

3rd East Africa Islamic Economy Summit

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Theme:
Financial Inclusion & Fin-tech to unlock East Africa Potential



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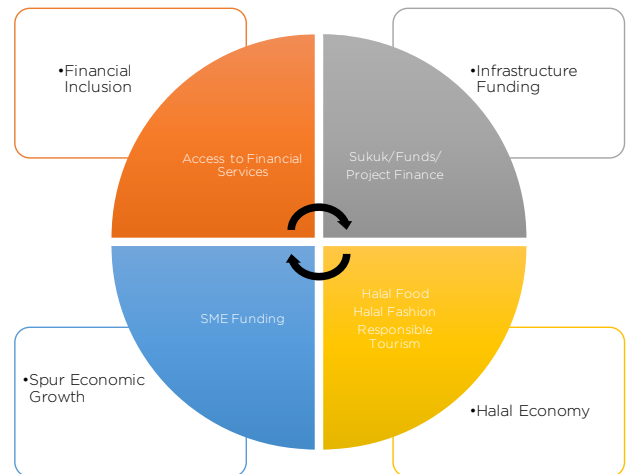
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Conference Agenda

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ABOUT EAST AFRICA ISLAMIC ECONOMY SUMMIT 2018

It is fair to say that Islamic Economy has gained momentum not only in East Africa but the world over with the renewed focus towards socially responsible, sustainable financial solutions. With the key drivers of Islamic Economy focusing on these key issues;



2017 has been a challenging year for both global business and politics, traditional markets and FDI sources for East Africa e.g Europe and America have been faced with uncertainty, this trend is likely to continue into the early part of 2018, hence the importance of widening East Africa's debt/FDI basket to focus on sharia compliant investments.

Our region East Africa continue to register growth that is driven by domestic demand, private sector development and strong trade relations with the rest of the world, this makes it a sure destination for investment from Islamic Finance markets in Asia and Middle East.



THE SUMMIT 2018

This year's summit will look at Islamic economy to define the role of the financial sector, and utilize its tools and technologies as growth accelerators and as means to facilitate transactions free from traditional bureaucratic processes and drive financial inclusion.

The emergence of Fin Tech opens a host of investment opportunities in the digital Islamic economy. This nascent sector is widely receptive to innovation and in dire need of fresh talent, especially when it comes to small and medium enterprises.

East Africa's fairly developed infrastructure and communication sector, a tech savvy young population and the ability to capitalize on technology development provides a great opportunity for the region to lead in Islamic digital economy.

Accounting firm Ernst & young puts a figure of 150 million new customers by 2021 with the adaptation of Technology in Islamic Finance.

WHO ATTENDS?

- Entrepreneurs (businessmen/importers/exporters)
- International Business Leaders
- Government Leaders & Heads of Government Ministries
- Business Professionals
- Shari'a Scholars and Advisors
- Lawyers & Legal Experts
- Professors & Academicians
- Owners of Islamic Business Enterprises
- Senior Representatives of Multilateral Bodies
- Asset Management and Private Equity Firms
- Takaful and ReTakaful Companies
- Financial Institutions
- Food Manufacturers and Processors
- Hotels, Travel Agencies, and Tourism Related Companies & Bodies
- Leading International and Local Media



TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

- Global Islamic Economic outlook vs East Africa's outlook
- Disruptive Technology - Fintech prospects in Islamic Finance and Blockchain Technology in Islamic Investment & International Trade
- Sukuk Bonds - Are we there yet?
- Islamic Finance role in bridging EAC financial inclusion & women Economic empowerment gap.
- Linkages : Islamic Finance and East Africa's Halal Economy
- Industry HardTalk - Challenging the common perception of Islamic Finance
- Financing East Africa's private /public projects 2018

WHY SPONSOR THE SUMMIT?

- Position your organization as an innovator and leader in the Islamic Economy in the region
- Raise the profile of your organization and its key personnel
- Host your clients & prospects in an inspirational and enlightening environment
- Develop senior contacts & enhance your credibility with key prospects
- Participate in the development of the summit; contribute to the discussion of your sector's top issues and opportunities

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The summit was excellent with great topics and speakers”

Sellah Chenge, Senior Financial Analyst, Central Bank of Kenya

SUMMIT AGENDA

Timing	Conference Proceedings
Day ONE: Tuesday, 24th April 2018	
18.30 - 19.30	Speakers' Welcome Drink (invite only)
Day TWO: Wednesday 25^h April 2018	
08.00 - 09.30	Registration & Networking
09.30 - 09.40	Welcome address by organizer & partners
09.40 - 10.00	Official Keynote Addresses: Global Islamic Economy outlook vs East Africa's outlook – Positioning East Africa in the Islamic Economy Landscape
10.00- 10.30	Morning Health Break
10.30 - 11.30	Panel Discussion I: Innovation, Financial Inclusion & economic empowerment in the Islamic Economy Space. Discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of Islamic Finance in bridging the financial inclusion gap • East Africa's technology savvy population – opportunities for the Islamic Economy • How can Banks, corporates , Governments , SMEs work together to drive innovation within the Islamic Economy • How can Fin-tech drive financial inclusion in East Africa ? • How can the region's Islamic Finance players keep pace with the fast paced digital world?
11.30- 12.00	Interview: Fin-tech within the Islamic Finance space /understanding the region's Fin-tech ecosystem.
11.50 - 13.00	Panel Discussion II: CEOs Round-table: East Africa's Islamic Banking Environment. Developing a sustainable and dynamic Islamic Retail Banking, wealth Management & Micro-finance Market Discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are the EAC Banking institutions developing their domestic markets • What opportunities if any exist for International Islamic Banks in East Africa • Challenges in developing a solid and sound Islamic Banking arm in East Africa • How can EAC banking and Financial Institutions embrace Innovation & Technology • Can Islamic Finance /Banking serve East Africa's unbanked population • What can Islamic Finance offer the wealth management sector?
13.00 - 14.00	Networking Lunch
14.00 - 14.20	Fireside Chat: Women's Economic empowerment in Islamic Economy
14.20 - 15.20	Panel Discussion III: Regulators Panel – An update by East Africa's regulators on steps taken to allow for the region's uptake of Islamic Finance. Discussion Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the current regulatory framework, laws and fiscal incentives • What are the challenges in the regulatory framework • What needs to be done by individual countries to overcome existing challenges • How can stakeholders support East Africa's legal framework to enable Islamic Finance/Economy development in East Africa.

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15.20 - 15.40	Industry Hard-talk: Challenging the common misconception around Islamic Finance
15.40 - 16 .00	Afternoon Health Break
16.00 - 17.00	Panel Discussion IV: The Sukuk, Infrastructure and Project Finance – Is East Africa’s ready to attract Sharia compliant investment and FDI from GCC nations? Discussion Points: As East Africa seeks to address its infrastructure deficit, an abundance of opportunities exists for market players to fund transport and energy projects through sharia compliant project financing. This panel will cover the trends, structures and opportunities available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure and project Sukuk in East Africa, what’s in the pipeline? • Legal , regulatory and market Challenges for Sukuk Issues in East Africa • What are the key consideration for Issuers • What can the region learn from other non Muslim countries that have had successful Sukuk issuance UK & South Africa • Utilizing Islamic Infrastructure Financing in PPPs
17.00 - 17.20	Presentation on Strategy for Takaful penetration in East Africa
17.20 - 18.20	Linkages – East Africa’s Halal Economy /Financial Sector Islamic Banks have traditionally financed businesses in the real-estate commercial and residential sectors, but have not contributed to the expansion of the halal businesses. What are the steps to close the credibility gap? What can halal businesses do to improve their creditworthiness? –Halal Tourism & opportunities for East Africa
18.20 - 18.40	Ideas Pad: An opportunity for carefully selected 3 East Africa’s Start ups to pitch each of their Business Idea to a Panel of Judges for their input, critique and guidance.
18.40 - 19.00	Closing Address
19.30 - 21.00	DELEGATES GALA DINNER & RECOGNITION AWARDS OF LEADERS OF ISLAMIC ECONOMY IN E. AFRICA

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I found it quite resourceful both from a content and networking perspective. It definitely added value. ”

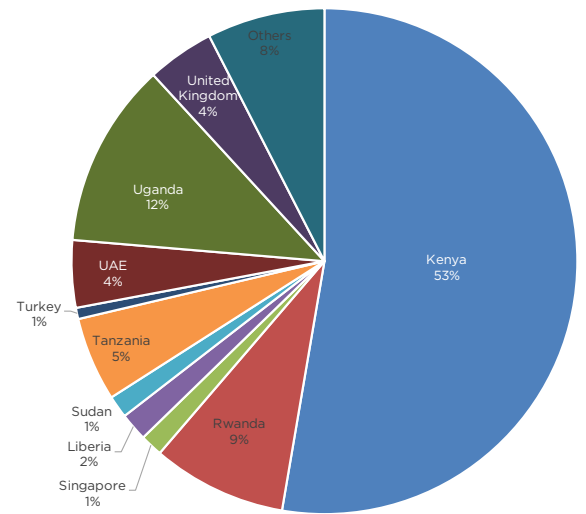
Emmanuel Laalia, Consultant, Viva Africa Consulting LLP

85%

Rated the summit Networking Opportunities as excellent.



No. of countries represented



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Very well organized with highly rated speakers. ”

Bagyenda Justine, Executive Director, Bank of Uganda

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International Speakers hosted at the Summit



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Good Content, good focused discussions. ”

Mohammed Kateeb, Group Chairman and CEO, Path Solutions

90%

Of delegates found the quality of the conference to be very good.

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It was a very good summit. ”

Prof. Mohamed S. Badamana, Professor, University of Nairobi



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The Summit was very much interesting to note that there lies great opportunities in East Africa judging by the diversity of the speakers. ”

Munawer Esmail, Chief Executive Officer, Maahad Daawah Organization

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