

Call for Papers

Global Forum on Islamic Finance 2014

Developments and The Way Forward

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The Conference

COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Lahore, Pakistan, is hosting 2nd Global Forum on Islamic Finance to provide another opportunity to share latest developments among scholars from around the globe in the field of Islamic finance. The theme of the Conference is “Developments and the Way Forward”.

The 2nd 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 flourish and play its part on the world stage.

On this great global forum, COMATS Institute of Information Technology will provide a platform to the leading industry players, academics and researchers to address key factors for achieving scale through novelty to strengthen the Islamic financial institutions and ensure long-term industry stability; GFIF 2014 will thus 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 achieved, will propel the Islamic finance industry to the next level of success.

2nd Global Forum on Islamic Finance is a step ahead in providing another opportunity to researchers, scholars and practitioners to share knowledge regarding the dynamics of Islamic finance.

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

Contemporary developments in the field of Islamic finance and their impact on economic landscape of the world in the near future 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 the participants 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 quite wide and the paper submitted may be on one of the following themes or related topics:

- ❖ Laws of Islamic financial theory and practice
- ❖ Regulatory structures
- ❖ Shariah-compliant investment
- ❖ Islamic social thought and corporate governance
- ❖ Structuring Islamic securitization
- ❖ Socially-responsible investment strategy
- ❖ Takaful and Shariah-compliant insurance
- ❖ Islamic project financing
- ❖ Islamic wealth management
- ❖ Sukkuk, Zakat and financial planning
- ❖ Shariah-compliant risk management
- ❖ Housing finance and Shariah-compliant mortgage products
- ❖ Market penetration in non-Islamic contexts
- ❖ Zakah, poverty alleviation and Islamic banks
- ❖ Corporate social responsibility of Islamic financial institutions
- ❖ Management, leadership and governance of Islamic financial services providers
- ❖ Principles of Islamic jurisprudence and legal maxims
- ❖ Comparative analysis of Islamic and conventional banks
- ❖ Impact of global financial crisis on Islamic banks

The Participants May:

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

- ✦ Business cycles, financial instability and crisis
- ✦ Islamic economics
- ✦ Risk management in Islamic finance
- ✦ Islamic microfinance

Key dates

- ✦ Abstract Submission Deadline: November 01, 2013
- ✦ Full paper Submission Deadline: December 30, 2013
- ✦ Acceptance Date: January 06, 2014
- ✦ Early bird Registration: Before 15 Jan, 2014
- ✦ Last date of Registration: January 30, 2014

Registration for the Conference

Please fill in the registration form downloadable from conference Web site <http://gfif.ciitlahore.edu.pk/registration.aspx> 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 Academics & Practitioners: Rs. 5,000
- ✦ Local Students: Rs. 2500

Early bird registration will get 10% discount before January 15, 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, please contact Mr. Syed Ahsan Ibrahim at ahsanibrahim@hashoogroup.com (Mobile Number 0301-8499554)
- ✦ For accommodation in guest houses please contact Mr. Rao Mughammad Atif at raoatif@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.

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Hotels and Guest Houses near Conference Venue

Name	Contract Number	Single Room	Double Room	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 would be available on the conference Website <http://gfif.ciitlahore.edu.pk/>

Day/Date	Activity
Monday March 10, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Desk Arrival Registration • Inaugural Ceremony • Conference Sessions • Gala Dinner
Tuesday March 11, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference Sessions
Wednesday March 12, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference Sessions • Conference Sessions • Panel Discussion • Closing Ceremony

Conference Committees

Executive Committee

- ✦ Dr. S. M. Junaid Zaidi
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Conference Secretariat

- ✦ Convener: Dr. Yahya Rashid
- ✦ Advisor: Dr. Imran Haider Naqvi
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- ✦ Secretary GFIF : Mr. Khurram Shahzad

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 at present comprises of five Faculties and 17 Departments. Presently, 30 under graduate degree programs and 37 graduate programs are on offer 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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