



# CIS-QFC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ISLAMIC FINANCE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

## Toward Inclusive Societies, Responsible Business, and Responsive Financial Strategies and Policies

Islamic finance has come a long way over the last four decades. During its current transformative decade, Islamic finance is facing the challenge of strategic sustainability and is in need of revisiting its operational paradigm; as landfills, ecological and environmental degradation, climate change and other factors stressing the planet are widely understood to be the by-products of the current linear approach of the world economy. While this approach of 'taking, making, using, disposing, and wasting' the planet's resources is the dominant economic paradigm, the laws of ecology, like the water cycle, show us that nature does not ever waste.

With this new perspective, over the last few years, a circular economic system is emerging; exploring ways, means, processes, and incentives to learn from nature and to minimize and ideally eliminate all types of waste. Thus, what are the prospects of a handshake between Islamic finance and this emerging new paradigm? Thorough studies and deliberations are therefore needed to explore prospects for economics, finance, business, management, and other fields of humanities to learn from nature through the lens of Islamic values as well as the multidimensional Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations (UN SDGs).

This conference, organized by the Center for Islamic Economics and Finance of the College of Islamic Studies with the support of the Qatar Financial Centre, set out to probe and take stock of the existing knowledge and prospects for transforming economies to achieve and sustain multidimensional development by bringing together original papers deliberating on Islamic finance and the circular economy.

The conference is calling scholars, intellectuals, and professionals from various academic and industrial disciplines to submit research papers on topics preferably covering any of the following themes:

### Theme and Scope:

#### 1. Circular Economy: An Islamic Perspective

- ▶ The Concepts of Meezan (universal balance) Miqdar (proportion), and Khilafa (stewardship) in Relationship to Resources and Ecology
- ▶ Fiqh of Ecology
- ▶ Islamic Ethics and the Environmental Challenge
- ▶ Waste (Israf and Tabzeer) in Traditional and Contemporary Understanding

#### 2. Circular Economy: Concepts, Models – Challenges and Opportunities

- ▶ Multidimensional Development – Qatar National Vision, Maqasid Al-Shari'a, SDGs, and Circular Economy Principles
- ▶ Circular Economy: A Complementary Model or Real Alternative?
- ▶ Circular Economy Innovations and Business and Financing Models
- ▶ Factors and Tools Boosting Circular Economy
- ▶ The Role of Circular Economy Stakeholders
- ▶ Drivers and Barriers for a Circular Economy
- ▶ Case Studies of Circular Economy Business Models Circular Economy, Entrepreneurship, Ethics, and Sustainability
- ▶ Technology, Digital Disruption and Circular Economy
- ▶ Role of Pedagogy

#### 3. Circular Economy and Islamic Finance

- ▶ Islamic Finance, Responsible Finance, Impact Finance, Social Finance, Maqasid, ESGs and SDGs
- ▶ New Emerging Financial Architecture – Principles of Responsible Investment, Global Compact Principles, Principles of Responsible Insurance, Principles of Responsible Banking
- ▶ Design of Contracts for Circular Responsible Business
- ▶ Green and Digital Sukuk
- ▶ Value Based Intermediation
- ▶ Blended Finance and Circular Economy
- ▶ Global Reporting Initiatives and Sustainability Challenges and Opportunities for Islamic Financial Institutions
- ▶ Risks, Best Practices and Regulation

#### 4. Circular Economy: Urban Innovative Actions and Designs

- ▶ Modular, Shareable, and Reusable Building Design
- ▶ Islamic Historical Sustainable Cities Concepts
- ▶ Transition Strategies for Countries, Cities and Municipalities
- ▶ Zero Waste Cities Case Studies
- ▶ Smart Waste Management Design
- ▶ Waste Minimization Strategies
- ▶ Technology and Circular Economy

#### 5. Transition to Circular Economy: Case Studies

- ▶ Historical Case Studies of Strategies and Policies of Different Countries
- ▶ Futuristic Case Studies Suggesting Strategies of Transition to Circular Economies
- ▶ Zero waste Case Studies
- ▶ Case Studies of the Role of Responsible Finance

#### Publication:

Selected papers of high quality will be offered a publication opportunity by a reputable publishing house in the form of an edited book.

#### Registration & Submission:

Kindly submit your manuscript in Arabic or English by August 31, 2019 at:

[www.editorialmanager.com/cief/Default.aspx](http://www.editorialmanager.com/cief/Default.aspx)

There is no submission fee. All manuscripts must adhere to the conference **"Guideline for Authors"**.

#### Important Dates:

First Draft of Full Paper Deadline: August 31, 2019

Notification of Acceptance: October 1, 2019

Final Full Paper Submission: November 1, 2019

Conference Dates: December 3-5, 2019

#### About the Organizer:

The Center for Islamic Economics and Finance (CIEF) is one of the research arms of the College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, that is dedicated to the study of relationships between Islamic faith and economic phenomena and the effect on the behavior of individuals, institutions, and markets by broadly examining Islamic perspectives on production, redistribution, and exchange through an interdisciplinary approach. Over the years, CIEF has organized several conferences, namely:

- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Islamic Economics and Finance (Dec 2011, Doha)
- ▶ 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Islamic Economics and Finance (9-10 Sep 2013, Istanbul)
- ▶ 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Islamic Economics and Finance (23-24 Mar 2015, Doha)
- ▶ Shari'a Governance Systems in a Globalized World (3-5 Oct 2017, Doha)
- ▶ CIS - QFC Global Conference on Awqaf (4-6 Dec 2018, Doha)

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