President,
General Council of Agricultural Development,
Morocco

Mohamed AIT KADI is currently President of the General Council of Agricultural Development. This Council is a high-level policy think tank of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery in Morocco. Previously, as Director General of the Irrigation Department, he was in charge of the development and implementation of the National Irrigation Program. He was the Chief agricultural negotiator of the free trade agreement between Morocco and the United States.

AIT KADI chairs the Technical Committee of the Global Water Partnership. He was Governor and founding member of the World Water Council, and President of the organizing committee of the first World Water Forum held in Marrakech in 1997. He is honorary Vice-president of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), and Vice-president of its Moroccan National Committee (ANAFIDE)

He is a member of Hassan II Academy of Sciences and Technology. He serves as a member of the Consortium Board of CGIAR, and the Board of Advisors of the World Agricultural Forum. He is Professor at the Institut of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine Hassan II, Rabat. He is author of numerous publications in the fields of irrigation, water management and agriculture and rural development.

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MUGO KIBATI

Director General,
Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat,
Kenya

Mugo Kibati is the Director General, Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat. The Vision 2030 Delivery Secretariat is responsible for spearheading the implementation of the Vision 2030 – The national blueprint and strategy aimed at making Kenya a newly industrialized, middle income country capable of providing a high quality of life for all its citizens by the year 2030.

As the Founder of Miliki Ventures (a strategy execution firm), Mugo has a strong track record in business leadership and change management. Most recently, as Group Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of East African Cables, he transformed a small Kenyan company into a regional blue chip firm with presence in South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda. In less than 4 years, he drove the company's market share value from US\$8 million to US\$150 million.

In addition to several corporate board positions, Mugo was until recently the National Deputy Chairman of the Federation of Kenya Employers, a Director of the Kenya Association of Manufacturers, an Alternate Director of the East African Business Council and a Director of the apex private sector body – the Kenya Private Sector Alliance. Mugo is also the Vice Chairman of the newly chartered Mombasa Polytechnic University Council.

Mugo has a Bachelor in Tech. Electrical Engineering from Moi University, and Master's degree in Technology

Management from MIT, an MBA (Business Finance) from the George Washington University and he studied European Union Economics at Oxford University. Mugo is a Member of the Bretton Woods Committee, as well as one of the Young Global Leaders of the World Economic Forum.

Mugo was recently recognized as a Fellow of the African Leadership Initiative.

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MUMTAZ KHAN

Founder & Chief Executive Officer,
Middle East and Asia Capital Partners Pte Ltd,
Singapore

Mumtaz Khan is the founder of Middle East & Asia Capital Partners (MEACP) and CEO of Maybank MEACP Pte Ltd. Khan is a recognized leader in private equity in both the Middle East and Asia.

He was a key person in establishing the US\$730 million Islamic Development Bank Infrastructure Fund (IDB Fund) and served as Chairman and CEO of EMP Bahrain. Khan served as a Managing Director at EMP Global in Washington D.C. and for three years he was based in Hong Kong as a Managing Director for the US\$1.1 billion AIG Asian Infrastructure Fund.

Prior to that, Khan was in IFC for 14 years and served as Resident Representative based in Jakarta, where he was responsible for investments in Indonesia and initiated the first foreign direct investment in Astra for IFC.

Khan also served as a Manager in IFC's Asia Department responsible for investments in East Asia. He pioneered IFC's program in China through extensive engagement with state-owned entities in China and the Ministry of Finance. Khan started his career as an engineer in the oil industry in the Middle East and Pakistan.

Khan serves as Economic Advisor to the World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Foundation and is a founder shareholder of the Islamic Bank of Asia. Khan also serves on the Advisory Board of the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum.

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MUNIRAH HAJI ABDUL HAMID

Managing Director,
Neuramatix Sdn Bhd
Executive Director,
Malaysian Genomics Resource Centre Berhad,
Malaysia

Munirah Haji Abdul Hamid epitomises the modern woman. Known for her boundless energy, she is not only a successful entrepreneur, but a caring mother and loving grandmother as well.

Munirah earned her LL.B. (Hons) from the University of London and has 36 years of experience in various businesses since the early 70s, among others, as Managing Director and Chief Editor of a publishing house, and as Executive Producer in producing programmes for television. In the late 1970s, jointly with her husband, Robert Hercus, she set up the first independent software house in Kuala Lumpur.

She currently serves as the Executive Director of Malaysian Genomics Resource Centre Berhad (MGRC), one of Asia's leading bioinformatics service providers. She is instrumental in driving the strategic operations of MGRC and is responsible for the accounting, legal, and administrative functions of the Company. She also holds the position of Managing Director at Neuramatix Sdn Bhd, Synamatix Sdn Bhd, Linguamatix Sdn Bhd and Citcat Sdn Bhd respectively. All five companies have benefitted immensely from her guidance and direction at the helm.

Munirah is known for her philanthropic efforts in providing care and necessities to the poor and less fortunate. She is an active social worker who has contributed significantly to society for the betterment of women and children in education for close to 40 years. Working together with her childhood friends and other volunteers, Munirah is the main coordinator of a Soup Kitchen project for the benefit of the homeless in Kuala Lumpur. Her commitment for helping the needy extends to the various companies she is attached to, where she encourages and guides community-based initiatives.

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NICHOLAS KAISER

Chairman,
Saturna Capital Corporation, US

Nicholas Kaiser, Director and Chairman of Saturna Capital, was born in Bellingham in 1946. Mr. Kaiser graduated from Yale College, with a degree in economics and obtained his MBA from the University of Chicago in 1968, with dual majors in International Economics and Finance. Mr. Kaiser purchased control of Unified Management Corporation (Indianapolis) in 1976, and built it into a mid-sized investment management and brokerage firm. After selling Unified to a major insurance company, he returned to Bellingham and founded Saturna Capital in 1989.

Kaiser and his children control Saturna Capital through its voting stock. A Chartered Financial Analyst, he is Saturna's chief investment officer. He serves Saturna's mutual funds as a trustee, President and Equity Portfolio Manager.

Kaiser's industry activities include services with the Investment Company Institute (past Governor), CFA Institute (past chapter president), Financial Planning Association (past chapter president), and No-Load Mutual Fund Association (past national president). He currently serves on the volunteer boards of St. Paul's Academy, Mt. Baker Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and Shawnigan Lake School. He supports a range of non-profit activities, such as the Kaiser Professorship in International Business at Western Washington University. He enjoys sailing, skiing, architecture, programming, politics and history.

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NIGEL VOOGHT

Global Leader,
Financial Services,
PwC International UK

Nigel is the Global Leader of Financial Services for PwC, he has over 20 years of experience in the Financial Services sector. He joined Coopers & Lybrand from Deloitte & Touche as a Senior Manager in the early 1980s, working in the Business Recovery & Insolvency Practice, and was quickly promoted to partner.

In 1998, Nigel became the Financial Services Partner for the Global WINS Team. As a result of his pioneering work with WINS and HSBC, he has become an integral part of the firm's Global Client Relationship Management Programme. Nigel currently serves on several financial services boards, culminating in his role as Global Leader, Financial Services. Nigel also heads up PwC's Global Financial Services Regulatory Practice.

Nigel has extensive knowledge and expertise in the financial services sector, and uses this knowledge to provide creative ideas and solutions that increases value to clients during critical periods, as well as when they are making important decisions that define their future. Most recently, Nigel was the main sponsor of PwC's thought leadership on the future of the banking industry; looking at the short, medium and long term drivers that will shape both the banking industry and banks business models over the next 20 years.

PwC is one of the world's leading global advisors providing value-creating solutions that anticipate and define the future of their clients, and addresses their important transactions, disputes and business problems.

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NURLAN UTESHEV

Executive Secretary,
Association of Young Leaders "Zhas Otan",
Kazakhstan

Nurlan Suleimenovitch was born in 1977 in Almaty. He graduated from Kazakhstan State Law University, with the specialty in jurisprudence. He then worked as a lecturer and became head of educational work and spiritual development at his Alma Mater.

To most people he is known as the Vice President of the popular game show KVN Super League. He considers his work as an Executive Director of OUL "Kazakhstan Youth Congress" a turning point of his life. He worked as Director of the Department for Educational Work and Youth Policy of the Ministry of Education and Science in Kazakhstan, and obtained extensive experience in the area of state youth policy implementation.

In 2008, he was invited to the Central Bureau of NDP "Nur Otan" for the position of the Director of the Department for Youth Policy and External Affairs. Today, he is an Executive Secretary of the Youth Wing "Zhas Otan" of the National Democratic Party "Nur Otan".

He was awarded Laureate of the state youth award "Daryn". And was also awarded with Anniversary Medals "10 Years of Constitution of the RL" and "10 Zhyl Astana". In honour of the Party's 10th anniversary, he was awarded with a gratifying letter from the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbaev.

He is married and has two sons.

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OWEK. HAJAT REHMAH KASULE

Founder,
Century Marketing,
Uganda

Rehmah is a chartered marketer and a fast-track entrepreneur running her own marketing agency, Century Marketing for over 14 years building local and international brands. She is the founder of Century Entrepreneurship Development Agency (CEDA) International specializing in mentoring, leadership and social entrepreneurship. She is a mentor and a certified enterprise development consultant with International Trade Centre supporting trade and export development.

She spearheaded the designing of the National Export Strategy – Gender Dimension, which mainstreams women into the export sector. With the vision of "creating a new generation of women leaders", she empowers girls and women to become economically independent and socially responsible. She runs special income generating programs for women, youth, people living with HIV/ AID and rural communities.

She was recognized for her work in women empowerment at the Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship hosted by President Barack Obama in Washington DC in 2009. Rehmah is a role model for women and has been recognized both in her community and internationally for her leadership, innovations for community solutions and enriching of the education system. Rehmah is also an internationally known motivational speaker.

Her program, the Rising Star Mentoring Program won the US State Department Innovation Award for women empowerment 2010 and the Exxon Mobil and Vital Voices Global Partnership Award 2010. Rehmah organized annual Mentoring Walks, which have brought together girls and women in mentoring partnerships and have highlighted the achievements and successes of Ugandan women. She is the first woman to join the Buganda Kingdom Cabinet as a Special Advisor to the Kabaka – the King of Buganda earning her the prestigious title – Owekitibwa.

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PRASAD ABRAHAM

Chief Executive Officer,
Al Hilal Bank,
Kazakhstan

The banking career of Prasad Abraham started in 1977 when he joined Citibank. In 1983, he was invited to the Arab Banking Corporation in Bahrain. He was the Group Chief Auditor until 2003, serving on the Audit Committee of the parent company, and was also on the Audit Committees of Banco Atlantico in Spain, ABD Daus in Frankfurt, and ABC International Bank in the United Kingdom.

In 2004, Prasad was appointed as Deputy CEO of ABC International Bank in London. In 2007, Prasad was involved in the coordination and set up efforts of Al Hilal Bank in Abu Dhabi. Taking into account his experience in the banking industry of over thirty years, Prasad Abraham was delegated to develop subsidiary Al Hilal Bank in Kazakhstan.

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RAJA TEH MAIMUNAH

Global Head of Islamic Markets,
Bursa Malaysia

Raja Teh Maimunah is the Global Head of Islamic Markets of Bursa Malaysia and has over 18 years of banking experience focusing on Investment Banking and Islamic Finance. Prior to joining Bursa Malaysia, Raja Teh was the Chief Corporate Officer and Head of International Business of Kuwait Finance House (Malaysia). Prior to that, she was a Director at Unicorn Investment Bank of Bahrain.

She also served at RHB Investment Bank (then RHB Sakura Merchant Bank), where she was responsible for the establishment of the Investment Banking division and CIMB Investment Bank (then Commerce International Merchant Bank) where she covered debt and equity origination and equity sales. She has also served at Pengurusan Danaharta Berhad (Malaysia's national asset management agency tasked to restructure the banking sector following the Asian financial crisis) and her early professional years at KPMG Peat Marwick Consultants. She holds an LLB (Hons) Degree from The University of East London.

Raja Teh is also the Advisor on Islamic Finance and Banking of the World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Foundation and a Member of the Islamic Finance Committee within Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA).

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RASHAD RUDOLF KALDANY

Vice President,
Asia, Eastern Europe,
Middle East and North Africa,
International Finance Corporation,
USA

Rashad Rudolf Kaldany is IFC's Vice President for Asia, Eastern Europe, Middle East and North Africa. He is based in Istanbul, Turkey.

Prior to this assignment, Mr. Kaldany was Vice President of Middle East and North Africa, East and South Asia, and Global Infrastructure Cluster, which included the Infrastructure; Information and Communication Technologies; Oil, Gas, Mining, and Chemicals; and Subnational Finance departments.

Previously, Kaldany was Director of the Infrastructure Department from March 2007 until June 2008, during which IFC's activities in infrastructure development more than doubled.

Kaldany joined IFC in 1988 as an Investment Officer in the West Africa and Middle East Department and transferred to the Middle East and North Africa Department in 1990. From 1992 to 1994, he was Special Assistant to IFC's Executive Vice Presidents, Sir William Ryrle and Mr. Jannik Lindbaek. In 1994, he became Manager, Capital Markets Division, of the Asia Department. In 1997, he was promoted to Director, South and Southeast Asia Department, and was based in New Delhi, India.

He returned to headquarters in 2000 as the Director of the Oil, Gas, and Chemicals Department, a joint IFC-World Bank department; which merged with the Mining Department in July 2002. He oversaw the multi-stakeholder extractive industries consultation process, which reinvigorated the mandate for World Bank Group activities in these sectors, with a focus on community development. He also led the Bank Group's participation in launching the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and the Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership.

Kaldany received a PhD from Columbia University and an MBA from Stanford University.

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RATKAN ISRAILOVA

Chair of the Board "Kairat Bol" Company,
Kyrgyzstan

Ratkan is a highly qualified specialist in the area of food production and processing.

She was educated in milk industry technologies, jurisprudence and economics. She started working at the age of 22, as the master of milk production and because of her service, she obtained a position of shop superintendent. In 1983, she was appointed Director of Uzgen Brewery for her economic activities and high quality products. In 1997, she was appointed Chief Engineer, and was later appointed Director of Dairy.

In 1998, she was among the first to create a "Kairat Bol", a Credit Union in the Osh region; due to the Union's rural entrepreneurs who had the opportunity to increase the volume and quality of produced products. The Credit Union's portfolio comes to more than half a million dollars, and of the 350 members of the Credit Union, women constitute 50% of them.

Ratkan is highly respected and is recognized by the local population as a well-known public figure. She is the only female deputy in the Kenesh region. She also does and provides humanitarian help for vulnerable women groups and members of their families.

She has made considerable contributions to the development of rural women in small and medium size enterprises. Since 2006, she has been the Governor of Women Entrepreneurs Support Association of Kyrgyzstan.

In 2003, she was rewarded with UN European Economic Commission Diploma, and was declared as a Grand-prix winner of "The Best Women-Entrepreneur Beginner" international competition. She has been awarded with several Honorable Diplomas.

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RAUSHAN SARSEMBAYEVA

President,
Association of Business Women of Kazakhstan

Raushan Sarsembayeva, (nee Mamraeva) is the President of the Association of Business Women of Kazakhstan, which in its 15 years of activity has been key in assisting in the expansion of economic and political opportunities for women; thus helping raise their social status and promoting ideas of gender equality. This organization has become an international partner of the Global Summit of Women.

She is also a Key Member of the Political Council of the NDP "NUR OTAN" and on their initiative in 2009 she organized a Forum of Female Organization of Kazakhstan, where she was elected a chairman of the "Alliance of the Female Organizations of Kazakhstan" of NDP "Nur Otan" that unites 18 republican Non-Government Organizations.

In 1999, a political party "Political Alliance of Female Organizations of Kazakhstan" was formed. It was later renamed to the Democratic Party of Women of Kazakhstan and Raushan Sarsembayeva was its head until 2002. She has received a Doctorate of Social Science in social structure, social institutions and processes; adding to an extensive list of educational and professional achievements. She has also been awarded with the State award of "Kurmet" order, as well as Anniversary Medals for the 10th Anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan, 10th Anniversary of the Parliament of Kazakhstan, and a medal of the 2nd Grade of "Atameken Union" in 2008.

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RICHARD THOMAS

Chief Executive Officer.,
Gatehouse Bank,
UK

Richard Thomas became CEO of the Bank in August 2009, following the merger of the Bank with Global Securities House UK Limited (a subsidiary of The Securities House).

Richard is a veteran in the field of Shariah-compliant finance, with over 30 years of experience in the sector. Prior to joining The Securities House group of companies, he was Head of Islamic Financial Services at the Arab Banking Corporation in London (ABCIB); as well as CEO of ABCIB Islamic Asset Management Limited and Alburaq. He also held senior positions related to Islamic financial services at United Bank of Kuwait and Saudi International Bank in London. Richard is the UK Trade & Investment's Special Representative for Kuwait, assisting in the Government's policy on the promotion of bilateral business and trade development between these countries, and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment.

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ROKIA AFZAL RAHMAN

Chair,
Midas Financing Ltd.
President,
Bangladesh Federation of Women Entrepreneurs
(BFWE)

Rokia Afzal Rahman started her career in banking and became the first female bank manager in Bangladesh. In 1980, Rahman ventured into her own agro-based industry; she has expanded her business and is now involved in insurance, media, a financial institution, real estate and the power sector.

She was a former adviser to a Minister of the Government of Bangladesh. She also served as a Board Member of the Central Bank of Bangladesh and is currently the President of the Bangladesh Employers Federation. She is the Chairperson of Presidency University and is a member of the Board of Asian University for Women.

In August 2006, Rokia Afzal Rahman launched Bangladesh Federation of Women Entrepreneurs (BFWE). The federation works in different sectors through its member associations of 5 million women, most of the women are from secondary towns and rural areas in Bangladesh.

Women Entrepreneurs Association (WEA) in Bangladesh was formed in 1994, with 150 members and Rokia Afzal Rahman as its founding President. In 1996, Rokia Rahman formed Women in Small Enterprises (WISE) to further upgrade and promote women in small enterprises and industries.

She is committed to the development of women's entrepreneurship and women's empowerment; she is on the board of several NGOs such as BRAC, MIDAS, Manusher Jonno, BFF, MRDI, Smiling Sun, and Health21. She has received several awards from banks and chambers.

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ROZA ASSANBAYEVA

President,
Kazakhstan Tourism Association

She graduated from Kazakhstan Technical University in 1974, and then interned at the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank in "Macro and Microeconomics". Roza Assanbayeva has a PhD in Economics, is a member of Tourism Board under the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and one of the founders of Kazakhstan Hotel and Restaurant Association (KHRA), as well as the Kazakhstan Tourist Association (KTA), which she now chairs.

From 1977 to 1991, she worked in the Ministry of Health of Kazakh SSR where she ranked from the position of Economist to the positions of Deputy Head of Auditing and Economic Planning Management. From 1991 to 1997, she worked in the Administration and Maintenance System under the Department of Presidential Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan as Managing Director of "Dostyk" Hotel. From 1999 to 2000 - Director of Tourism Department under Tourism and Sport Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Chairperson of Tourism Committee under the Ministry of Transport, Communication and Tourism of the Republic of Kazakhstan. From 2000 to 2002, she was acting Vice President of the National Company "Silk Way - Kazakhstan".

From 2002 to 2005, she rendered consulting services, implemented construction and reconstruction of several hotels. From 2005 to 2011 she was the Expert of International Consulting Company "IPK International" (Germany) in relation to the research of tourist potential of Kazakhstan, and establishment and development of tourist cluster of Mangistau region and was Adviser of Akim of Mangistau region.

She was awarded with numerous medals such as "Kurmet", Distinguished Service Medal and Medal issued for 10th Anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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SAAD RAHMAN

Executive Director Global Islamic Banking,
Calyon Credit Agricole CIB

Saad joined Credit Agricole CIB Bahrain in September 2005, to help establish the new Islamic banking team. Saad is head of the team that has a global mandate focusing on origination, new product development, and structuring.

Prior to joining Credit Agricole CIB, Saad worked for HSBC for 7 years – from 1998 to 2005 in both London and Dubai. In London, he had an opportunity to work for HSBC Holdings plc in the Global Credit Dept., in which he was responsible for Africa, Middle East and Turkey. In London and Dubai, he worked for HSBC's Islamic Unit, HSBC Amanah. In Amanah, he was responsible for origination and structuring for Europe and Turkey.

The Islamic banking team, in a short period of time, has become a recognized market leader in providing client-centric solutions on a Shariah-compliant basis to Credit Agricole CIB's clients. Very few deals happen in the region where Credit Agricole CIB is not involved.

Notable recognition came from Euromoney who awarded Credit Agricole CIB "Most Improved Islamic Finance House" for 2009.

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SALUKAZI DAKILE-HLONGWANE

Deputy Chair & Chief Executive,
Nozala Investment,
South Africa

Salukazi is the Executive Deputy-Chairperson of Nozala Investments (Proprietary) Limited, a broad-based women owned and led investment company, representing over half-million direct and indirect women beneficiaries, that she co-founded in 1996.

She holds a BA Degree (Economics and Statistics) from the National University of Lesotho (NUL) and a Master's Degree in Development from Williams College – Massachusetts (United States).

She started her career at the Lesotho National Development Corporation in 1977, and while she was there, she lectured on a part-time basis, in business economics, for the Mature Students Programme under NUL. She then moved to the African Development Bank (AfDB) (Abidjan – Cote D'Ivoire), from 1983 – 1995 as a Country Programme Officer, and later Principal Corporation Officer. While at the AfDB, she took a two-year sabbatical leave (1990 – 1992) and spent this time at the Development Bank of Southern Africa. Salukazi is a director of a number of Nozala related companies. She is also a trustee of Nozala Trust and Chancellor House Trust.

Salukazi is a recipient of a number of awards for her contribution to Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) in South Africa, including a Platinum Award of the Black Business Quarterly (BBQ) and a past winner of two Black Management Forum (BMF) Awards. She is identified by the Financial Mail – (The Black Book) as one of the twenty most influential business women in South Africa.

Salukazi is a member of the International Women's Forum of South Africa (IWFSa).

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SANDIAGA UNO

Managing Director,
Saratoga Capital,
Indonesia

Sandiaga is the founding partner and CEO of Saratoga Capital, a private equity firm he co-founded with Edwin Soeryadjaya in 1998. Saratoga Capital focuses its investments in natural resources and infrastructure in Indonesia and Southeast Asia. He currently holds key positions among others at PT Adaro Energy Tbk, one of the largest integrated coal companies in Indonesia and PT Tower Bersama Infrastructure Group, one of the largest independent telecommunication tower providers. He also co-founded a boutique investment firm, PT Recapital Advisors in 1997.

Sandiaga is a member of the National Economic Committee (KEN); in January 2011, he was appointed as the General Treasurer of the Indonesian Association of Muslim Intellectuals (ICMI), a moderate Islamic think tank.

From 2004 to 2010, Sandiaga led the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Cooperatives division of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN). Sandiaga was also a former Chairman of the Indonesian Young Entrepreneurs Association (HIPMI) from 2005–2008.

Sandiaga graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration from Wichita State University in 1990; and obtained a Masters of Business Administration from George Washington University in 1992. He was awarded the Indonesian Entrepreneur of the Year by Enterprise Asia in 2008. Sandiaga is Asia Society's Asia 21 fellow, class of 2008.

In 2004, he was appointed as the Team Manager for the Indonesian Women's Basketball Team for the 2005 SEA Games in Manila, Philippines. Sandiaga is married to Nur Asia and has two daughters.

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SEVKET CAN TULUMEN

Chairman,
Foreign Relations Commission of MUSIAD,
Turkey

Sevket Can Tulumen was born in Istanbul, Turkey in February 1964. Tulumen got his high school education at Robert College, which operates under the jurisdiction of the Turkish Ministry of Education and is accredited by the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS). In 1986, he studied civil engineering in Bogazici University, it is regarded as the leading university in Turkey, and a leader in Turkish education. Two years later, he received a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, USA.

After operating the company of TULPA Marketing, Trade & Electronic Ltd., he is now company owner of TULKA Construction & Contracting Trade Ltd. in the sector of construction that provides civil engineering and build-sell projects services in Istanbul, Turkey.

Tulumen is Vice-Chairman of Construction & Restoration Committee of ITO-Istanbul Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Executive Board of MUSIAD since 2006, and he is the Chairman of Foreign Relations Commission.

He is married and has two daughters.

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SUSAN SCHULMAN

Award-Winning Photo and Video Journalist,
UK

Susan Schulman is an award-winning video/photojournalist. Originally trained as a fine artist, Schulman moved from her native New York to London in 1990 and worked as a filmmaker and editor before turning to photojournalism full-time in 2000. During the past ten years, she has chronicled many of the world's forgotten tragedies – from the horrors of childbirth in Sierra Leone and child soldiers in Sudan, to the wretched plight of gold miners in the Amazon Basin.

Through her characteristically frank and humane perspective, she has also captured soldiers and citizens caught up in some of the decade's major conflicts, most notably from the frontlines of Iraq, Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Her work has been featured in the world's foremost print and visual media, including The New York Times, The Financial Times, Architectural Digest (France), The Guardian, the Telegraph Travel magazine, Geographic magazine, PBS, BBC and Channel Four.

She has received numerous commissions from leading international organizations such as the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, the World Food Programme and Marie Stopes International, as well as Britain's Department for International Development.

Most recently she received (with Ed Caesar) Amnesty International UK's coveted Media Award (2010) for her devastating account of war and suffering in Africa's Great Lakes region, 'Congo – The Horror', which appeared in GQ magazine.

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SUVOPRIYO MUKHERJEE

Head,
International Partnerships of Global Talent Track,
India

Suvo is presently General Manager of Alliances and Special Projects and part of the Organizational Strategy Team for Global Talent Track, and for the Domestic International Projects, and he was the past Head Centre of Excellence Project, of Zensar Technologies Ltd, an Industry Academia Focused Human Resource Project. Suvo is also an active member of NASSCOM, CII, N.H.R.D., and HEF for Pune Chapter, India.

Suvo is a graduate of Calcutta University in Commerce, he completed his Postgraduate Diploma Program in Software and System Management from NIIT, Kolkata, India, and presently undergoing an Executive MBA program from Educatis University, Switzerland through their Indian Office of Europe Asia Business School, Pune, and possesses over 20 years of total work experience throughout Southeast Asia.

Suvo also possesses 12 years of prudent Banking and Financial Services Industry experience as Senior Cluster Operation Head, Branch Head, Asset and Corporate Operations, Channel Management. He is also member of Banker's Almanac, NSDL, and an AMFI Certified Professional.

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TANRI ABENG

Chairman,
Global Investment Partner,
Indonesia

In March 1998, Tanri Abeng was appointed by President Soeharto as Indonesia's first Minister for State-Owned Enterprises. He was given the challenge of not only restructuring the State sector but also of creating, from scratch, a new ministry to undertake the task. He launched a program to restructure the state-owned enterprises, to increase their productivity and unlock their value, which was completed before President Habibie's cabinet was resolved in 1999.

Tanri Abeng's experience in formulating a coherent plan for state-owned enterprise reform is part of his involvement, for more than three decades, with multinational, regional and national corporations. He has held top executive positions in Indonesia for Union Carbide (USA), Heineken (Netherlands), Bakrie & Brothers and has held non-executive positions in other companies; including BAT (United Kingdom), BATA (Canada) and Asia Pacific Breweries (Singapore). Tanri was also an Elected Member of People's Consultative Assembly from 1990 – 1998.

Since leaving government, Tanri has been active in the field of developing cross-cultural leadership skills for the benefit of future private and public sector leaders in Indonesia and the Asia Pacific region, through the Executive Center for Global Leadership. Tanri is currently the Publisher of Globe Asia as well as the President Director of Global Investment Partners. A graduate of State University of New York in Business Administration, Tanri also completed an Advanced Management Program at Claremont Graduate School, USA.

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TAN SRI DATO' AZMAN HJ. MOKHTAR

Managing Director,
Khazanah Nasional Berhad

Tan Sri Dato' Azman is the Managing Director of Khazanah Nasional Berhad (Khazanah), the strategic investment arm of the Government of Malaysia. Prior to his appointment in June 2004, he was the Managing Director and co-founder of BinaFikir Sdn Bhd, a financial consultancy, the Director, Head of Country Research, Salomon Smith Barney Malaysia and the Director, Head of Research, Union Bank of Switzerland in Malaysia. Before that, he held various positions in the then National Electricity Board (LLN) and Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB).

He is the Chairman of Iskandar Investment Berhad, Axiata Group Berhad (formerly known as TM International Bhd) and Valuecap Sdn Bhd and holds various board memberships including UEM Group Berhad, Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA), Yayasan Khazanah, Jadwa Investment of Saudi Arabia and Fajr Capital Ltd, headquartered in Dubai. He serves on various public service bodies including the Performance Management & Delivery Unit (PEMANDU), the national Economic Council, the Advisory Board for Cluster of Excellence Schools, the Board of Governors of the Malay College Kuala Kangsar and the Executive Committee of Malaysia International Islamic Financial Centre (MIFC). He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Asia Business Council, member of the Kuala Lumpur Business Club and member of the INSEAD East Asia Council.

He obtained his M.Phil in Development Studies from Darwin College, Cambridge University, is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He also holds a postgraduate diploma in Islamic Studies from the International Islamic University, Malaysia.

7th WIEF Speakers



TATYANA ZHDANOVA

Vice-President for External Economic Relations,
Chamber of Commerce and Industry,
Kazakhstan

Tatyana Zhdanova is a Vice President for the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

She was born in 1949 in Vladimir Oblast, Russia. In 1973, she graduated from Kazakh State University, the Faculty of Physics. Her specialty is physics, molecular physics and teaching physics at schools in English. From 1973 to 1978, she worked as an engineer at the laboratory of physical research methods 'Kazmekhano'.

From 1978 to 1995, she was junior research officer at the Laboratory of isotopic research methods of the Institute of Geological Sciences of the Kazakhstan SSR. From 1995 to 2004, she was the Head of the department for external economic affairs and protocol of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Presently, since 2004, she has worked as a Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Since 1996, she has been a liaison officer for the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Kazakhstan.

She is a member of the special committee of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry for the support of SME in OIC countries.

7th WIEF Speakers



WAN ZALEHA RADZI

Former TV personality and Principal,
AsiaPromote Ventures,
Malaysia

With 15 years in the broadcast industry, Wan Zaleha has extensive experience in journalism, presenting, and producing TV programmes and documentaries. She has become one of Malaysia's most recognised and respected TV personalities.

One of the most sought-after emcees, moderators and TV presenters in Malaysia, Wan Zaleha has emceed international events like the Global Peace Forum, Ernst & Young's Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, World Islamic Economic Forum, and Special Address President Bill Clinton to name just a few.

She is a dedicated sportswoman and had success as a track athlete; she won medals at regional games in equestrian dressage.

Wan Zaleha and her husband, Peter Imran Winton, conceptualised the CSI 5★ KL Grand Prix, the first major international equestrian competition in the Asia-Pacific. She also led the Asiapromote team that won the bid to stage the 2006 FEI World Cup Jumping Final in Kuala Lumpur – the first ever Final to be held outside Europe and the US.

She is the Managing Director of Asiapromote Ventures Sdn Bhd, the promoter for 'The Merchants of Bollywood' (dance musical), Ben 10 Live on Stage – Power of the Omnitrix and Illuminata Equestrian Theatre.

She continues riding, practices Aikido and is passionate about the arts, preserving the environment and staying healthy.

7th WIEF Speakers



YERLAN BAIDAULET

Chairman, Kazakh Association for Development of Islamic Finance
Chief Economic Adviser,
Ministry of Industry and New Technologies
Kazakhstan

Yerlan Bidaulet graduated in 1992 with a Bachelor's Degree in History and World Economy (Honours) from Kazakh National University, Almaty, Kazakhstan. In 1993–1994, he completed his post-graduate program MAPOW at St.Gallen University, Switzerland; in 1997 he received MBA degree in Banking & Finance at Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economy and Forecasting (KIMEP) in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

In 1992, he began his job as a Research Assistant at the Institute of Economy of the National Academy of Sciences, and then as an Assistant to the Governor of Talgar district, Almaty oblast. In 1994–1995, he was Head of Project Finance Division at Financial and Investment Corporation ALEMSYSTEM, Almaty. From 1996 to 2001, he was in various managerial positions at several banks and consulting companies, such as: EXIMBANK Kazakhstan, Almaty; Swiss-Kazakhstan Center for Economic Development Almaty; IMPEX International, Zurich (Almaty office); PROFIT Invest Ltd., Consulting Division, Almaty.

From 2001 to 2010, he held various positions such as IDB Group (S&P AAA), Country Office (Astana), Field Representative in Astana and External Consultant. In 2005–2006, he was President of JSC National Company Engineering and Technology Transfer Centre (ETTC). In addition, from 2006–2010, he was the Head of Rep-Office in Astana, Eurasian Development Bank.

In August 2010, he was elected as a Chairman of the Kazakhstan's Association for Islamic Finance Development. Since October 2010, he worked as the Chief Economic Adviser to the Deputy-Prime Minister – Minister of industry and new technologies. He is in charge of all OIC related economic and inter-investment issues. He also has 10 scientific publications in local and international magazines. He speaks English and German.

7th WIEF Speakers



ZARINA NALLA

Policy and Project Development Consultant,
International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies,
Malaysia

Zarina Nalla is a Co-Founder and former Chief Operating Officer of the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia. She played a key role in assisting Professor Mohammad Hashim Kamali in IAIS establishment in 2007, and is currently a Policy and Project Development Consultant with the institute.

IAIS Malaysia is the brainchild of former Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi. The institute is essentially a think-tank that studies contemporary issues affecting Muslims and other communities in Malaysia, with a focus on policy research to further civilizational renewal.

Zarina earned her B.A. – First Class Honours (1994) in Islamic Studies & Political Science at The International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and an M.A. (1996) in Economics & International Relations from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. She further completed an M.B.A. (2002) from the University of Birmingham.

She is engaged in policy research and has spoken internationally on gender issues, interfaith relations and the educational system in Malaysia. She helped organize and lead IAIS' study on the controversial "conversion issue" in Malaysia – the debut project of the Islam and Policy Unit (IPU), resulting in IAIS' first policy paper submitted to the Malaysian Government.

7th WIEF Speakers



ZEKI PILGE

President,
Turkuaz Group Companies,
Turkey

Zeki Pilge was born in 1964, he worked as a medical doctor for one year after he graduated from Cukurova Medical University.

In 1992, he assembled Turkuaz Foreign Trade Co., which was the first company of Turkuaz Group of Companies. Since 1992, he helped Turkuaz grow into a group of 18 companies, in Logistics & Distribution, Construction and Industry sectors. Turkuaz is active in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Turkuaz is the most respectable and leading company of Middle Asia with 5000 employees, and supports social and cultural activities besides its commercial activities.

Zeki Pilge is the founder and Vice President of Middle Asia Civilizations Foundation; the Foundation is a member of the board of Science and Education Ministry for Republic of Kazakhstan. He is also the biggest sponsor of Orhun University.

In 2000, he was selected "the most successful businessman in Middle Asia". In addition, he was awarded by Suleyman Demirel, former President of Republic of Turkey.

In 2001, he was rewarded by Unicef for the support he has provided to social events. In 2002, he was selected The Best Foreign Investor in Kazakhstan by the President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev. In 2005, he was selected as the Businessman of the Year. In 2008, he received Ekovitrin reward, Stars of the Year.

He was appointed as KATIAD (Kazakh - Turkish Businessman Association) in addition to Chairman of the Board of Turkuaz Group of Companies. In 2010, he was selected as a member of World Turkish Businessman Council, and was also selected the Chairman of World Turkish Businessman Council, Eurasia Region.

7th WIEF Speakers



ZHAFAR AZIZBAEV

Director,
Halal Standards Development Division,
Russian Muftis Council (RMC) Russia

Zhafar Azizbaev was born in Moscow and graduated from Military - Engineering Academy in 1965. He served in Rocket forces of strategic destination as Head of subdivision and Regiment's first engineer.

From 1971 to 1990, he was responsible for control of "Almaz", "Salut" space complexes adjustment, an experimental design in the interests of Ministry of Defense. He was the leading military representative of a number of elaborations: carrier-rocket "Proton", space apparatus for "Buran" complex, high-altitude aerostatic multifunctional platforms. He participated in more than 100 launches of "Proton" carrier-rockets with apparatus of following series: "Mars", "Luna", "Venera", "Salut", "Ecran", "Horizont", "Uragan" and others. He has received government awards and commemorative tokens from USSR aeronautics Federation, veteran of military service.

Since 2002, Zhafar Azizbaev has worked as a plenipotentiary of Russian Mufties Council for the control over production and trade of Halal products. He also has experience in the developing of organization documents of Russian Mufties Council representatives on the enterprises - producers of Halal products.

7th WIEF Speakers



ZHANNA TULEGENOVA

Executive Director,
Bolashak Association,
Kazakhstan

Zhanna was born in November 1977 in the city of Kharkov, Ukraine. In 1998, she graduated with a Finance and Credit degree from Dulati Taraz State University. At Taraz State University, she was the Head of Young Scientists' Council. Zhanna also received a Master's degree in Economics in 2005 and a Law degree in 2008 from the same University. At the moment, she is pursuing a PhD degree at the Faculty of Economics in Lomonosov Moscow State University.

After having received a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Credit, Zhanna was employed at Dulati Taraz State University. In 2006, Zhanna was hired by the Center for Scientific Technical Information. Two years later, she started to work for the Office of Analysis, Monitoring and Social Programs that was part of the Department of Youth Policy, under the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Since 2009, Zhanna has held the position of the Executive Director of Bolashak Alumni Association. She is also a Chairwoman of the Coordination Council of the Center for Analysis and Forecasting.

Zhanna is the recipient of the State Youth Award 'Daryn' of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the category 'Public Activity' and member of the Youth Council under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

She has two sons.

7th WIEF Speakers



ZHULDYZ OMARBEKOVA

Chairman,
Organising Committee,
Altyn Zhurek National Award,
Kazakhstan

Zhuldyz Omarbekova was born on September 1983. She graduated from Al-Farabi Kazakh National University from the Political Science and Philosophy Faculty. Her specialty is sociology and she is a Candidate of sociological sciences. She defended a thesis with the topic, 'Social protection of population in NGO activities'.

Today, she is a President of the 'Bauyrjan' Fund, Executive Director of the research centre 'Rating' and Chairperson of the organizing committee for the 'Altyn Jurek'.

7th WIEF Speakers



ZORAN PULJIĆ

Mozaik Foundation,
Bosnia & Herzegovina

Zoran Puljic is internationally recognized for his entrepreneurial approach to development. A pioneer of post-war reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, he emerged in the last decade with an innovative approach to community development. As a Director of the Mozaik Foundation, his vision of integration of entrepreneurship, reconciliation, economic and social development led it to become one of the leading social enterprise organizations in Central and Eastern Europe.

The programs he designs are aimed at long-term impact, and encompass a very strong orientation towards economic and social sustainability. Under his leadership, the Mozaik Foundation has collaborated with businesses, governments, individuals and organizations such as the World Bank, IFC, USAID and the European Union. These partnerships are aimed towards the economic and social empowerment of youth, women, minorities and disabled people.

Zoran has served in and chaired numerous domestic and international boards, including the German Marshall Fund (Balkan Trust for Democracy), European Foundation Centre (Grantmakers East Forum), Resource Alliance and others. Recently, the Schwab Foundation awarded Zoran with the prestigious title of Social Entrepreneur of 2010 in Central and Eastern Europe. He is a founder of Populari, Bosnia and Herzegovina's first homegrown think tank. Zoran currently serves as a member of two for-profit Managing Boards in his home country.

Zoran was a Duke University Fellow in Civil Society, INSEAD Fellow in Social Entrepreneurship and BoardSource Fellow in Non-Profit Governance. He holds an MBA and an MA certificate in Development. In addition to Bosnian, his mother tongue, Zoran is fluent in English, German and Spanish.

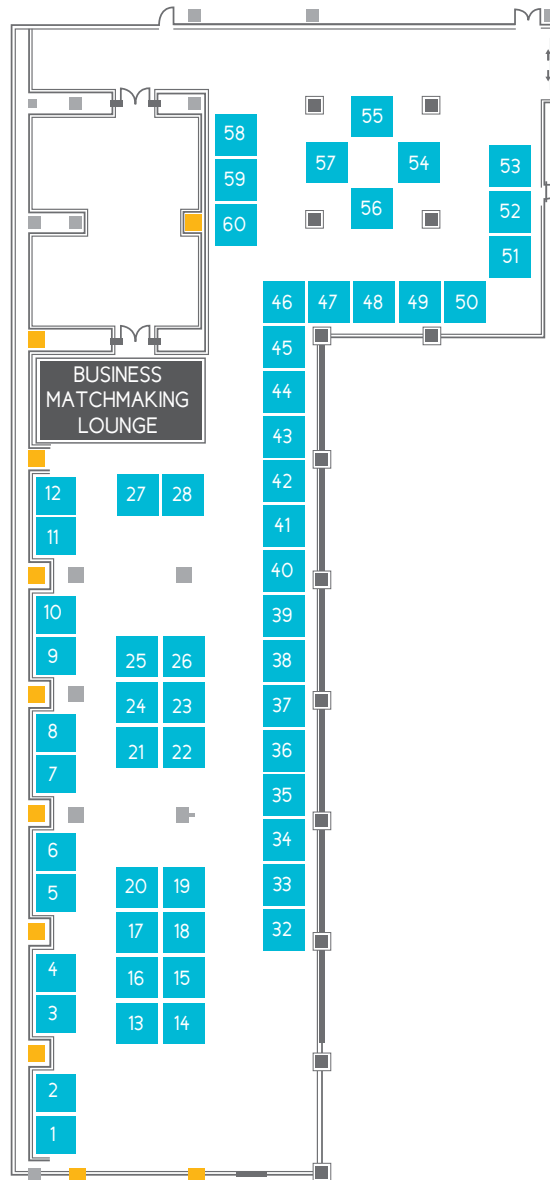
7TH WIEF EXHIBITION

Capitalizing on the huge presence of the global business community in one single meeting place, the 7th WIEF offers exhibition space to corporations interested in introducing their products and services, and latest innovations. The 7th WIEF Exhibition will showcase a combination of exclusive Hospitality Suites and Standard Booths. These Suites and Booths are designed to allow ample space for interaction with business prospects and the freedom of a casual gathering among peers and partners.

BUSINESS MATCHMAKING LOUNGE

Connectivity and networking has always been an integral part of the WIEF, and will be further emphasized during the 7th WIEF. The Forum will ensure a high degree of networking during the 3-day event and as such, a well-equipped Business Matchmaking Lounge will be made available to participants of the Forum. The Business Matchmaking Lounge is an ideal avenue for business exchanges and new partnership opportunities with its onsite matchmaking facilities. Designed tastefully with an emphasis on comfort and space, the lounge will be more than ample for serious or casual interactions between participants. The lounge will also be equipped with LCD screens displaying live Forum coverage and internet facilities.

* The Business Matchmaking Lounge is open to all 7th WIEF delegates.

7th WIEF Exhibition Floor Plan

BOOTH NO	COMPANY NAME
1 - 2	
3 - 4	Malaysia International Halal Showcase(MIHAS) www.mih.com.my
5 - 6	KPJ Healthcare Bhd www.kpjhealth.com.my
7	Urbanisma www.urbanisma.com
8	Bloomberg UK www.bloomberg.com
9	Binary University College www.binary.edu.my
10	Islamic Centre for Development of Trade www.icdt.oic.org
11	Russian Muftis Council www.muslimeco.ru
12	Nusantara Gems Sdn Bhd
13 - 20	The Coca Cola Company www.thecoca-colacompany.com
21 - 26	Sime Darby Bhd www.simedarby.com
27 - 28	Amanah Raya Bhd www.arb.com.my

Exhibitors

7TH WIEF EXHIBITION

BOOTH NO	COMPANY NAME
32 – 34	United Engineers Malaysia (UEM) Bhd www.uem.com.my
35 – 38	Islamic Development Bank www.isdb.org
39 – 40	Iskandar Investment Bhd www.iskandarinvestment.com
41 – 42	Samruk – Kazyna www.samruk-kazyna.kz
43 – 44	
45 – 46	PricewaterhouseCoopers www.pwc.com
47	AsiaEP Bhd www.asiaep.com
48	INCEIF www.inceif.org
49 – 50	Malaysian Genomics Resource Centre Berhad (MGRC) www.mgrc.com.my
51 – 60	Malaysian External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) www.matrade.gov.my

MARKETPLACE
OF CREATIVE
ARTS

Marketplace of Creative Arts

The 3rd Marketplace of Creative Arts is done in conjunction with the WIEF Young Leaders Forum 2011, a pre-Forum programme of the 7th World Islamic Economic Forum to be held at the Palace of Independence in Astana, Kazakhstan on 7-8 June 2011.

THE MARKETPLACE OF CREATIVE ARTS

The 3rd Marketplace of Creative Arts, located on Level 3, Palace of Independence, is a creative arts exhibition bringing in international contemporary artists from all over the world to Astana in various genres of art such as calligraphy, painting, music, comedy, films and much more. The Marketplace aims to showcase the beautiful variety of creative cultural expressions from artists in Muslim cultures through display walls, workshops, performances and film screenings.

SUPPORTING ORGANISATION

Zhas Otan



Marketplace Artists



AGUNG GUNAWAN

Javanese Dancer,
Indonesia

Agung was born in Klaten, Central Java. After graduation from the High School of Arts in Yogyakarta, Agung continued his studies of Yogyakartaese classical dance in Surya Kencana and at the Kraton (Palace) where he continues to perform. He studied other styles with Bagong Kusudiharjo and contemporary with Miroto.

He is presently Assistant Choreographer at the Miroto Dance Company and has toured with them in Holland, Belgium, Germany, Africa and of course Indonesia. With the Padepokan Seni Bagong Kusudiharjo, he has performed in Vermont, Boston and Washington DC in the USA. He has been a resident dance teacher, choreographer and performer in Bucharest, Romania.

In Indonesia, he is involved with a contemporary music group led by the composer Vincent McDermott. He worked as an assistant choreographer on 'Opera Jawa', a movie directed by Garin Nugroho. As a collaborator, he has worked together with the Nettle Theatre Company and Tony Yap Company ('Palimpsest', 2007, 'Budha My Body', 2008- 2009). Agung has also performed in South Korea and Australia, and worked with Ikko Suzuki ('Water Dimension', 2008) in Tokyo, Suzane Tang ('Dancing Flute', 2010) in Bali, and many more. Agung is a director of the 'Manisrenggo Culture Festival' (Festival Bumi Loh Jinawi 2010) and is the founder of the 'In the Arts Island' in 2010.

Marketplace Artists



AHMAD AL-HADDAD (ALTIMET)

Hip-Hop Artist,
Malaysia

Altimet is an award-winning rapper, live entertainer, songwriter, producer, arranger, television and live events host. Ahmad bin Abdul Rahman (born 27 November 1978), better known as Altimet, is recognized as an industry mover and among the 'individuals who are shaping Malaysia' (August Man magazine August 2010 Issue).

Making the decision to pursue a solo career, Altimet was immediately offered a record and a talent management deal by Kartel Records. He recently notched an impressive six nominations for various categories including Best Hip-Hop album and Best Hip-Hop song at the Anugerah Industri Muzik 17. He has been nominated for a Shout! Award (Flava Category) and also a Voize Independent Music Award of which he was the recipient of the 'Best Collaboration Award'.

Altimet's experience as a professional live entertainer is second to none with over a decade's worth of quality performances from the smallest of gigs to prestigious concerts and award shows.

Altimet ended 2010 on a high note with an incredible chart presence on two of Malaysia's biggest radio stations Era FM and Hot FM. 2011 is shaping up to be an even bigger year for Altimet who will be releasing his third studio album entitled 'Kotarayaku'. Altimet has toured the United Kingdom (February 2011), and is also confirmed to speak and perform at the World Islamic Economic Forum in Kazakhstan (June 2011) and perform in Boston, USA (June 2011).

Marketplace Artists



ALEXEY VELIZHANIN

Founder of Alexey Velizhanin's Dance Theatre

Alexey Velizhanin began dancing at the age of 16. After a long journey, the Dance Theatre of Alexey Velizhanin was founded in 2004. Currently, the team is composed of 9 members.

Over the years, the theater has worked with many renowned choreographers. They work in various dance styles: folk stylized choreography, modern, neo-classic, show, pop choreography with elements of acrobatics. A sort of dance mixer, which in turn resulted to date in Kazakhstan's most successful dance theater.

The Alexey Velizhanin dance troupe won the Grand Prix Award and the Audience Award in the 'Stars of Dance 2005' competition. They were also the Winners of the 10th international competition of creative young people, held under the auspices of UNESCO. He gave his first exclusive solo concert as a Charity Dance Theatre on May 15, 2005 in the capital's Congress Hall. In February 2007, they hosted the second recital. On 1 March 2009, the staff was invited and officially admitted to the State Philharmonic of Astana.

Among the awards received by the Alexey Velizhanin dance troupe are: the Gold Medal in the Ballet category of the Dance World cup, Fifth place and the title of the award in the 9th Open Cup of Russia on the dance show Formation International Competition in St. Petersburg under the auspices of the CID UNESCO, and a Gold Medal in the category: dance show which was performed by Alex Velizhanin and First Anastasia. They are also ranked among the top ten pairs of dancers in the world at the World Championship dancing show in Germany in November 2010.

Marketplace Artists



ASAD JAFRI (MAN-O-WAX)

Director of Arts Program,
Inner-city Muslim Action Network
DJ, USA

Man-O-Wax (Asad Jafri) is the Director of Arts and Culture at the Inner-city Muslim Action Network (IMAN), a Chicago-based community organization that works for social justice, provides direct services, and cultivates the arts in urban communities. Since working with IMAN in 2003, Asad has been able to create spaces that bring together thousands of leaders, artists, and community members to collectively celebrate and engage in diverse and creative artistic expression.

Asad presents artists mainly through IMAN's 'Community Café' and 'Takin' It to the Streets' festival, and cultivates IMAN's artist network through an annual Artist Retreat. These spaces also allow IMAN to utilize the arts as a tool for cross-cultural communication, spiritual expression, civic engagement and social change.

As a multidisciplinary artist, Asad has created, curated, and presented original productions across many genres of music, theater, visual art, and dance. Asad also DJs under the moniker 'Man-o-Wax', where he blends soulful music from all over the world. One of Asad's DJ projects is 'Turntable Dhikr', a fusion of traditional and contemporary music dedicated to the praise of the Most High using turntables as the vehicle.

Asad's fusion of art and social change through innovative mediums has been recognized throughout the country and around the globe. As a result, Asad is engaged in several US State Department activities and continues to travel extensively performing, presenting, and conducting workshops.

Marketplace Artists



BASHIR ISMAIL

Humourist,
Zimbabwe

Bashir Ismail is a Somali by origin, but born and raised (partially) in Zimbabwe. He comes from a fairly large family dominated by boys. However, his parents called them "the soldiers" keeping an eye out for the princesses. He then moved to the Middle East, in particular the United Arab Emirates, where he continued his secondary education before moving again; this time to England, where he stayed for a year and a half to complete his A levels.

As he was adapting to the fast lifestyle of the West another opportunity came along to further his studies which entailed moving again to Southeast Asia, to a beautiful country called Malaysia. It was there that he completed his degree and masters. In addition to this "United Nations" experience, he loves playing sports, travelling and getting to meet different societies. He firmly believes that understanding different cultures and societies is what we need to eradicate our misunderstandings, so as to enhance our appreciation and respect for others no matter where they come from.

Marketplace Artists



DR. EUGENE H. JOHNSON

Photographer,
USA

Eugene H. Johnson received his formal education in Kenya, Switzerland, England, West Germany and the United States. After graduating from the Free University of Berlin with a degree in Veterinary Medicine, he was trained in surgery and completed a PhD in Comparative Pathology at the University of California.

He has worked in Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, North and South America and for the last 15 years, he has served as a Professor of Comparative Medicine in Oman. Since 1974, he has concurrently worked as a photographer capturing those elusive moments when the camera is able to reveal the secrets of the human soul. Professor Johnson's images are held in public and private collections around the world. He has authored two collections of his images and presently is working on a multi-volume series for the Diwan of Royal Court of Oman, entitled "Reflections From the Not So Distant Past in Oman".

Marketplace Artists



ENDAH AND RHESA

Acoustic Duo,
Indonesia

Endah N Rhesa is a musical project comprising of acoustic guitar, bass and vocal. The musical nuance that Endah N Rhesa tries to bring out is folk, jazz, blues, rock and roll, and ballads. Endah Widiastuti (vocal, guitar) and Rhesa Aditya (bass) met each other in a rock band in early 2003. Endah recorded the album entitled "The New Beginning", a four-track mini album that was independently distributed with a limited number of copies.

In one of the songs on the album, Rhesa added bass thumps and made it a fascinating mix of the three instruments (vocal, guitar and bass). The song is titled "When You Love Someone". From then on, Endah and Rhesa started to play together in campus events, and the feedback from their music was tremendously positive. Finally, they decided to come up with a stage name for their duo/ musical project; which comes from their own names: Endah N Rhesa.

Some of the awards received by the duo are: Rookie of The Year 2010 – Majalah Rolling Stone Indonesia, Produksi Karya Alternatif Terbaik untuk album Nowhere to Go 2010 – Anugerah Musik Indonesia (AMI), Nominasi Fav. Pop Song & Fav. Duo/grup 2010 – Indonesia Cutting Edge Music Awards (ICEMA), Best Acoustic Act se- Asia Tenggara 2009 – Junksounds Award, Winner People's Choice Award.

Their album 'Nowhere to Go' (2009) sold 17,000 copies. When it comes to their interests and hobbies, Endah and Rhesa love to ride bicycles, take walks, play games, eat spicy food, and draw. The acoustic duo aspires one day to set up their own company with an edge on the creative world, entertainment, music, design, merchandise and management.

Marketplace Artists



ESENGALI SADYRBAYEV

Painter,
Kazakhstan

Esengali Sadyrbaev was born in 1965. He is a Member of the Union of Artists of Kazakhstan

He went to art school at NV Gogol, Kazakh State University, Abaya. He worked with Kazmuzeyrestavratsiya from 1985 to 2000.

Some notable exhibitions and festivals his works have appeared in are: "Zhiger" – 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 2001; exhibition of Kazakh artists at the Olympics, Greece, 2004; "Artists of Kazakhstan to the 15th Anniversary of Independence of Kazakhstan", TSGMRK, December 2006; "The Gallery of the Women's Images", March 2009; "Almaty-My First Love", September 2009; "The Many Faces of Eurasia", April 2010; "Roads of War", May 2010, the Union of Artists of Kazakhstan; "Art Week of Kazakhstan", May 2010, Central Exhibition Hall; "The Silk Road, 1000 Years Later", Austria, Vienna; and "Palais Palfy", August 2010.

Marketplace Artists



GULNAR SUINBAYEVA

Painter,
Kazakhstan

Gulnar Suinbayeva was born in 1967, in the town of Kentau, South Kazakhstan region. From 1979 to 1983, she studied at Art School Kentau and from 1987-1992, she studied at the Almaty School of Arts and obtained a degree in ceramic arts. Since 2004, she has been a member of the Union of Artists of Kazakhstan.

Gulnar has participated in many urban, republican and international exhibitions. She has had numerous noteworthy exhibitions. In 2003, she had her first solo exhibition in the Central Exhibition Hall, in Almaty, and in 2004, she had an exhibition at Taldykorgan regional museum. In 2006, she displayed "Art of Kazakhstan" in Beijing, China and in Tokyo, Japan in 2008. Her art was displayed at the State Museum of Arts by Kasteev, "Motives of the East" in 2007 in Almaty and in 2009, she showcased at the hall of the Union of Artists in Almaty.

Gulnar's works are in various private collections around the world, namely in the United States, France, Germany, Russia, Japan, China, Canada and many other countries in Europe and Asia.

Marketplace Artists



GULNAZIM OMIRZAK

Handicraft Artist,
Kazakhstan

Gulnazim Omirzak was born in 1984 in Bayan Olgiy, Mongolia. In 1992, she moved with her family to her historical homeland of Kazakhstan. After graduating from art college in 2003, Gulnazim was admitted to the National Academy of Arts under a faculty named after the famous artist T. Zhurgenev. In 2007, she received a diploma in easel painting and in 2009, she received a diploma of "Master of Fine Arts".

Since she was 15 years old, Gulnazim has been engaged in the art of tambour embroidery. Since 2002, she participated in numerous international and national art conventions, as well as group and family projects in arts. Gulnazim is the winner of the 5th International Festival in Shabyt where she received a gold medal. In 2010, she was awarded the State Prize of "Daryn". Her works are in the Kasteev State Art Museum, as well as in private collections in France and Germany. She has created more than 200 works mostly of Tambour embroideries, a complicated art form that requires time and hard labour. Gulnazim also specializes in collage and oil painting, among many other art techniques.

Marketplace Artists



ISKANDAR IDRIS & NASSAR ZAIN

Designers,
Singapore

Iskandar Idris and Nassar Zain both seek to discover new forms of knowledge production that on the one hand emanates from the folds of society itself, yet steering away from the rationally known and the familiar. In other words, it involves the production of new alternative forms from within the existing structures of society itself; creation of the unknown from the known.

This shared interest or rather point of view began during the days at architecture school, where they both met and started collaborating on various projects involving both art and the production of architectural spaces. In many ways both individuals look towards the practice of contemporary art as a premise to understanding society at large and articulate various ideas.

Marketplace Artists



MADNY AL BAKRY

Caligraffiti Artist,
Oman

Madny Al Bakry is an Omani artist living and working in Muscat, Oman. It is said that the Islamic influences found in Picasso can be traced to his native Spain. Before him, the famous artist Paul Cezanne, known as father of modern art, had been subtly inoculated with the abstract guidelines of the Islamic and Arabic calligraphy. The ornamental richness of Arabic calligraphy expresses more than just the meaning of words.

The flowing rhythmic script seems to imitate the basic rhythms of life. Like Matisse, many of the modernist painters in their yearning to express the power of life, repeatedly used, and are still using, the curvilinear shapes of the Arab calligraphers. Madny, a contemporary artist, in his stunning and unique use of calligraphy has awakened the senses of the viewers.

For the audience, Madny's works present a new visual stimulation. Unlike the traditional two-dimensional Arabic calligraphy in limited colours, Madny's work is unusual in its colour palette. His distinctive style and exquisite use of colours and themes have an ethereal quality while his presentation is contemporary and elegant. Providing depth and perspective, his eye-catching works lures the sense of the connoisseurs.

Marketplace Artists



MO AMER

Comedian,
USA

Mohammed "Mo" Amer is an established standup comedian from Houston, Texas who tours comedy clubs, theatres, and alt venues literally across the world. He has performed in over 27 countries on five continents--as the first and only Arab-American refugee comic to perform for U.S. and coalition troops overseas, as well as with "Allah Made Me Funny--The Official Muslim Comedy Tour."

He has performed with many comedy legends, including Jeff Dunham, and Dave Chappelle, and he has appeared at the Las Vegas Comedy Festival, the Malmö Arts Festival (Sweden), and the World's Funniest Island Festival (Australia). He has been interviewed on television and radio dozens of times, including on NPR, BBC, and CNN.

His work promotes art and understanding between the diverse cultures of the world, and his cultural and family background uniquely situate him to speak from the heart about the absurd problems of religion, terror, and the politics of our age--through the lens of honest, endearing, personal stories about his family and himself. Mo's one-man show is entitled "Legally Homeless--Trials of a Refugee," which debuted in front of 5000 fans at Olympic Square in Sydney, Australia. A world tour of "Legally Homeless" is presently in development.

Marketplace Artists



MOHAMED AZFAREN AZNAM &
MOHD FAIZ BIN MOHD HANAFIAH

Art Director & Music Composer (respectively)
Les' Copaque Productions,
Malaysia

Upin & Ipin is a 3D animated series about two 5-year-old twins and their exciting and colourful life in a blissful Malaysian village. Produced by Les' Copaque Production, the series has been warmly embraced by Malaysians of all ages and has also gained an international fan base following its airing on Indonesian TV and Disney Channel Asia.

The first two seasons of the series focused on their experience going through the fasting month of Ramadhan. The third season onwards showcased stories with positive universal values and extolled the power of children's imagination.. Winning many accolades and awards, the Upin & Ipin series continues to enchant audiences with the right balance of education and entertainment. The series enters its fifth season this year.

Mohd Faiz bin Mohd Hanafiah (Art Director)

He was recruited into Les' Copaque Production through invitation by the founders and joined the team as a part-timer during his final year of studies. After graduation, he became a full-time member of the company. With solid all-rounded skills, paired with extensive researching ability, he became one of the key members in building the working system of the company's 3D animation production. In his 4 years of service, he rapidly rose through the ranks into becoming one of the main creative contributors of the team. From being a Junior 3D Artist, to the Head of Compositing, onto an Art Director. Now, he has been appointed as the Director of the 5th season.

Mohamed Azfaren bin Mohamed Aznam (Music composer)

Mohamed Azfaren is a senior music composer at Les' Copaque Production. Upon graduating from Limkokwing University, Malaysia and Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia, he joined Les' Copaque as a multimedia designer. He scores the music for the Upin & Ipin TV series and other productions by Les' Copaque. Apart from making music, he also contributes ideas and energy to the script team, voice recording, marketing and sales events and is a key member of the in-house rock band.

Marketplace Artists



MURAT ALIMOV

Cartoonist,
Kazakhstan.

Murat Alimov is a cartoonist, graphic artist, and comics publisher. He was born on March 18, 1971 in Atyrau, Kazakhstan; he now lives in Almaty, Kazakhstan. He has participated in many international cartoon contests, and won numerous awards and a Grand Prize in Kruishoutem, Belgium, in 1993.

Murat has worked with different newspapers and magazines, among which "Kapital" and "Komsomolskaya Pravda Kazakhstan". He is the owner of Comics.kz – a publishing company aimed at comic books popularization in Kazakhstan. He started publishing comic books under Delcourt (France) license.

Marketplace Artists



NURLAN TUREKHANOV

Creative Designer,
Kazakhstan

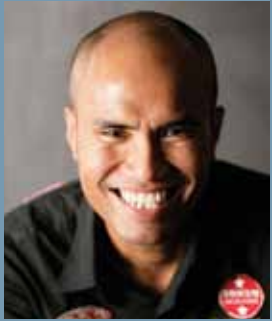
Nurlan Turekhanov is a creative director from Kazakhstan. Together with his fellow architect, Aigul Kuandykova, they created Mechanical Piano in 1999.

One can see that in their conceptual and structural designs, the brand reflects the architecture and art of the world we live in.

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Marketplace Artists



SANIF OLEK

Filmmaker,
Singapore

Sanif develops and directs successful prime television content of various genres that consistently earned him numerous television awards. With a strength in storytelling, he dissects cultural layers and frames inspiring stories of the human condition, in unique perspectives that are insightful and informative. Sanif makes films to extend beyond the perimeters of commercial television.

His films in the "The LOVE Trilogy" series, have garnered major awards at international film festivals and has been showcased at the Museum of Modern Art (New York). His commissioned work is exhibited at the National Museum of Singapore. He graduated from Singapore's premier film school at Ngee Ann Polytechnic in 1996 and gained his bachelor's degree at the School of Media, Communication & Culture at Murdoch University in Perth, Australia in 2001. He is at various stages of production for his two feature films, "Ramuan Rahasia" and "Voluptas".

Kindly visit reeljuice.net for details of his work.

Marketplace Artists



SHYNGYS (ШЫNGYS) ALKEEV

Hip-Hop Artist,
Kazakhstan

SHYNGYS / ШЫNGYS is one of the founders and leaders of Kazakh hip-hop. He issued the first ever hip-hop album in Kazakh language. He is also founder of the first and only official Kazakh hip-hop label in Kazakhstan. He has eight studio albums. ШЫNGYS by his music and activity popularizes native language among youth of Kazakhstan.



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UEM Group, which has assets totalling more than USD10.1 billion (RM31.1 billion) and shareholders' funds of approximately USD2.5 billion (RM7.6 billion) as at end December 2010, have completed numerous iconic infrastructure projects. UEM Group's headquarters is in Kuala Lumpur though it has international presence in over 20 countries including Brunei, Indonesia, India, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the United Kingdom, the Middle East and North Africa.

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The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is an international financial institution with 36 years of experience in fostering economic development and social progress of its (56) member countries and (77) Muslim communities in non-member countries. It has adopted Vision 2020 which aims at transforming itself into a world class knowledge based development institution.

The main thrust of the Vision is alleviating poverty, promoting health, universalizing education, prospering the people, empowering women, expanding the Islamic financial industry, facilitating the integration of member country economies among themselves and with the world, and improve the image of the Muslim world.

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In addition, the reach of the group extends well into capital market territories such as asset management, personal financing, offshore investment banking and trustee operations and property management, making it a full-fledged financial services company in 2007.

A HERITAGE SPANNING 90 YEARS. – Having been in existence since May 1921 under the name of the Department of Public Trustee and Official Administration, Amanah Raya Berhad took shape in 1995 following the corporatization of the Department to take then as it needed to be financially strong and efficient. AmanahRaya was formally incorporated on 1st August 1995 under the Companies Act 1965. It is wholly owned by the Government i.e. 99.99% by the Minister of Finance (incorporated) and 0.01% by the Federal Commissioner of Lands.

With its vast experience in the business of trust, legacy management and will services, the decision to be corporatized by the government has resulted in the success of the company.

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SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND «SAMRUK-KAZZYNA» JSC

Joint Stock Company Sovereign Wealth Fund «Samruk-Kazyna» was founded in accordance with the Decree of President of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated October 13, 2008 № 669 «On some measures on competitiveness and sustainability of national economy» and by the Decree of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated October 17, 2008 № 962 «On measures on realization of the Decree of President of the Republic of Kazakhstan № 669» by merge of two joint stock companies Kazakhstan Holding for the Management of State Assets SAMRUK and KAZZYNA Sustainable Development Fund.

The key purpose of "Samruk-Kazyna" is to manage shares (interests) of national development institutions, national companies, and other legal entities it owns to maximize their long-term value and competitiveness in the world markets.

Samruk-Kazyna will rely on the following key principles:

- safeguarding interests of the state as the sole shareholder of Samruk-Kazyna;
- transparency, efficiency and flexibility of Samruk-Kazyna and Companies;
- systemic and effective manner of decision-making and execution; and
- commitment and accountability.

Samruk-Kazyna will rely on the following main directions of operation:

- support to modernization and diversification of national economy;
- support to economic stabilization in the country; and
- enhancing efficiency of the Companies.

Samruk-Kazyna is to provide maximum support to the Government of Kazakhstan, promptly and efficiently responding to the needs in attracting investments into real economy, becoming more active in the regions, strengthening inter-industry and inter-regional links and making maximum use of available advantages and opportunities.

Diversification and modernization of national economy can go efficiently through active investments especially in such prioritized sectors as:

- oil and gas;
- power energy;
- metallurgy;
- chemistry and petrochemicals; and
- infrastructure.

Key Objectives of Samruk-Kazyna are:

- to develop and ensure implementation of regional, national and international investment projects;
- to support and modernize existing assets of Samruk-Kazyna Group of Companies;
- to support regional development and implementation of social projects; and
- to support national producers.



ISKANDAR INVESTMENT BERHAD

Iskandar Investment Berhad is a strategic catalyst of change, working closely with the authorities, other developers and investment partners in the region to achieve Iskandar Malaysia's vision of becoming a sustainable metropolis of international standing by 2025.

Iskandar Investment aspires to create a world-class connected liveable community in the heart of Southeast Asia that will lead the change for future generations to come.

Iskandar Investment oversees the development of approximately 9,800 acres, or two per cent, of land in Iskandar Malaysia. These landbanks are strategically located in close proximity to Singapore as well as Johor's logistics hubs, namely the Senai Airport and the international ports of Tanjung Langsat, Pasir Gudang and Tanjung Pelepas, to ensure accessibility to and from all parts of the world.

Iskandar Investment drives investments across six clusters in high-value service sectors to support the development of Iskandar Malaysia. These are namely; education, financial advisory services, leisure and tourism, trade and logistics, healthcare and wellness, and creative industries. This is also aligned with Malaysia's aim to become a high-income nation by 2020.

2012 will be an exciting year with the completion of Iskandar Investment's first phase of development, with steady progress on the ground already underway.

This includes the completion of a coastal highway as well as the launch of EduCity@Iskandar, a regional education centre and Medini Lifestyle (formerly known as Medini North), the region's leisure and tourism destination.

For more information on Iskandar Investment, please visit: www.iskandarinvestment.com

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Past Forums

1ST WIEF

DATE : 1 – 3 October 2005

VENUE : Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia

THEME : Forging New Alliances
for Development
and Progress

No. of participants : 600



HIGHLIGHTS:

The establishment of the WIEF Businesswomen Forum (WBN) and the WIEF Education Trust (WET).

PERSONALITIES ATTENDED:

The then Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Crown Prince of Perak, Raja Dr. Nazrin Shah, the then Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shaukat Aziz, the then President of Maldives, Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, and former Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

MAIN SESSIONS:

- Rejuvenating Knowledge in the Islamic World: A Shared Vision
- Realising Business and Economic Opportunities:

Challenges and Prospects

- Islamic Free Trade Area, Opportunities and Challenges for Muslim Businessmen, Oil and Energy Security and Possible Areas for Collaboration between Governments
- Key Ingredients to Economic Success
- Ummah Initiatives in a Globalised Economic Environment
- Optimising Intellectual and Human Capital: Competing Successfully in the Global Knowledge Economy
- Public-Private Sector Synergy: Leveraging Science and ICT for Economic Development
- Islamic Renaissance: Triumph over the Odds, Synergy in Action, Progress for All
- The Emerging Potential of Muslim Women in the 21st Century
- Strategic Partnership Against Poverty: Breaking its Vicious Cycle

Past Forums

2ND WIEF

DATE : 5 – 7 November 2006

VENUE : Islamabad,
Pakistan

THEME : Unleashing the
Potential of
Emerging Markets

No. of participants : 700



HIGHLIGHTS:

The establishment of the WIEF Young Leaders Network (WYN) and WBN Nurses Training Programme.

PERSONALITIES ATTENDED:

The then President of Pakistan, Pervez Musharraf, the then Prime Minister of Pakistan, Shaukat Aziz, the then Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, former President of Sri Lanka, Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, and former Prime Minister of Australia, Bob Hawke.

PRE-FORUM PROGRAMMES:

WIEF Businesswomen Roundtable 2006
"Unleashing the Potential of Muslim Women"
Date: 5th November 2006

WIEF Young Entrepreneurs Roundtable 2006
"Nurturing a Powerful Youth Business Network"
Date: 5th November 2006

MAIN SESSIONS:

- Challenges for Muslim Leadership in a Globalised World
- Successful Entrepreneurs in a Global Marketplace
- Opportunities in Information, Telecommunications and Outsourcing: New Growth Models
- Opportunities in Infrastructure Development: Public-Private Partnership for Successful Implementation
- Managing Energy Demands: The New Global Energy Paradigm
- Leveraging the Global Supply Chain for Competitive Advantage and Value Creation
- Tourism: The Next Growth Industry
- Diversifying Investment Portfolios for Profit and Security
- Information, telecommunication and infrastructure industries, the prospects for public-private partnerships and leveraging the global supply chain.

Past Forums

3RD WIEF

DATE : 27 – 29 May 2007

VENUE : Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia

THEME : Global Challenges –
Innovative
Partnerships

No. of participants : 1000

HIGHLIGHTS:

The establishment of the WYN Groom a Leader Scholarship and Internship Programme, WYN Let's Plug-In Education Programme and WIEF-UiTM International Centre under WET.

PERSONALITIES ATTENDED:

The then Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, the Prime Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohamad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, President of Indonesia, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Crown Prince and Deputy Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah UAE, Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al-Qasimi, and the former Prime Minister of Netherlands, Ruud Lubbers.

PRE-FORUM PROGRAMMES:

WIEF Businesswomen Forum 2007
"Women Entrepreneurs: The Way Forward"
Date: 27th May 2007

- Women Entrepreneurs: Creating a Niche
- Transforming SMEs to Global Players
- Enhancing Creditworthiness of Businesswomen: Bankers' Perspective
- New Essence of Business
- Role of Stakeholders in Women Entrepreneurial Development

WIEF Young Leaders Forum 2007
"Carving a New World for Muslims:
A Future Agenda"
Date: 27th May 2007

SESSIONS:

- Carving a New World for Muslims: A Young Leaders Agenda
- Let's Do It Programme Discussion: Groom a Leader
- Let's Do It Programme Discussion: Let's Plug-In Education

MAIN SESSIONS:

- Global Challenges and Muslim Leadership in a Globalised World

- Muslim-Western Partnership: Making a Quantum Leap Forward
- Succeeding as Global Entrepreneurs: Strategies for Collaboration
- China & India: Partnership with the Muslim World
- Accelerating Trade & Investments Within and Beyond Muslim Countries: The Way Forward
- Leveraging Knowledge & Education to Unlock Innovation and Creativity
- Innovative Branding and Strategic Positioning: Keys to Success in a Globalised World
- Creating and Innovating Jobs for the Future: Roles of Government, Business and Training
- Building Tomorrow's Innovative Company: Securing a Competitive Advantage
- Guide to Successful Deals
- Sectorial Overview: Telecommunications, Infrastructure, Energy & Water, Tourism & Travel, General Trade
- Integrating Islamic Banking into the Global Financial System
- Closing the Poverty Gap: How Governments and the Private Sector can Collaborate in Development

Past Forums

4TH WIEF

DATE : 29 April – 1 May 2008
 VENUE : Kuwait City, Kuwait
 THEME : Islamic Countries – Partners in Global Development
 No. of participants : 900

HIGHLIGHTS:

The establishment of WYN Cross-Border Mentorship Programme.

PERSONALITIES ATTENDED:

Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah; Prime Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohamad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah; The then Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi; King of Jordan, King Abdullah II; President of Senegal, Abdoulaye Wade; the then President of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai; President of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Haris Silajdzic; the then Prime Minister of Bahrain, Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and Prime Minister of Cote D'Ivoire, Guillaume Kigbafori Soro.

PRE-FORUM PROGRAMMES.

Date: 29th April 2008:

WIEF BUSINESSWOMEN FORUM 2008
 'Capacity Building & Synergistic Linkages: The Way to Success'

- Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship
- Challenges Faced by Women Entrepreneurs
- New Essence of Business
- Nurturing Linkages and Creating Synergies

WIEF YOUNG LEADERS FORUM 2008

'Developing the Future Generation of Leaders'

- Facilitating Youth Development: The Role of Local Initiatives
- Encouraging Mentorship Programmes: Developing Young Leaders
- Money Matters: Financing SME Businesses
- Meeting of the Commercial and Islamic Chambers Chairmen and Businessmen with Members of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Development and Finance in the Islamic World between Islamic Development Agencies, Kuwaiti and International Financial Institutions

- Islamic Finance and Development Challenges
- The Experience of Transforming Traditional Investment Companies into Islamic Investment Companies
- Partners in Development
- Intra-trade Financing Facilities in OIC Member Countries
- The Role of Credit Political Risk Insurance Promoting Trade and Investment
- Overview of Islamic Finance

MAIN SESSIONS:

- Islamic Countries in a Competitive World
- Sectorial Overview: Small and Medium Enterprises, Telecommunications, Transport & Logistics, Infrastructure & Real Estate, Tourism & Travel
- The Muslim World as a Burgeoning Market
- The Future of Energy in a Changing World
- Economic Partnership between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the Muslim World
- The Role of Investment in Poverty Reduction
- Education and Development in the Islamic World
- The Private Sector Role in Development

Past Forums

5TH WIEF

DATE : 1 – 4 March 2009
 VENUE : Jakarta, Indonesia
 THEME : Food and Energy Security & Stemming the Tide of the Global Financial Crisis
 No. of participants : 1728

PERSONALITIES ATTENDED:

President of Indonesia, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, the then Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Morocco, Abbas El Fassi, the then Vice President of Indonesia, Jusuf Kalla, Deputy Prime Minister of Qatar, Abdullah bin Hamad Al Attiyah, Deputy Prime Minister of Yemen, Dr. Rashad Al Alimi, Third Deputy Prime Minister of Uganda, A.M. Kirunda Kivejinja, Crown Prince and Deputy Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah, UAE, Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, and Secretary General of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, Prof. Dr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu.

PRE-FORUM PROGRAMMES.

Date: 1st March 2009:

WIEF BUSINESSWOMEN FORUM 2009
 'Women Entrepreneurs: The Driving Force Towards a Stronger Future'

- Opportunities Beyond Borders
- Evolving Role of Women in Business
- Transforming Market Challenges into Opportunities
- 'Growing' the Next Generation of Women Entrepreneurs: Engaging Young Women & Girls in Entrepreneurship

WIEF YOUNG LEADERS FORUM 2009

'Charting Our Course: Leading Islamic Business & Finance Forward'

- The Leadership Imperative: Towards a Good Succession Plan
- Employment in the 21st Century: Understanding the Global Workplace
- Banking on Integrity: The Prospects of Islamic Finance in a Plural Society
- Plugging ideas into Business: Creating Innovative Industries

POST-CONFERENCE PROGRAMMES:

'Indonesia in Focus: Investments in the Region'Details: The Post Forum Programme was aimed to introduce the potential investment opportunities in the different regions (provinces)

in Indonesia. The plenary sessions covered topics such as regional investment policies, tourism and the prospect of Shariah banking in Indonesia. The parallel sessions were expositions on potential regional investment opportunities by the respective provincial governors based on 4 classified group sectors – Oil and Gas, Mining and Infrastructure, Agriculture, Tourism and Finance. 13 provinces took part in the event – West Sumatera, South Sumatera, Banten, West Java, East Java, East Kalimantan, North Sulawesi Province, Central Sulawesi, South East Sulawesi, South Sulawesi, Bali, West Nusa Tenggara and Papua.

MAIN SESSIONS:

- Innovative Solutions to Global Challenges
- Global Economic and Business Scenario for the Next Decade
- Role of Business in Ensuring a Sustainable Environment for Future Generation
- Beyond Scarcity: Overcoming the Global Food Crisis
- Paving a Greener World: Creating a Future for Alternative Energy
- Stemming the Tide of the Global Financial Crisis
- Transforming Mediocrity into International Success
- Global SMEs: Business Beyond Boundaries

Past Forums

6TH WIEF

DATE : 18 – 20 May 2010
VENUE : Kuala Lumpur
Convention Centre,
Malaysia
THEME : Gearing For Economic
Resurgence
No. of participants : 2567

HIGHLIGHTS:

Inaugural of the Marketplace of Creative Arts exhibition.

PERSONALITIES ATTENDED:

HM Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, Brunei Darussalam, HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York & Special Trade and Investment Representative, UK, Hon. Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia & Patron, WIEF, H.E. Abdoulaye Wade, President, Republic of Senegal, H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister, People's Republic of Bangladesh, H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President, Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Dr. Fatmir Sejdiu, the then President, Republic of Kosovo, H.E. Mohamed Nasheed, President, Republic of Maldives, H.E. Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Ali, President, Islamic Development Bank, H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary General of ASEAN, Hon. Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia, H.E. Shaukat Aziz, Former Prime Minister of Pakistan, H.E. Ruud Lubbers, Former Prime Minister of the Netherlands

PRE FORUM PROGRAMMES

WIEF BUSINESSWOMEN FORUM

- Making a Difference: Women and Meaning of Success
- Opportunity in Crisis: Identifying New Dynamics
- Promoting Professionalism & Talent Through Training and Education
- Breaking Through in Business: Different Needs, Varying Challenges
- Industries in Focus: Food/ Education/ Tourism/ Healthcare

WIEF YOUNG LEADERS FORUM

- Empowering Leaders of Tomorrow: Connect and Collaborate
- Going Green: Tackling the New Blue
- Taking the Stairs: Driving the Spirit of Entrepreneurship and Leadership
- Identity in the 21st Century: Investing in the Future of Creative Arts

MARKETPLACE OF CREATIVE ARTS

- Defining Youth and the Muslim World through Arts

MAIN SESSIONS:

- Leadership Challenges for the New Era
- The Business Of Innovation: Wiring For New Needs
- Countries in Focus Business, Trade & Investment Opportunities
- Tapping Tourism Potentials: Putting Resources to Work
- Integrating Logistics: Building Competitiveness in Freight and Transport
- Empowering SMEs : Turning Size into a Comparative Advantage
- Tackling a Thirsty World: The Business Case for Water
- Islamic Branding: Myth or Reality?
- Connecting Minds: Leveraging Technology for Training and Education
- Ethics in Business: Balancing Bottom Line and Good Governance
- Islamic Banking and Finance: Riding the Wave of Economic Transformation
- Boosting UK Trade with the Islamic World: The Road Ahead
- The New Game Plan: Thriving in a Post-Crisis World
- Putting a Brake on Climate Change: Assuring Earth's Future

WIEF INITIATIVES

WIEF Initiatives

WIEF BUSINESSWOMEN NETWORK (WBN)

Recognition of women in their potential contribution to the Muslim world especially in terms of business



OVERVIEW

The WIEF Businesswomen Network (WBN), an initiative established in 2006 by the WIEF Foundation, is aimed at providing a networking berth for women entrepreneurs across the world especially in Muslim countries and societies. The idea stems from the premise that women constitute a very important segment of society and thus must be given due recognition of their economic contribution to the Muslim world. WBN also develops programmes to stimulate business activities amongst women entrepreneurs and to empower women in business.

WIEF Initiatives

PROJECTS

The first project under WBN was the holding of the Inaugural WIEF Women Entrepreneurs Workshop jointly organised by the WBN and the WIEF- UiTM International Centre. The course was held on 17-29 January 2010 and was attended by 28 women from 13 countries. It was designed to equip women entrepreneurs with necessary skills to help them compete in the global arena.

This residential workshop provided an excellent opportunity for its participants to network as well as gain extensive knowledge and exposure through lectures, addresses by guest speakers, group roundtable discussion, industrial visits to various local businesses, case studies and group projects.

The 2nd WIEF Women Entrepreneurs Workshop held in January 2011 was organized by the WIEF Businesswomen Network (WBN) in collaboration with the NAM Institute for the Empowerment of Women Malaysia (NIEW), the SME Corporation and the Department of Women Development, Malaysia. This unique cooperation was mooted in order to promote knowledge sharing between the four organizations by utilizing their individual but niche competencies towards producing a high quality workshop.

The 9-day interactive entrepreneurial workshop, attended by 31 participants from 14 countries, was designed to address the specific needs and challenges faced by women entrepreneurs as well as identify opportunities available for them.

The participating countries were Cambodia, Myanmar, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Sudan, Philippines, Jordan, Uganda, Indonesia, Canada, Comoros, Morocco, Kuwait and Malaysia.

Due to the success of the Workshop, the WBN is exploring the possibility of holding similar programmes with suitable partners abroad in order to allow more women entrepreneurs to benefit from this programme.

WIEF Initiatives

WIEF YOUNG LEADERS NETWORK (WYN)

Capitalizing on the efforts and creativity of young entrepreneurs and professionals.

OVERVIEW

The WIEF Young Leaders Network (WYN) was established in 2006 to bring together young leaders and emerging entrepreneurs from across the globe to share and exchange world-changing ideas and create an effective platform for cross-border networking.

The WYN initiated the 'Groom a Leader' Scholarship and Internship Programmes during the 3rd WIEF in Kuala Lumpur in 2007. The programmes are aimed at providing scholarship and internship opportunities for young leaders from the Muslim World.



WIEF Initiatives

PROJECTS

WYN Internship Programme

The WYN Internship programme was established to inculcate the culture of cross-border internship exchange in the Muslim World. The WYN Internship Programme was established for the purpose of identifying and nurturing young leaders in the Muslim world through internship placements in reputable corporations worldwide. The Programme offers students an opportunity to experience working life in a different country, embrace the different cultures in the Muslim world, and get to know different people while at the same time benefiting from professional and leadership skills and world-class best practices at work.

The Programme operates under one important premise: around 65% of the total Muslim population consists of young people below the age of 30. This means that in the next few decades, this huge number of people will be assuming positions of leadership. The competency of these young people will determine the future of the Muslim world. Hence, their skills, expertise, connectivity with each other are crucial elements that the Muslim world needs to hone to survive the challenging 21st Century.

So far, the Programme has attracted the participation of several big corporations: some of them are: CIMB Group, Sime Darby, Ethos & Company, AsiaEP, PricewaterhouseCoopers Malaysia, Al-Ghurair Group of Dubai, Unicorn International Islamic Bank Malaysia and Rio Tinto Alcan of Australia.

Partners of the WIEF Internship Programme:



Partners of the WIEF Scholarship Programme:



WIEF Initiatives

Successful interns for 2009/2010 Intake:

1. Fatimah Omotayo Salami (Canadian Nigerian), 6 months at Ethos & Company, Malaysia
2. Ibrahim Abdirahman H. Adam (Somalian), 3 months at Al Ghurair Group, UAE
3. Mohamed Mahees Raheem (Sri Lankan), 3 months at Al Ghurair Group, UAE
4. Umer Altaf (Pakistani), 3 months at Al Ghurair Group, UAE
5. Muhammad Adnan bin Hasan (Indonesian), 3 months at Unicorn International Islamic Bank, Malaysia

Successful interns for 2010/2011 Intake:

1. Martha Octavia (Indonesian), 6 months at Sime Darby, Malaysia
2. Swaleh Maulid Omari (Kenyan), 6 months at Sime Darby, Malaysia
3. Akeem Koye (Nigerian), 6 months at Sime Darby, Malaysia
4. Andinna Eva Habiba (Indonesian), 6 months at CIMB Group, Malaysia
5. Nesmy Zulfa Hidayati (Indonesian), 6 months at CIMB Group, Malaysia
6. Shaira Karishwa Sheris (Sri Lankan), 6 months at Ethos & Company, Malaysia
7. Ahmed Moahmmed (Iraqi), 3 months at AsiaEP, Malaysia
8. Oybek Batirov (Uzbek), 3 months at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Malaysia
9. Ili Juliana (Malaysian), 6 months at Rio Tinto Alcan, Australia

WIEF Initiatives

WIEF EDUCATION TRUST (WET)

The idea of WET came from the premise that education is the most important pillar in every society.



OVERVIEW

The WIEF Education Trust (WET) was established in 2006, on the premise that education is the most important pillar in every society and that the fate and future of a community lies in the quality and availability of education to its people. The WET is aimed at garnering support and resources from the Muslim world to provide education opportunities to the people at large.

The WET initiated the establishment of the WIEF-UiTM International Centre to pursue suitable training and academic programmes. In addition, the WIEF-UiTM International Centre, in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank, is undertaking selective vocational training programmes for some parts of the Muslim world.



WIEF Initiatives

PROJECTS

The WET's first project, the Global Discourse Series had its Inaugural session in November 2009 at UiTM International Centre, Universiti Teknologi MARA. It was attended by approximately 120 participants comprising of faculty members as well as local and foreign students. This inaugural session bore the theme "Global Economic and Business Scenario: Muslim Countries as the New Emerging Economies".

There have been talks of a new shift in the global economy's centre of gravity, moving eastwards from the western hemisphere, where it used to be for many decades. With a significant rise in Islamic Finance beyond its traditional shores, a rapidly increasing Islamic Finance industry worth more than USD 1 trillion, a burgeoning youth population comprising 65% of the total population, Muslim nations and communities are bound to rise as the new emerging economies of the world.

The 2nd WIEF-UiTM Global Discourse entitled, "Churning Out Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Malaysia" was held in October 2010 at the Intekma Resort and Convention Centre, Shah Alam. The Keynote Address was by Prof. William F. Miller, Professor of Public and Private Management, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, and the President & CEO Emeritus of SRI International.

His speech was focused on the need to develop institutional mechanism to create entrepreneurial culture in academic institutions to foster growth of innovation and entrepreneurship amongst faculty and students. These young and enterprising technocrats would in turn become "job generators" and not "job seekers" – an important element towards Malaysia's economic growth.

The 3rd WIEF-UiTM Global Discourse, "Social Entrepreneurs: Agents of Change" was held in March 2011 at the Sime Darby Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur. The Discourse, addressed by four local and international award winners, was attended by more than 200 people comprising academics, entrepreneurs, NGOs, corporate leaders, government officials and students.

Panel Speakers shared their business model as well as their varied experiences and perspectives. They also discussed the many challenges faced by social entrepreneurs from the population explosion, technological advancements, complexities of living, funding issues and accountability.

