

Call for Papers

3rd Annual Global Forum on Islamic Finance

Islamic finance: A viable financial alternative

March 10 – 11, 2015

Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore

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The Conference

The Centre of Islamic Finance (CIF), COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Lahore, Pakistan is proudly hosting its 3rd Annual Global Forum on Islamic Finance (GFIF). The GFIF provides a platform and a medium for scholars and experts from all over the world to share their new ideas on the Islamic finance and related fields.

Theme:

Islamic finance: A viable financial alternative

Islamic finance is increasingly emerging, in many parts of the world, as an alternative financial system. The approach is based on “Shariah” or Islamic Law. The rules of Islamic finance are part and parcel of the religion by which Muslims lead their lives. Modern Islamic financing techniques were developed in Muslim parts of Asia, notably Malaysia. But the boom, since the mid-1990s, has come from the large oil revenues flowing into the Gulf region. Islamic finance has been concentrated in Muslim parts of the world: the Middle East, North Africa, and Southeast Asia. More recently, the ideas and concepts of Islamic finance have attracted conventional issuers and investors, from all over the world, seeking to tap into new opportunities.

Aim of the Conference:

The 3rd Global Forum on Islamic Finance 2015 is aimed at providing an opportunity for researchers, scholars and practitioners to share their knowledge regarding the dynamics of Islamic Finance. Recent developments in the field of Islamic Finance and their potential impact, as a financial alternative, on the major economies of the world in the near future and its further potentials will be the focus of the GFIF 2015.

The Conference

Developments and Future Perspective of International Finance

Growth & Importance of Islamic Finance

Dynamics of Islamic Finance Industry

The Issues of Sharia Compliance

The Practitioner-Academician Dialogue

Solution-centric Discussions

Scope of the Conference:

GFIF 2015 will provide the participants an opportunity to share their knowledge in the sphere of Islamic finance in the local as well as the global context. Related topics, that contribute towards the theme of the conference, will be welcomed.

GFIF 2015 will also provide a unique opportunity to the budding and potential researchers and practitioners to augment their skills through intensive sessions in the presence of highly professional local and foreign speakers. Moreover, panel discussions will ignite dialogue on contemporary issues to add value towards the learning of the participants.

Structure of the Conference:

The GFIF welcomes diverse participants from the academia, research institutes, financial institutions, corporate world and the government sector to share their experiences, learning and research. The forum comprises of various sessions to make it exciting and a comprehensive experience for attendees. The participants may choose from any of the following options:

- Research Paper Presentations
- Case Study Presentations
- Panel Discussions
- Lectures of leading financial experts and Sharia scholars

The Participants May:

- Present Research Papers
- Participate in Panel Discussion
- Present Case Studies
- Attend Lectures of Contemporary Financial Experts & Sharia Scholars

The conference topics

The scope of the conference is much broader and following topics are given here as a guideline, thus, you may send a paper that is incommensurateness with the conference theme.

- ❏ Islamic finance and socio-economic development
- ❏ Performance of Islamic financial institutions
- ❏ Islamic finance and the new geopolitical realities
- ❏ Islamic finance and the global financial crisis
- ❏ Variety of Islamic financial products
- ❏ Regulation of the Islamic finance sector
- ❏ Non-Banking Islamic financial institutions
- ❏ Product development and Implementation of Islamic financial products
- ❏ Sukuk: development, issues and challenges
- ❏ Ensuring Shariah compliance in Islamic financial instruments
- ❏ Islamic gold account: a golden opportunity
- ❏ Islamic mutual funds (unit trusts): factors to consider in making an investment
- ❏ Takaful: innovation and solutions
- ❏ The rise of Islamic wealth management in Islamic finance industry

Key dates

- ❏ Abstract submission: November 30, 2014
- ❏ Full paper submission: December 15, 2014
- ❏ Acceptance date: January 10, 2015
- ❏ Early bird registration: Before January 20, 2015
- ❏ Last date of Registration: February 20, 2015

Registration for the Conference

Please fill in the registration form downloadable from the conference Web site <http://www.ciitlahore.edu.pk/gfif/Registration.html> and send it to the conference secretariat address given at the end of this document along with the payment information.

Registration fee for varied categories of participants is given below:

- ❏ International Participants: \$250
- ❏ Local Practitioners: Rs. 5,000
- ❏ Local Academics: Rs. 5,000
- ❏ Local Students: Rs. 2,500

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Early bird registration shall get 10% discount till January 09, 2015.

Accommodation

Registration fee includes Participation, Meals, and Tea Breaks only during the two days of the Conference and participants will have to arrange for the accommodation on their own however, we will be happy to facilitate the participants in this regard.

- ✚ For accommodation in Pearl Continental hotel please contact Mr. Fawad Jan at fawadjan@hashoogroup.com or fawadjank@hotmail.com
- ✚ For accommodation in guest houses please contact Mr. Muhammad Umar Farooq at umarfarooq@ciitlahore.edu.pk

Hotels' and guest houses' information is provided in the table below for your convenience. Please keep in mind that the rates mentioned below are their reported rates and may differ slightly. You can click the hotel/guest room name to visit its Website.

Hotels and Guest Houses near Conference Venue

Name	Contract Number	Single Room (Pak Rs)	Double Room (Pak Rs)	Contact Person
Hospitality Inn	042-36310077	on call	on call	On call
Crown Plaza	042-111808111, 0321-8466365	5845+tax	7097+tax	On call
Avari	042-36366366	13573+tax	18000+tax	On call
Hotel One	042-35773181-8	10000+tax	13000+tax	On call
Ambassador	042-36316820, 0321-7213144	5000+tax	6000+tax	On call
Luxury Inn	0300-8883822	3500+tax	4000+tax	On call
Canal View				
Davis Hotel				

Tentative program

The following is the tentative program of the conference. Detailed program will be available on the conference Website <http://www.ciitlahore.edu.pk/gfif>.

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Day One

Hours

09:00	Registration
10:00	Guests to be Seated
10:10	Opening Ceremony
10:15	Conference Overview
10:20	Welcome Address (Dr. S.M. Junaid Zaidi, Rector COMSATS Institute of Information Technology)
10:30	Lancaster University's Perspective
10:40	Keynote Address
10:55	COMSATS perspective
11:10	Opening Address
11:15	Vote of thanks
11:20	Coffee / Tea Break

11:45 – 13:05

SESSION 1

13:05

13:15 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 15:45

SESSION II

15:45 – 16:00

Coffee / Tea Break

16:00 – 17:45

SESSION III

20:00 Gala Dinner at CIIT Lahore

Day Two

Hours

09:00- 10:45

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee / Tea Break

11:00- 13:00

SESSION I

13:00 – 13:50

Lunch

13:50 – 15:30

SESSION II

15:30 -15:45

Coffee / Tea Break

15:45 – 16:50

SESSION III

16:50

Address by the Chief Guest

17:15

Vote of Thanks

17:30

Distribution of Awards and Certificates

17:45

Photo Session and Closing

Conference committees

Executive Committee

- ✚ Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi
- ✚ Dr. M. A. Bodla

Advisory Committee

- ✚ Dr. Qaisar Abbas
- ✚ Dr. Talat Afza
- ✚ Dr. Abdus Sattar Abbasi
- ✚ Dr. Imran Haider Naqvi

Conference Secretariat

- ✚ Conference Convener: Syed Nauman Ahmad
- ✚ Conference Secretary: Ms. Amna Naveed

About CIIT

COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) started its journey in 1998, and established its first campus at Islamabad in April 1998. In August 2000, in recognition of CIIT's achievements, the federal government granted it the status of a Degree Awarding Institute (DAI) through promulgation of its charter. The CIIT, besides its principal campus at Islamabad, has seven other fully functional campuses at Lahore, Abbottabad, Wah, Attock, Sahiwal, Vehari and a virtual campus, while six more campuses at Gujrat, Kotli, Karachi, Larkana, Quetta, and Peshawar are in the works. The CIIT is also exploring opportunity for opening an overseas campus in the Gulf region. The CIIT is now slated for up gradation as a university by the name of 'COMSATS University' through an Act of the Parliament.

The CIIT at present comprises of five Faculties and 17 Departments. Presently, 30 under graduate degree programs and 37 graduate programs are being offered in which around 20,000 students are enrolled. There are more than 2,062 faculty members working in CIIT. 451 faculty members and academic managers, holding PhD degrees, are currently serving the CIIT; the remaining members have completed MS / MPhil degree. CIIT has proudly produced 18,016 graduates since its inception in 2000.

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