

Call for Papers

1st Annual Global Forum on Islamic Finance

New Realities New Challenges

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The Conference

COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Lahore, Pakistan is hosting 1st Annual Global Forum on Islamic Finance with the collaboration of Lancaster University, UK to provide an opportunity to share latest developments among scholars from around the globe in the field of Islamic finance. The theme of the Conference is “Islamic Finance: New Realities New Challenges”.

The 1st Annual Global Forum on Islamic Finance will consider the spectacular political and socio-economic developments that we have been witnessing, and their probable effects on the performance and future position of Islamic financial institutions, the regulatory set-ups and popularity of Islamic products being offered to the public, governments and business.

Much has been said about the phenomenal growth of the Islamic finance industry over the past decade and the growth rates have been outstandingly impressive. Industry supporters have also lauded how successfully Islamic banking has largely weathered the global economic crisis that engulfed the conventional banking industry. However, despite these achievements, much still needs to be done if the industry is to truly come of age and play its part on the world stage.

To play its part, the leading industry players, academics and researchers will address key factors for achieving scale through novelty to strengthen Islamic financial institutions and ensure long-term industry stability; GFIF 2013 will be a key platform that will assist industry players to innovate the next generation of Islamic finance solutions that will meet the increasingly complex needs of corporate borrowers, consumers, issuers and investors; and create the conditions that will enable a more globally harmonized footprint for Islamic financial institutions - that, if

The Conference

Islamic Finance

Growth & Importance of Islamic Finance

Dynamics of Islamic Finance Industry

The Issues of Sharia Compliance

The Practitioner-Academician

Dialogue

Solution-centric Discussions

achieved, will propel the Islamic finance industry to the next level of success.

1st Annual Global Forum on Islamic Finance is aimed at providing an opportunity for researchers, scholars and practitioners to share knowledge regarding dynamics of Islamic finance. Contemporary developments in the field of Islamic finance and their impact on economic landscape of the world in coming decades will be the focus of GFIF.

GFIF welcomes participants from academia, research institutes, corporate world and government sector to share their experiences, learning and research. GFIF comprises various sessions to make it the most comprehensive experience for its attendees.

The participants will have opportunities to present their research work, participate in fruitful panel discussions, and present case studies. The conference will also give a chance to listen to contemporary financial experts and Sharia scholars hence bridging the gap between theory and practice.

GFIF will provide an opportunity to the participants to share their knowledge in the spheres of Islamic finance in regional and global contexts. We also welcome related topics that contribute towards the theme of the conference.

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

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 in commensurate 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

The Participants May:

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

- 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 / Full paper Submission: January 20, 2013
- Acceptance Date: February 4, 2013
- Early bird Registration: January 10, 2013
- Last date of Registration: February 20, 2013

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: \$400
- Local Practitioners: Rs. 10,000
- Local Academics: Rs. 5000
- Local Students: Rs. 2500

Early bird registration will get 10% discount till January 10, 2013.

Accommodation

Registration fee includes Participation, Meals, and Tea Breaks only during the three days of the Conference and participants will have to arrange for their 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

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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	3500+tax	4000+tax	Aqeel Shaikh
Avari	042-36366366	8500+tax	9500+tax	Qasim Rizvi
Hotel One	042-35773181-8	6000+tax	7000+tax	On call
Ambassador	042-36316820, 0321-7213144	3500+tax	4000+tax	Asif Shaikh
Luxury Inn	0300-8883822	2000+inc. tax	2500+inc.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>.

Monday March 11, 2013	Welcome Desk Arrival Registration Inaugural Ceremony Conference Sessions Gala Dinner
Tuesday March 12, 2013	Conference Sessions
Wednesday March 13, 2013	Conference Sessions Closing Ceremony

Conference committees

Executive Committee

- Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi
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Conference Secretariat

- Conference Convener: Dr. Abdus Sattar Abbasi
- Conference Coordinator: Dr. Yahya Rashid
- Conference Secretary: Ms. Zainab Akram

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 six other fully functional campuses at Lahore, Abbottabad, Wah, Attock, Sahiwal and Vehari, 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 qualification are currently serving the CIIT; the remaining have MS / MPhil in relevant fields. CIIT has proudly produced 18,016 graduates since its inception in 2000.

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