



**DIALOGUE ON
ISLAMIC SOCIAL
FINANCING**
AND THE SDGS



**THE ROLE OF ISLAMIC SOCIAL FINANCING
IN ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS DIALOGUE
SEMINAR DISCUSSIONS**

Topic	IOM Muslim Alms Administration System
Seminar Lead/Support	Hassan Abdelmoniem (IOM)
Language	English (with Arabic translation)
Summary	<p>The seminar will provide an overview of IOM’s work and reflections on Islamic Philanthropy through an engaging presentation of the future of IOM Muslim Alms Administration System. This initiative, based on extensive research, would allow the Organization to collect and distribute Zakat, Sadaqah and other forms of Muslim alms, in full compliance with Islamic law and IOM’s internal rules and regulations. When established, the system, will allow the IOM to make greater contributions to the efforts of governments and communities to reduce poverty and hunger, prepare and rapidly respond to disasters, rebuild works through the provision of direct assistance to migrants, internally displaced persons, refugees, victims of trafficking, and other vulnerable communities like women, children, persons with disabilities. Additionally, these efforts will catalyze the implementation of relief and development projects to alleviate the suffering of these groups and improve their well-being. Altogether, contributing to IOM’s prioritization of realizing all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), starting with Goal 10.7, which directly aligns with IOM mandate and responsibility in developing policies and cooperation around migration priorities.</p>
Participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UN Agencies 2. Leading Experts in Academia 3. International and National CSOs 4. Islamic Finance Institutions 5. International and National Zakat funds
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introducing IOM as the leading migration organization, and its priority SDGs, 2. Segueing into the MENA Regional Strategy as a blueprint guided by evidenced-based policy and programming under the three pillars and their objectives, 3. From there, we move to briefly present on the IOM Strategy for the Gulf Countries as a complement to the MENA Regional Strategy that lays the foundation for IOM’s strengthened cooperation with the Gulf countries on issues related to migration, 4. Moving on to, Muslim Alms Administration System as a channel to bring life-saving aid to migrants, internally displaced persons, refugees, victims of trafficking and other vulnerable communities 5. Develop a deeper understanding of how Muslim almsgiving is aligned with IOM’s mandate and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and why it is important,



1. Background Information

The International Organization for Migration, is currently developing the IOM Muslim Alms Administration System to undertake the important role of collecting, distributing, and administering Muslim alms to migrants, internally displaced persons, refugees, victims of trafficking and other vulnerable communities including women, children and persons with disabilities. The System would allow IOM to collect and distribute *zakat*, *sadaqah* and other types of Muslim alms in full compliance with both Islamic law and IOM's internal rules and regulations. The process of achieving full compliance is currently being undertaken based on primary and secondary sources of Islamic jurisprudence, compiling the fatwas of contemporary religious scholars, reviewing the current practices of a number of UN agencies, charity organizations and other national and international institutions, and presenting the policy guidelines to enhance the process of alms collection and distribution.

As a pragmatic organization, with its extensive global footprint of operations carried out in more than 400 offices worldwide, IOM has become an important humanitarian and development actor that has been increasingly called upon by governments to respond to crises and development challenges by putting beneficiaries at the centre of its programmes and upholding their dignity in a respectful manner.

By bringing into operation its Muslim Alms Administration System, the initiative will enable IOM to work with UN agencies, governments, national and international Muslim alms foundations, CSOs and private sector actors to make greater contributions to the existing efforts of governments and communities to reduce poverty and provide relief aid to the most vulnerable in line with the SDGs.

2. Agenda/Format

90min

Moderator Yoseph Al Sawady, Awqaf Investment Specialist, Islamic Financial Sector Development Department, Islamic Development Bank Group

		Speaker
5 min	Welcome Note	<i>Moderator</i>
<i>Experience of IOM in Islamic Social Financing</i>		
10 min	Introducing IOM's Muslim Alms Administration System	<i>Hassan Abdelmoneim, Special Envoy to the Gulf</i>



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10 min	Islamic Social Financing & IOM	<i>Professor Dr. Servet Bayindir, Project Coordinator Chairperson of the Islamic Economic Research Waqf (Iktisad Waqf)</i>
20 min		<i>Dr Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yusuf Dinç, Project Co-Coordinator Istanbul Sbahattin Zaim University</i>
40 min	Discussion	<i>Lead by the Moderator</i>
5 min	Closing	<i>Dr. Ahmed Al Meraikhi, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General</i>