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# IFD 2020

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Islamic Fintech Dialogue

*Islamic Fintech Ecosystem:*

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*Topics Covered:*

- ✓ **Opportunities During and Post COVID-19**
- ✓ **Islamic Fintech in Theory**
- ✓ **Artificial Intelligence and Robo-Advisory**
- ✓ **Future Outlook: What's Missing?**

*... and more*

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# About IFD

Islamic fintech is a rapidly growing interest in the Islamic finance ecosystem. The 3rd Islamic Fintech Dialogue will explore what is driving this interest and the direction of the industry. Since its inception, IFD has established itself as a central point of discussion on the growth and development of Islamic fintech ecosystem. The 1st IFD set the dialogue for discussions of the fundamentals of fintech in Islamic finance in areas such as governance, regulations, Shariah compliance, technology, etc. The 2nd IFD dealt with challenges and opportunities of fintech in the Islamic finance industry, while providing insight on the way fintech is challenging the norm of the financial industry – including Islamic financial system. The 2-day event was well attended by local and international participants and graced with insights from industry experts such as YBhg. Dato' Ts. Dr. Haji Amirudin Abdul Wahab, Datuk Dr. Mohd Daud Bakar, Dr. Bello Lawal Danbatta, Mr. Norhizam Abdul Kadir, Ms. Azleena Idris, Mr. Daud Vicary, Mr. Mark Smalley, Mr. Othman Abdullah, just to name a few.

The 3rd IFD (IFD2020) will push the dialogue even further to go beyond the norm in the industry. Fintech has always been the disruptor for the global financial industry. However, 2020 has seen a new disruptor that affected all aspects of the global economy from high job losses to even loss of life. This brings about the question on whether COVID-19's disruption of the global economy has created more relevance for the fintech industry or not. Can the Islamic fintech industry transform this disruption into new solutions and opportunities? A notable reality, especially in the Islamic fintech industry, is that although the industry seems to be expanding it is however not connected. There seems to be still key components of the industry that are missing. Hence, in the interest of creating an Islamic fintech ecosystem, whether regional or global, these components must be identified. IFD2020 will discuss these areas to better understand where lies the dots that already exist and can be connected. While also exploring what are the missing and fundamental blocks in building an Islamic fintech ecosystem.

## Objectives

- ✓ To raise awareness of the growing efforts being played by the Islamic fintech players to help with the current crisis.
- ✓ To understand some of the hurdles that are facing the industry players that are inspired to push the industry beyond the norm.
- ✓ To understand the role of Shariah in pushing shariah-based fintech to the industry.
- ✓ To encourage new shariah compliant fintech initiatives.



## Who should Attend

- Venture Capitalists
- Entrepreneurs
- Fintech Companies
- Starts-Up
- Shariah Scholars & Advisors
- Halal Businesses
- Bankers and Practitioners
- Government Agencies
- Regulator and policymakers
- Academicians and researchers
- Students
- General fintech enthusiasts

# IFD2020 Agenda

DAY 1 (1 DEC 2020)

- 1.50 PM **Zoom Participation Opens**
- 2.00 PM **Qur'an Recitation**
- 2.05 PM **Welcoming Remarks:** Prof. Dr. Mohamad Akram Laldin - *Executive Director, ISRA*
- 2.15 PM **Opening Speech:** Adnan Zaylani Mohamad Zahid - *Assistant Governor, Bank Negara Malaysia*
- 2.30 PM **Launch of I-FIKR App**
- 2.35 PM **Presentation & Launch of the "Malaysian Islamic Fintech 2021: Reality & Outlook" Report**  
*Presenter:*  
Asst. Prof. Dr. Kinan Salim - *Assistant Professor, INCEIF*
- Panelists:*  
Prof. Dato' Dr Mohd Azmi Omar - *President & CEO, INCEIF*  
Norhizam Abdul Kadir - *Vice President, Fintech & Islamic Digital Economy, MDEC*  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Said Bouheraoua - *Director, Research Development & Innovation Department, ISRA*
- Session 1: Global Islamic Fintech Ecosystem: Integration or Decentralization**  
*Panelists:*
- 3.30 PM Ayman Sejjny - *CEO, Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector*  
Mohammad Ridzuan Abdul Aziz - *Founder, Fintech Association of Malaysia (FAOM)*  
Noha Shaker - *Vice President, North-Africa Fintech and Africa Fintech Network*  
Ronald Yusuf Wijaya - *President, Indonesia Sharia Fintech Association*
- Chairperson:*  
Dr. Marjan Muhammad - *Head of the Research Quality Office, ISRA*
- 4.40PM **Session 2: How to Secure Your 1st Million Dollar Funding**  
*Panelists:*  
Abdullah Hidayat - *Co-founder and Executive Director, Ficus Venture Capital*  
Jamaluddin Bujang - *Managing Director, Gobi Partners*  
Shahril Anas Hasan Aziz - *CEO, MAVCAP*  
Hany O. Soliman - *General Manager, PayTabs*
- Chairperson:*  
Asst. Prof. Dr. Kinan Salim - *Assistant Professor, INCEIF*
- 5.40PM **End of Day 1**



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DAY 2 (2 DEC 2020)

2.00 PM **Session 3: Direct, Neo or Challenger: How are Islamic Digital Banks & Takaful Emerging?**

*Panelists:*

Wan Ahmad Najib Wan Ahmad Lotfi - *Chief Strategy & Digital Distribution Officer*

*FWD Takaful Berhad*

Kemal Payza - *Head of Business Operations and Globalization, Insha*

*Wajeeha H. Awadh - Section Head of Digital Banking & FinTech, Al Baraka Banking Group*

*Chairperson:*

Prof. Dr. Younes Soualhi - *Head of Islamic Banking Unit, ISRA*

3.00 PM **Session 4: Artificial intelligence and Robo-Advisory: How Realistic is Their Application in Shariah Assurance and Islamic Wealth Management?**

*Panelists:*

Omar Shaikh - *CEO & Founder, COCOA Invest*

Nazri M Muhd - *CEO, MyFinB Group*

Mufti Faraz Adam - *CEO, Amanah Advisors*

Mughees Shaukat - *Global Financial strategist, Policy Advisor, Head of Islamic Finance, CBFS, Oman and Fintech Expert, MIT, USA (Oman)*

*Chairperson:*

Prof. Dr. Ashraf Md. Hashim - *CEO, ISRA Consulting*

4.10 PM **Session 5: Islamic Social Fintech to Boost the Halal Economy Post Pandemic World – What's to Come?**

*Panelists:*

Rafi-uddin Shikoh - *Managing Director, DinarStandard*

Mufti Ismail Desai - *CEO, Global Islamic Financial Services Firm*

Mr. Matthew Martin - *CEO & Founder, Blossom Finance*

*Chairperson:*

Asst. Prof. Dr. Ziyaad Mahomed - *Associate Dean/Director, Executive Education & E-Learning, INCEIF*

5.10 PM **Open Session – Islamic Fintech Outlook: What Future Do We Foresee?**

*An open brainstorming session aiming to identify the important issues and questions raised through the series of dialogues and to paint a picture of what is to come for development of the Islamic fintech industry. This session's speakers will actively engage the audience on the outlook of the Islamic fintech industry.*

*Chairperson:*

Dr. Moutaz Abojeib - *Researcher, ISRA*

6.10 PM **Closing Remarks:**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Said Bouheraoua - *Director, Research Development & Innovation Department, ISRA*