Addressing the theme of ‘Can the development of a proper entrepreneurial ecosystem boost youth employment – possibilities, challenges and way forward?’, this event will bring together panellists to exchange ideas, experiences and identify solutions for forging strategic partnerships among stakeholders and actors in the value chain to boost entrepreneurship and youth employment in IDB member countries in general, and the MENA region in particular.

Participants will have the opportunity to interact with experts in the high-level panel discussion, be inspired by innovative business venture ideas from young entrepreneurs, contribute to the discussion and network with peers and industry professionals.

Key issues to be addressed:

1- What are the key issues and challenges related to youth unemployment in IDB Member Countries in general and the MENA region in particular?
2- What is the potential of partnerships with the private sector, MDBs or NGOs in helping to address the issues of youth unemployment and entrepreneurship?
3- How can young entrepreneurs be assisted to identify bankable business ventures?
4- How can strategic partnership facilitate the realization of SDG 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth for youth, women and men?
5- What would an ideal entrepreneurial ecosystem look like and what should be the key components of such a system?
6- What sort of partnerships do you think are needed to strengthen entrepreneurial ecosystems in OIC member countries and what role should IDB play in developing such partnerships?

Speakers:

**Saida Ounissi** is the Secretary of State for Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Vocational Training and Employment - Tunisia.

**Sarah Jane Maxted** is leading the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA) Regional Entrepreneurship Acceleration Program (MIT REAP) where she fosters innovation and entrepreneurial growth strategies for regions globally.

**Rania Bikhazi** is currently the Enterprise Development Specialist at the ILO Regional Office for Arab States. Her work entails the promotion of and support for enterprise development through linkages and close collaboration with partners from the public and private sectors including employers’ and workers’ organizations.

**Syed Hassan Alsagoff** is currently a Senior Microfinance Specialist in the Islamic Development Bank. He is the Team Task Leader for the Youth Employment Support (YES) in Egypt and is also the Technical Expert for the Arab Women Enterprise Fund covering Egypt, Palestine and Jordan.

**Nabil Ghalleb** is the founding CEO of “ZaitounaTamkeen”, the only Islamic Microfinance Institution in Tunisia and the President of “Tamkeen for Development”; a NGO specialized in the Economic Empowerment of disadvantaged people.
Creativity and innovation are vital for economic paradigm shift and diversification of trade and services. Countries that seek to improve productivity and competitiveness ranking globally invest in promising sectors with high added values and high technological contents paving the way for more manufacturing activities. These industries when they blossom become catalysts for economic growth, determine the extent these economies are present in the value-added production chains in the world, and the flow of FDI in the global economy. By supporting local industries and creating enabling environment for innovation to thrive, countries can curb brain drain. Partnerships between and among Islamic countries play a significant role in establishing programs and mechanisms to realize this objective.

Key issues to be addressed:

1- Why innovation matters for a country and what are its challenges in an era of global agenda?
2- What mechanisms and regulatory frameworks are appropriate to promote creativity and innovation in promising sectors?
3- What are the opportunities available to member countries’ institutions to integrate into the global supply chains of high value addition?
4- How to support the exchange of experiences among Member Countries in the area of innovation and creativity?
5- What are the requirements to improve the economies of the Member Countries and enable their institutions to maintain international standards and attain competitiveness to penetrate global markets?
6- What are the required efforts to leverage the human resources and high-end talents in high value-added and technology-intensive activities?

Speakers

Zouhair Belkadhi is the Director General of the Tunisian Institute for Competitiveness and Quantitative studies. He served previously as Advisor to the Minister of Finance and Director of Research and Studies in the Tunisian Institute of Strategic Studies (ITES).

Abdulhakim Elwaer is the Spokesperson of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Advisor to the President on Global Advocacy. He also served as Director of Cooperation and Resource Mobilization.

Mona Hamdan is an international expert in private sector development with IFC, World Bank Group, specializing in competitiveness and business climate improvement. She has deep experience in education for employment programs in Africa and Europe. She is a former staff of the African Development Bank and the international consulting firm McKinsey & Company.

Elyes Jeribi is the CEO of Jumia Group, the leader of e-commerce in Tunisia. He has extensive experience in the management of innovative institutions, especially in the field of new technologies. He served previously as the CEO of Smart Tunisia and CEO & founder of the Azzitouna Consulting and a consultant at McKinsey & Company.

L’Hedi Zaher is the CEO and founder of the start-up “DATA VORA” and expert in Knowledge management and big data. He served previously as the Chief Technology Officer of IM Dev. He published over 30 scientific articles.

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PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROMOTING WOMEN’S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT: A PRE-REQUISITE FOR ACHIEVING INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

2 April 2018  9:00 am to 11:00 am        (Didon 1) Ramada Plaza Tunis

The Global Agenda with its 17 Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) stressed the importance of women’s empowerment as cross-cutting theme underpinning all other goals. Goal 5 “Gender Equality” cannot be achieved in isolation of others, without strategic partnerships among the different actors in the development arena. This event will bring together various stakeholders, leaders, and actors to discuss the role of partnerships in bringing about more vigorous and harmonized efforts for a greater advancement to mainstream women’s empowerment agenda in OIC member countries’ development plans.

Key issues to be addressed:
1- Where do we stand on women’s empowerment within SDGs implementation?
2- What are the challenges facing countries in mainstreaming women’s empowerment in their strategies or policies?
3- How can countries partner with different development actors to address women’s empowerment?
4- What are the best practices and solutions for promoting women’s economic empowerment?

Meg Jones is an International Expert on Gender and Trade. She leads teams focusing on job creation for women through engendering macro-economic policy, strengthening economic institutions and developing private and public-sector partnerships to deliver inclusive sustainable development.

H.E. Néziha Labidi is the Minister of Women’s Affairs, Family and Childhood in Tunisia. She has conducted a number of research works and studies on the Arab and Muslim civilization and has a long-life experience with NGOs.

Mohammad Naciri is the Regional Director of UN WOMEN Regional Office for Arab States. He has extensive experience in gender and development and humanitarian issues across the Arab region.

Amani Asfour is the President of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW). Dr. Asfour initiated the Mediterranean Congress for Business and Professional Women, a platform for sharing good practices among women entrepreneurs in the MENA region.

Soukeina Bouraoui is the Executive Director of the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR). She was the Chairperson of the Women’s Development Plan Committee for the Eighth Tunisian National Economic and Social Development Plan.

Amel Hamza is a Principal Gender Specialist in Department of Gender, Women and Civil Society at the African Development Bank. She has over 30 years of experience in promoting gender mainstreaming in agriculture and rural development, water supply and sanitation, education, health and energy.

Jamila Belabidi-Chahid is the Global Purchases Group Manager for Celebrities, Sponsorships, Public Relations Purchases at Procter & Gamble, and she leads major Agency transformation programs. She drives promoting gender equality throughout P&G’s supplier base in Europe, the Indian Subcontinent, and MENA region.
To achieve the targets outlined in the Global Agenda, there is a huge need for financing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). There is no shortage of financial resources because, according to the World Bank estimates, more than $10 trillion is invested in negative interest rate bonds; $24.4 trillion is invested in low-yield government securities; and $8 trillion is sitting in cash, waiting for better investment opportunities. This indicates that there is an opportunity to utilize these funds for long-term investments.

This year’s edition of the IDB Global Forum on Islamic Finance is divided into two sessions. The first one will mark the launch of the Global Report on Islamic Finance 2018, while the second will be devoted to the discussion of how Islamic finance can create an alliance between various stakeholders in addressing the existing funding imbalance.

Key issues to be addressed:

1- What are the challenges of raising funds for long term investments?
2- What is the role of risk-sharing in leveraging long-term investments?
3- How can Islamic finance principles of equity-participation and risk-sharing enhance long-term funding for development?
4- How can stakeholders including MDBs and investors address the challenges of funding long-term investments and risk-sharing mechanisms?
5- How can we formulate policy recommendations to enable IDB member countries meet their long-term funding needs?

Michelle Bennett is the Head of Derivatives and Structured Finance at the World Bank. Among other duties, Mr. Bennett is responsible for the World Bank’s capital markets work in the areas of financial derivatives, structured bonds, carbon finance, as well as catastrophe risk financing and Islamic finance.

Thorsten Beck is professor of banking and finance at Cass Business School in London. Previously, he worked in the research department of the World Bank.

Khaled Sherif is Vice-President for Regional Development, Integration and Business Delivery at the African Development Bank (AfDB). He is an expert economist and manager with 25 years of experience with the World Bank.

Ishrat Husain is the Chairman AAOIFI Board of Governance and Ethics, and Chairman of the Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance at IBA, Pakistan. He served as the Governor of Pakistan’s Central Bank from 1999 to 2006. He had a distinguished career of over two decades at the World Bank.

Walid Abdelwahab IDB Director General for Country Relations and Services, leads the IDB’s engagement with member countries to deliver customized development solutions through policy dialogue, advisory services and financing.

Zamir Iqbal is IDB Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer. He has more than 25 years of experience in risk management, capital markets, and asset management at the World Bank Treasury.
Sustainable mobility is critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and fulfilling the promise of the 2030 Development Agenda. This has been internationally recognized in several global fora, particularly the 72nd UN General Assembly. It is important that IDB member countries and international organizations partner to transform mobility for achieving more results and shaping the future of sustainable development. This event will bring together stakeholders and partners in this important niche to exchange views, share experiences and best practices on the future of global partnerships for sustainable transport and mobility.

Key issues to be addressed:

1- What is sustainable mobility and why does it matter to achieving the SDGs?
2- What are the challenges for realizing sustainable mobility in member countries?
3- Why are global partnerships critical to implementing the sustainable mobility agenda?
4- What are the success stories and experiences on sustainable mobility in member countries?

Speakers

Mohamed Mezghani is the Secretary General of UITP. He has more than 25 years of experience working in public transport and fields related to urban mobility.

Amadou Thierno Diallo is the Director of the Economic and Social Infrastructure Dept. at the IDB. Previously, he served at the African Development Bank as Resident Representative of the Bank in Bamako, Mali. He also has more than 10 years of experience in the private sector in the US and in Guinea.

Armin Wagner leads the sector project, Sustainable Mobility at GIZ. He is board member of the SLoCaT-Partnership. He has more than 15 years of experience in urban mobility, transport policy and sustainable transport management.

Tyrrell Duncan is an independent consultant in infrastructure and transport sectors. Previously, he served at the Asian Development Bank as Head of the Transport Sector, Transport Director for East Asia and Task Manager in South Asia.


Wissem G. Mahjoub is the Director General, Logistics and Multimodal Transport of Tunisia. Previously, he served as Director of Planning and Deputy Director of Sector Studies.
In today’s world, we are witnessing significant advancements in science, technology and innovation that are shaping almost every aspect of our life, resulting in significant improvements in providing practical solutions for achieving sustainable development goals. With rise in robotics and automation, aided by advances in artificial intelligence, digital technologies have great potentials to transform our world and provide ample opportunities never seen before as we navigate the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

This event is aimed at discussing the prospects for digital technologies in finance (e.g. FinTech) and social sectors (e.g. life-long learning) to achieve sustainable development.

There are two sessions: The first one will discuss the role of Islamic finance in providing development solutions using FinTech and blockchain technology, while the second will be dedicated to the role of new technologies in transforming knowledge into actionable learning.

**Key issues to be addressed:**

1- What are digital technologies and how relevant are they to our society and livelihood?
2- How can digital technologies promote financial inclusion and life-long learning in the era of global agenda?
3- What are the main opportunities and challenges for adopting digital technologies?
4- How can FinTech and blockchain technology help in promoting inclusive and sustainable development?
5- How can member countries (mostly developing countries) leverage on digital technologies to address their development challenges?

**Speakers**

- **TUNC Uyanik** is the CEO of the World SME Forum since 2015. Previously, he was the Special Envoy and Chief Adviser to the President of TOBB and B20. He was also the Chair of the Turkish B20 Steering Committee.

- **Matthew Van Niekerk** is an Economist and holder of MBA. He is the Co-founder of SettleMint, a company offering a suite of modular middleware solutions that remove the complexity of the block chain journey for organizations.

- **Mahmoud-Sami Nabi** is a Full Professor of Economics at the University of Carthage, Tunisia. Previously, he was the Head of the Economics Department at Tunisia Polytechnic School (TPS).

- **H.E. Mohamed Anouar Maarouf** is the Tunisian Minister of Technology and Digital Economy. He began his career as a consultant to numerous prominent companies including France Telecom, Bouygues Telecom, SFR and Nokia.

- **Rami Ahmad** is the Special Envoy on SDGs and Senior Advisor to the President, IDB. Since joining the IDB in 1993, he has been involved in policy dialogue, partnership strategies, country programming, project appraisal and implementation.

- **Margot Brown** is the Director of Global Themes Knowledge Management at the World Bank Group. Prior to joining the World Bank, she served as the Executive Director of Knowledge Services with KPMG Canada.
The development of micro, small and medium enterprises is of paramount importance to economic decision-makers in all developed and developing countries alike because of their pivotal role in promoting economic and social development.

Despite serious attempts to develop the sector, it is often constrained by access to adequate finance. It is therefore necessary to look for other financing alternatives that are more suitable and accessible to MSMEs. Islamic finance has come of age and has the ability to adapt to the different requirements of MSMEs with the objective to link financial transactions to real economy and achieve justice between all parties.

This event will discuss the role of Islamic finance in promoting financial inclusion and strengthening MSMEs by identifying the mechanisms and possible modes of financing for this sector and assessing its efficiency and relevance to the realities of these MSMEs. It will also share practical experiences of some international and local Islamic financial institutions and highlight their roles in integrating entrepreneurs in the financial and economic cycle through the provision of financial and non-financial services to them.

Key issues to be addressed:

1- What are micro, small and medium enterprises and what are their challenges?
2- What is the role of Islamic financial institutions in promoting micro, small and medium enterprises?
3- How adequate are the modes of Islamic finance to the needs of MSEs, and how effective and efficient are they?
4- What are the challenges and constraints for using Islamic finance as a tool to advance micro, small and medium enterprises?
5- What role can Islamic finance play to promote financial inclusion and further enhance and develop it?

Nabil Ghallab is the CEO of Zaitouna Tamkeen, the President of the NGO Tamkeen for Development and a member of the Board of Directors of numerous banks and financial institutions. He served previously as Senior Advisor to the Mayor of Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah and as a Senior Investment Specialist at the Islamic Development Bank. He is a former university professor and author of several academic articles on corporate governance, insurance, risk management and Islamic finance.

Ezeddine Khoja is the General Manager of Zaitouna Bank. He served previously as Secretary General of the General Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions in Bahrain. He is a member of the Islamic International Center for Reconciliation and Arbitration and member of the Shari’ah Committee of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions. He is also the author of many books and articles on Islamic jurisprudence and finance.

Ahmed Karam is the President of the Tunisian Association of Banks and Financial Institutions and the General Manager of the Bank - Al Aman. He is an expert in finance and business and has extensive experience in the banking sector. He served previously as Director of Cabinet of the Governor of the Central Bank of Tunisia.

Mohamed Ali Chatti is the Manager of the Islamic Finance Investments Division overseeing IDB’s investments in Islamic financial institutions, Awqaf organizations and microfinance institutions. He served previously as Senior Investment Specialist at IDB. He is also the author of several books and articles on Islamic finance.

Anas Hasnawi is the President of the group of international support, an international expert and consultant in Islamic finance and economic empowerment to several international organizations such as the Islamic Development Bank and the UNDP.

Mohamed Saleh Frad is the Director General of the United Gulf Financial Services (North Africa Office). He is also the President of the Tunisian Association of Capital Investors (ATIC). He has extensive experience in corporate finance, asset management and financial restructuring of companies. Previously, he served as director of research for a brokerage firm in Tunisia.
UPGRADING HUMAN CAPITAL: A KEY PILLAR FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

2 April 2018 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm (Didon 2) Ramada Plaza Tunis

In this era of digital economy, it is imperative to scale up investment in human capital which is vital for successful implementation of economic transformation and to achieve sustainable development. In most of IDB member countries, however, there are multiple challenges hindering the prospects of advancing and upscaling human capital development in national strategies.

This event will discuss the challenges and opportunities of upscaling human capital, share experiences and best practices, identify solutions for advancing human capital agenda in IDB member countries.

Key issues to be addressed:
1- How important is human capital to an economy and where do member countries stand on this matter?
2- What are the challenges facing human capital development in member countries?
3- What are the tools and mechanisms needed to streamline human capital development in national development plans or strategies?
4- What are the reforms needed to make education and training systems responsive to the job market requirements and contribute to the competitiveness of the economy?
5- What are the international best practices and lessons to be learned from them?
6- What kind of partnership should be built between different stakeholders (Government, private sector, NGOs, MDBs) to make the development of human capital an engine for sustainable development?

Speakers

H.E. Hatem Ben Salam is the Minister of Education and former Minister of State for European Affairs. He previously served as Ambassador Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the UN in Geneva and Ambassador of Tunisia to Senegal and Turkey.

Saida Lounissi is the Secretary of State for Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship. She holds a PhD in political sociology.

Simeon Djankov is the policy director of the Financial Markets Group at the London School of Economics. He is the former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Bulgaria. He also served previously as chairman of the board of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Chief economist of the finance and private sector vice-presidency of the World Bank and rector of the New Economic School in Moscow.

Diego Zorrilla is the Representative of the United Nations Program for Development and Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Tunisia. He has 23 years of experience with UN in the political, humanitarian and development fields.

M. Abderrahman Beddi is a lead education expert at IDB and a former Manager of the Education Division at the Bank. He led several education reform projects and programs across IDB Member Countries. Prior to joining IDB, he served as a university lecturer, consultant and education expert.
Dalenda Bouzgarrou Larguèche is the General Director of the Center of Research, Studies, Documentation and Information on Women (CREDIF). She served previously as a University Lecturer of History and Women Studies, Faculty of Letters, Arts, and Humanities of Manouba.

Abdellatif Abid is the Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League and former Minister of Education of Tunisia. He taught Arabic Linguistics at the University. He served as President of the Federation of Arab Translators, a member of the Executive Committee of the Arab Organization for Translation and a member of the Union of the Arabic Language.

Badr Mashari Abdullah Al-Hammad is the Head of the Complex of Financial Control for Annexed and Independent Bodies and former Assistant Under-Secretary for Financial Control Affairs in Kuwait. He served previously as an Executive Director of IDB and ICIEC and a member of the board of Directors of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD).
Following the successful completion of the first generation of the Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness (AFAB), the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development and their partners have decided to launch the second generation of the AFAB for 2018-2022.

This event is dedicated to launching the Second Generation, which is aimed to provide comprehensive, accessible and sustainable eye-care services in 12 countries (Burkina Faso, Chad, Guinea, Cote d’Ivoire, Djibouti, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Mali, Mozambique, Comoros, Niger and Togo).

The event is an opportunity to introduce the concept of fighting avoidable blindness, highlight the achievements of the first generation, present the outline of, and officially launch the second generation of the AFAB.

Key issues to be addressed:
1. What is AFAB and how has it changed lives in member countries?
2. What are the achievements of AFAB?
3. How can partners strengthen their support to AFAB?
4. What are the lessons drawn from the first generation of AFAB and how can these inform the second generation?

Speakers

Waleed Elwohaib is the Director-General, Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development and former CEO of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation. Previously, he served in the public sector in Kuwait, including as Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry Affairs.

H.E. Imad Elhamami is the Minister of Health, Tunisia. Previously, he served as Minister of Employment and Vocational Training.

Johannes Trimmel is the interim CEO of the International Agency for Preventing Blindness. Previously, he served as Director of Policy and Advocacy in the same organization. For the past 20 years, he has worked in development cooperation for NGOs.

Sidi Ould Tah is the Director General, Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa. He is a former Minister of Finance, Mauritania.
The IDB Group Private Sector entity is organizing the IDBG Private Sector Forum which will showcase its activities, services and initiatives in member countries including Tunisia (investment, trade and insurance). The Forum will provide a unique platform to network and establish business relations and partnerships with other leading representatives and counterparts from local business community, to share related experiences, success stories & best practices and to explore together the many investment possibilities that the country offers. The Forum will also connect business communities in member countries by arranging parallel B2B scheduled meetings.

CATALYZING STRATEGIC ALLIANCES BETWEEN EXPORT CREDIT AGENCIES AND MDBS TO ADDRESS COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL RISKS

Time: 09:15 – 11:30 (Organized by ICIEC)

The event will provide a comprehensive overview of the state of investment and trade in the OIC member countries, with a view to identifying existing opportunities, investment climate challenges, perceptions of investors and traders, while shedding light on the role of Governments, MDBs, ECAs and Private Sector Business Partners on the linkages and drivers of investment and trade.

Two sub-sessions are planned for this event namely: (i) Private and Public Dialogue- Pooling effort of Governments, MDBs and ECAs in Mitigating the Medium and Long Term (LT) Investment’s Decisions and (ii) the Role of ECAs and Banks in Securing Domestic and Regional Trade Flows.

The two sessions will also address the public and private stakeholders’ specific role in bringing the needed improvements for effective and efficient legal, institutional and policy framework.

Key issues to be addressed:

1- What are the benefits of Intra-OIC Trade and Investment, particularly in cases where OIC countries produce goods that are complementary, and enhance intra-OIC trade and investment?

2- What is the roleplayed by ECAs and MDBs in reducing transaction risk and fostering FDI inflows into OIC countries?

3- How can we forge lasting partnership around a win-win dialogue between the Government and Private Stakeholders in a joint, complementary rolesto address risk perception in investment decision making?

Speakers

Oussama KAISSI is the CEO of the Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC), the Export Credit, Political Risk Insurance and Credit Enhancement Arm of the Islamic Development Bank Group. Mr. KAISSI is a graduate of Indiana University in USA and has 30 years of diverse experience in the insurance and risk management industry.

Diana Smallridge is the President of International Financial Consulting Ltd, a firm she founded in 2000. Diana has worked with Export Credit Agencies and client development finance institutions from around the world, including multilateral, regional and national development banks, as well as SME banks.

Adnan Yildirim is the CEO of Turk Eximbank. He has served as Deputy Minister of Economy in 2014-2015. In addition, he was the Chief Advisor to the Minister of Economy from June 2016 to November 2016. He holds a master’s degree in “Economic Development” from Vanderbilt University (USA).

Walid Loukil is the Deputy Managing Director of Groupe Loukil. He played an instrumental role in the diversification and expansion of the group, both locally and internationally especially in north and sub-Saharan Africa. Loukil Group has currently 35 subsidiaries and employs more than 4,500 employees.
Mohamed Isa Al Mutaweh is the CEO and member of the Board of Directors of Al Baraka Islamic Bank – Bahrain. He is also the Chairman of the Credit Committee and member of the Executive Committee. He has a long experience in banking extending to more than 35 years during which he held leading banking positions.

Mithat YENİGÜN is the President of the Turkish Contractors Association (TCA) and Chairman of the Board of YENİGÜN Construction Industry and Trade Inc. He is also the Vice President of the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK), Chairman of the Turkish-Qatari Business Council, Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK), President of Turkish Construction Assembly and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB).

Selim BORA is the President of SUMA Group. He is currently Member of the Board of Directors of the Turkish Contractors Association and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Akyurt Foundation.

Walid Sarieddine is the Assistant General Manager and the Head of Islamic Structured Finance Department Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. Europe Ltd. (SMBC). Throughout his professional career and working relationship with IDB Group, Mr. Sarieddine has been able to develop Sharia-compliant debt products in the MENA as well as Southeast Asia for both project, corporate and trade debt.

Hzaine El Hassane is the Director General of the Islamic Centre for Development Trade (OIC Trade Centre). He is a permanent Member of several OIC and IDB technical committees.

Sarvesh Suri is the Director for Operations at the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), the political risk insurance and credit enhancement arm of the World Bank Group. He is responsible for leading MIGA’s operations team. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Suri was Senior Manager for Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand at the International Finance Corporation (IFC). Mr. Suri holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management from the Indian Institute of Management.

Boštjan Skalar is the Executive Director and CEO of the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA). He has over 20 years of management experience, and he is one of the global leaders in investment promotion with a private-sector focus.

Suhaila Chabchoub is the General Manager of COTUNACE. She is also President of the Export Risk Guarantee Commission and President of the Pre-shipment Export Financing Guarantee Commission, two State Guarantee Funds managed by COTUNACE.
Hamid R. Alzayani is the Managing Director of Midal Cables Limited, Metal Form, Aluwheel, and Intersteel. He is the Founding Partner of Al Zayani Investments. He is the Chairman of Bahrain Welding Wire, Bahrain Specialist Hospital and Al Jazeera Tourism Company (Dana Hotel). He is the Vice Chairman of Rashid Alzayani Foundation, Madem Gulf Industries, Arab Federation for Engineering Industries. He is also the President of Arab Cable Manufacturers Association.

Zul-kifl SALAMI is the Senior Advisor to the President of the Republic of Benin and Former IDB Governor and Executive Director. He was Senior Minister of Economic Planning and Development in the Republic of Benin for several years. He has been Governor to the World Bank and the African Development Bank.

Mabouba Diagne is the Regional Coverage Senior Executive, Franco-Lusophone Africa/Senior Executive, Deal Structuring & Financial Modelling at Trade & Development Bank (TDB). He is a seasoned international corporate banking senior executive with a cumulative experience of over 25 years in International Banking, having worked in Germany, London, South Africa, Kenya and Mauritius.

Bart Ponsioen is the Director and Team Head of the Structured Export Finance ING. Mr Ponsioen has built up a proven experience in lead arranging single and multi-sourced ECA covered and multilateral covered transactions with corporate, bank and (sub-) sovereign borrowers + ECA-covered project financings. He was awarded “Dealmaker of the Year 2014” by TXF.

Aymeric de Reyniès is the Chief Executive Officer of Union de Banques Arabes et Françaises S.A.-U.B.A.F. He served as General Manager of Credit Agricole CIB – Algeria, Deputy Treasurer of Banque Saudi Fransi - Saudi Arabia, and Deputy General Manager of Credit Agricole CIB - Yemen.

Mohamed EL MONCER is the CEO of AL BARAKA Bank. He has 27 years of experience in the banking sector, holding different executive positions (AttijaraWafa Bank, UBCI (BNP Paribas) and UIB (Société Générale).
Today, African growth is strong and relies on private consumption and investment by the middle class. By 2020, more than 30 million Africans will join the middle class and will spend more than half of their income on outlays other than housing and food. The growth in consumption represents a powerful tool for the structural transformation of economies in the region. Unfortunately, Tunisia ranks 29th in the continent in terms of its share in African exports relative to GDP, hence the Tunisian Government’s active engagement, since 2016, in promoting the export of Tunisian manufactured goods.

This event will discuss how Tunisia’s membership in trade blocks in Africa will help create modern jobs in urban centers and support Tunisian banks’ role in facilitating its companies’ entrance into new markets. Discussions will cover the way global production and trade are organized and the growing importance of global value chains in the management and coordination of manufacturing and trade links between countries, particularly in Africa.

Key issues to be addressed:

1- Where does the Tunisian economy stand in the African market?
2- How can the Tunisian economy benefit from Regional/Continental Integration in Africa?
3- What are the impacts of trade reforms and regulations in Tunisia vis-à-vis joining new trade blocs?
4- How can Private Sector initiatives bring a new framework for partnership in Tunisia?
5- What are the key roles of Tunisian banks in supporting companies’ accessing new markets?
6- What are the experiences and best practices from member countries(e.g. Moroccan Bank)?

H.E. Omar Al Bahi, the Minister of Trade of the Republic of Tunisia, is the Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the Tunisian Union of Agriculture and Fisheries and a former Secretary of State for Agricultural Production.

Vera Songwe is Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa. She previously worked as the World Bank Country Director for Senegal, Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea Bissau and Mauritania. She also served as Advisor to the Managing Director of the World Bank for Africa, Europe and Central Asia and South Asia Regions and Lead Country Sector Coordinator.

Jaloul Ayed served as Minister of Finance in Tunisia and Board Member and President of the Management Committee of the BMCE Group in Morocco. He presently works as a President of MED Confederation and Vice President of Euromed Capital Forum. He is also an active member in several associations of the Tunisian civil society.

Kamal Mokdad is a Co-CEO of Banque Centrale Populaire (BCP) and is in charge of the International Global Banking. He also serves as the CEO of BP Shore Consulting, an inhouse consulting company dedicated to the international network.
Sidi Ould Tah is Director General of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) since June 2015. Prior to this appointment, he served as the Mauritanian Minister of Economic Affairs and Development.

Bassem Loukil is the Chief Executive Officer of the LOUKIL Group. He is an active participant in his country’s development and has been acting as President of the Tunisia Africa Business Council.

Hani Salem Sonbol is the CEO of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC). His career in development banking started three decades ago where he served in many technical and leading positions across the Islamic Development Bank Group.

Mondher Khanfir a Senior Consultant, Advisor, Author and Inspirational Speaker, is Vice President in Charge of the Think Tank "for a shared prosperity in Africa".

Abdallah Ben Messaoud is the Deputy General Manager of Sonibank, a subsidiary of the Tunisian state-owned bank STB and largest bank in Niger.
H.E. Slim Feriani is the Minister of Industry and SMEs in Tunisia. He holds a PhD in Finance, Investment and International Finance from George Washington University, and he has 20 years of experience in the global financial market across all asset classes.

Lebid Zaafrane is the Chief Executive Officer of BFPME Tunisia, specializing in financial engineering. He held senior positions in the Tunisian banking sector and led the creation of financial companies, stock market listing and merger projects.

Boutheina Ben Yaghlane Ben Slimane is the General Manager of Tunisian “Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations”. She was Secretary of State to the Minister of Finance and was elected as a deputy in the Tunisian Parliament. She also served as advisor to the Minister of Regional Development and Planning.

Mohamed Mallous is the Founder and General Director of Wifak Bank, a banking institution created in 2015 following the transformation of the company "El Wifack Leasing" into a universal bank specializing in Islamic banking.

Nida Raza ICD Director for Advisory Services, is a senior capital markets banker with over 18 years of global investment banking experience. Throughout her career, she has led capital markets transactions for over 100 clients helping to raise $115 billion in financing.

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In recent years, the ICD, in line with its core strategy, has been contributing to the SME sector by extending innovative financing structures and platforms. The event will raise awareness with regard to the contribution of the IDB Group in the entrepreneurship ecosystem and exploring the IDB Group’s various interventions with regard to Entrepreneurship, Startups and Innovative SMEs. As well as being an opportunity for developmental partners to learn about practices and tools to be used for designing SME resilience support programs, the ICD session will discuss the importance of SME Funds and ICD’s interventions in Private Equity and Mezzanine Financings under the SME Funds Program to help strengthen SMEs in member countries.

The ICD will organize three sessions. The first one will focus on the IDB Group’s contribution to supporting the growth of innovative SMEs; while the second will discuss the challenges and needs of SMEs in fragile and conflict settings; and the third will review the role of SME in developing economies.

**Key issues to be addressed:**

1- What is SME ecosystem and where do member countries stand on this?
2- How can we improve the competitiveness of SMEs in member countries?
3- What are the SMEs challenges and how are actors responding to them to sustain the SME echo system?
4- How can we utilize resources to overcome challenges?
5- What are the experiences, achievements and challenges of industry experts in the transformation of SMEs in developing countries?
Nabil GHALEB is the CEO of Zitouna Tamkeen in Tunisia. He held a senior portfolio manager position in IsDB in charge of the Bank's investment portfolio in the MENA region and, he authored several academic articles on corporate governance, insurance, risk management and Islamic finance.

Bassem Bouguerra is the CEO of INTILAQ in Tunisia. Previously, he was a computer engineer at Yahoo, before returning to Tunisia in 2012. He launched his startup for manufacturing drones (TuniPixels) and then Jobi.tn (a site dedicated to HR services).

Samer Yassa is a Managing Director in Private Equity at EFG Hermes. He has more than 15 years of experience in investment banking and private equity in Cairo and London. During his years of experience in private equity, he made investments in excess of USD 300 million and achieved investment exits of USD 186 million.

Nabil Chahdoura is Deputy General Manager, United Gulf Financial Services, North Africa (Kipco Group). He is a founding member of “Le Cercle des Financiers Tunisiens”, a think tank a political association that lobbies for Tunisian financial sector reforms.

Bert van der Vaart is Co-founder and CEO of the Small Enterprise Assistance Funds (SEAF). He has led the growth of SEAF to more than $1 billion in total capital across 38 investment funds, having invested in more than 430 companies in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Benjamin Kouakou is partner at Cauris Management and Head of Yeelen Financial Fund, first fund of YEELEN Capital, a member of Cauris Management. He has 25 years of experience in the financial sector in West and Central Africa.

Annette Hoffmann works as a Senior Research Associate at the Conflict Research Unit of Clingendael. Her work focuses on the interaction between economic and political drivers of conflict. She is particularly interested in how business elites' interests and political power shape economic development in fragile settings.

Wesam Qaid is Executive Director of Small Micro Enterprise Promotion Service (SMEPS) Subsidiary of the Social Fund for Development. He established and headed the first subsidiary of the SMEPS into the leading SME agency. He designed and managed several large private sector and value chain development projects.

Yousef AL-KURAIMI is the CEO of Al-Kuraimi Islamic Microfinance Bank in Yemen, Vice President of the Yemeni Business Club and the Association of Yemeni Banks. Under his management, Al-Kuraimi Bank has built up a solid reputation as an economic fortress with accumulated banking experience of more than 40 years offering services to all people in all governorates, rural and urban districts in Yemen.
The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Federal Government of Somalia, in partnership with the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Somali Disaster Resilience Institute (SDRI), is co-organizing this event, which will discuss how partnership between the IDB and its partners can: (i) develop the in-country drought response capacity so that actions can be proactive and based on risk management rather than reactive and driven on crisis management, (ii) introduce and scale-up climate-smart agriculture to ensure food security and strengthen resilience in areas vulnerable to drought; (iii) implement development programs in fragile and conflict-affected states such as Somalia, by working in partnership with local stakeholders.

Key issues to be addressed:
1- What are the vulnerabilities facing Somalia and how can they be addressed?
2- How can we develop a resilience agenda to address Somalia’s vulnerabilities?
3- What is the role of partners in supporting the resilience agenda or strategies?
4- What are the main challenges for building resilience to drought and climate change impact in Somalia?

Speakers

**H.E. Abdirahman Beileh** is the Minister of Finance, Somalia. He holds a PhD in Development Studies from the University of Wisconsin. Before taking his position as Minister of Finance, he was Director at the African Development Bank for 8 years.

**H.E. Said Hussein Iid** is the Minister of Agriculture & Irrigation in the Federal Government of Somalia. He holds PhD in Management from the American Open University in Cairo. He is a former Minister of Livestock, Forestry and Range in the 2015-2016 cabinet.

**Ismahane Elouafi** is the Director General of ICBA since 2012. Prior to that, she held management positions with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

**Khalida Bouzar** is the Director, Near East, North Africa and Europe Division, IFAD. She holds a PhD in Sciences from the Pierre-and-Marie-Curie University in Paris. She is based in Rome, Italy. She brings nearly 30 years of national and international corporate leadership experience.

**Abdirisak Ahmed Dalmar** is the Executive Chairman, Somali Disaster Resilience Institute. He is the co-founder and executive chairman of First Somalia Focused Disaster Resilience Leadership, Resilience Programming and Resilience Research Institute.

**Mohamed Osman Mohamoud** is the co-founder and executive director of Somali Disaster Resilience Institute (SDRI). He has 8 years of professional experience in academia, research and development organizations.

**Seta Tutundjia** is the Director of Partnerships and Knowledge Management Division, ICBA. She is an executive leader for sustainability and social good, with extensive experience in strategy formulation, building alliances and partnerships, social marketing, strategic communication, advocacy, institutional strengthening, and portfolio management.
The IDB Group Private Sector entity is organizing the IDBG Private Sector Forum which will showcase its activities, services and initiatives in member countries including Tunisia (investment, trade and insurance). The Forum will provide a unique platform to network and establish business relations and partnerships with other leading representatives and counterparts from local business community, to share related experiences, success stories & best practices and to explore together the many investment possibilities that the country offers. The Forum will also connect business communities in member countries by arranging parallel B2B scheduled meetings.

Key issues to be addressed:
1- What kind of partnership we need to achieve the SDGs and what are the main ingredients for successful strategic partnerships with multiple stakeholders?
2- How can civil society, the private sector, Parliamentarians and MDBs assess their contributions to national and global efforts to achieve the SDGs?
3- What are some of the examples from IDB member countries experience in forging smart partnership for the SDGs?
4- What are the lessons learned from the voluntary national reviews, conducted by selected member countries (Jordan, Indonesia, Egypt and Turkey, etc.)?

Speakers

H.E. Mehmet Şimşek is Deputy Prime Minister, Republic of Turkey, since November 24, 2015, in charge of managing macroeconomic policies. He previously served as the Minister of Finance (2009-2015), and as the Minister of the Economy (2007-2009).

H.E. Sahar Nasr is the Egyptian Minister of Investment and International Cooperation. Ms. Nasr is also a Professor of Economics at the American University in Cairo and a Lecturer at several Egyptian and foreign universities.

H.E. Imad N. Fakhoury is the Minister of Planning and International Cooperation in Jordan, Chairperson of Jordanian Department of Statistics, board member of Jordan National Commission for Women (JNCW) and board member of the National Council for Family Affairs.

H.E. Bambang Permadi Soemantri Brodjonegoro is an Indonesian economist. He is currently the Minister of National Development Planning in Indonesia. He was the Finance Minister of Indonesia from October 2014 to July 2016.

Victoria Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire is a Senior Special Assistant to the President on Sustainable Development Goals in Nigeria. She previously served as Deputy-Governor of Lagos State from 2011 to 2015. She was the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation from 2003 to 2011.

Mahmoud Mohieldin is the World Bank Group Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations and Partnerships. From 2004 to 2010, he served as the Minister of Investments in Egypt.
Achim Steiner currently serves as the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme. Before joining the UNDP, he was Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme UNEP from 2006 to 2016, and director of the Oxford Martin School from 2016 to 2017.

Abdillah Hifdi is member of the Moroccan Parliament and the Board of Directors of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM). He is also the President of the National Federation of Transport (FNT).

Badreddine Ouali is chairman of the multinational software company, Vermeg-BSB. He is an active supporter of entrepreneurship in Tunisia and has worked with entrepreneurship support mechanisms such as Réseau Entreprendre Tunisie, TACT, and QFF. He is the founder and president of Tunisia Foundation for Development.

Rami Ahmad is the IDB President’s Senior Advisor and Special Envoy for SDGs. Since joining the IDB in 1993, he has been involved in policy dialogue, partnership strategies, country programing, project appraisal and implementation.
Realizing the vital role of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) in addressing development challenges, the IDB launched a major online platform “Engage” for open innovators around the world. In order to forge ahead with the platform, and given that the protection of IP rights in developing countries is important for attracting foreign direct investment and technical know-how, the IDB has partnered with WIPO to establish an IP Unit within IDB to work with our partners and help protect the innovations and incentivize entrepreneurs and inventors, by providing the legal support and the use of IP to protect their rights as well as support the commercializing of their ideas and inventions.

**Key issues to be addressed:**

1- How can innovations drive development in the IDB member countries and to what extent can they be critical for achieving the SDGs?
2- What are the challenges to promoting STI in member countries and how can we address them?
3- How to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and best practices and promote IP commercialization opportunities in the developing countries, especially least developed countries?
4- How to increase awareness of the economic and social value of domestically-created IP in the developing countries?
5- How to advance IDB’s role as a catalyst between the developing countries in advancing the role of IP as a driver of sustainable development?

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**Speakers**

**H.E. Bandar Hajjar** is the President of Islamic Development Bank. He previously served as Minister of Hajj, Minister of Culture and Information, and Member of Shura Council in Saudi Arabia. He also served as Chief Editor of Money and Markets magazine and Chairman of National Society for Human Rights and other memberships.

**Hayat Sindi** is the Advisor to the President of Islamic Development Bank on STI. She is also a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Sciences and a Member of the UN Technological Facilitation Mechanism 10-Member Group, and she previously served as Member of Shura Council in Saudi Arabia.

**Bajoe Wibowo** is a Project Manager at the Office of the Deputy Director General, WIPO. He holds a master’s degree in Engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne) and a second master’s degree in Management from the same Institute.

**Habip Asan** is the Chairman of the Board of Management of the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office since 2008. He is also the President of Turkish Patent and Trademark Office. Previously, he served as full-time university professor in Turkey and in Dubai.

**Amel Ben Farhat** is the Director General of the National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property INNORPI, TUNISIA. She served previously as the National Manager of PCAM, a program that supports the improvement of business competitiveness and access to international markets.
Fintech has disrupted or revolutionized many services, ordinarily offered by the banking sector, causing substantial amounts of transactions to take place digitally outside the domain of traditional banks. It has created new potential for financial services and financial inclusion. At the same time, Fintech has created new risks for the financial system. Some algorithm-based Fintech applications have the potential to create new, or strengthen existing financial exclusion. On the other hand, Regtech, considered by some as the Fourth Industrial Revolution, assists regulators and regulated firms to keep some of the new risks for the financial system and for the clients of Fintech firms under control.

This event discusses FinTech and Regtech and reviews the challenges and opportunities they present in the new era of global agenda.

**Key issues to be addressed:**

1- What are Fintech and Regtech and how can they promote national development finance institutions (NDFIs)?
2- What are the uses of Fintech and Regtech in insurance and Islamic finance?
3- What challenges facing Fintech and Regtech adaptation?
4- What role can NDFIs play in advancing Fintech and Regtech?
5- What are the best practices for promoting FinTech and RegTech in NDFIs?

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**Speakers**

**Dirk A. Zetzsche** holds the ADA Chair for Financial Law at the University of Luxembourg since March 2016. Prof. Zetzsche studied law at Heinrich Heine University in Düsseldorf, Germany, where he obtained a PhD in law (Dr.iur.) in 2004, after completing his LL.M. at the University of Toronto, Canada.

**Umar Munshi** is the founder of Malaysia-based Ethis Ventures, an Islamic Fintech Venture Builder. Its flagship platform, GlobalSadaqah.com, an Islamic Social Finance crowdfunding marketplace, was launched in early 2018.

**Jamel Bouzaine** is the Chief of Support and Digital Transformation Operations at Banque Zitouna, Tunisia.

**Datuk Mohd Radzif bin Mohd Yunus** is the Chairman of Ethis Ventures, Malaysia and former Group Managing Director of SME Development Bank Malaysia.
Islamic capital markets are critical for the economic growth of a country. This event will bring together experts and practitioners from all walks of life to discuss the importance and relevance of Islamic capital markets for achieving the SDGs. The event will address the current status and outlook for Islamic capital markets in bridging investment gap for development and the use of Sukuk as an instrument for resource mobilization for SDGs.

In this two-session event, participants will focus on the state of Islamic capital markets, related issues, challenges and potential role in supporting the achievement of socio-economic development.

Key issues to be addressed:

1- What is the emerging paradigm and role of capital markets in development?
2- What are the challenges faced by Islamic Capital Markets in different regions of IDB member countries and how can these be addressed?
3- How can Sukuk play a greater role in resource mobilization?
4- How can MDBs partner and leverage capital markets more efficiently for development?

Speakers

**H.E. Sri Mulyani Indrawati** is the Finance Minister of Indonesia. She previously held senior leadership positions at the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. She was recently selected as the World’s Best Minister at World Government Summit in Dubai.

**H.E. Marouane Abassi** is the Governor of Central Bank of Tunisia. An economist by profession, Dr. Marouane previously held senior positions at the World Bank and at the Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Handicrafts.

**H.E. Tiemoko Meyliet KONE** is the Governor of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO). He previously served as the Minister for Construction and Urban Development of Côte d’Ivoire and in senior positions at the Office of the Prime Minister of Côte d’Ivoire.

**Mahmoud Mohieldin** is the World Bank Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships. He also served on several boards of directors, including at the Central Bank of Egypt and in the banking and corporate sector.

**Talat Ulussever** is a Board Member and Deputy Chairman of the Capital Markets Board of Turkey. He is a leading academic and has contributed significant market and bureaucratic involvements in the economic, finance and energy sectors.

**Hajara Adeola** is the Managing Director and CEO of Nigeria-based Lotus Capital. She has over 20 years of experience working in global investment banks in the UK and Nigeria. Her key areas of focus are research and analysis, investment management, Islamic and corporate finance.
Mohammed Dawood is the Managing Director, Global Head of Sukuk Financing, Debt Capital Markets, HSBC. He is responsible for all cross-border Islamic financing for HSBC. He has been involved in Islamic finance since 1998.

Mansur Noibi is IDB Acting Director General/General Counsel. He has extensive legal experience in Islamic Capital Markets and is a key member of the Islamic Development Bank’s Sukuk Model Law Project.

Yahya Alcem-ur-Rehman is the IDB Global Lead for Islamic Finance Advisory Board. He is a Development Economist and Advisory Services Leader with over 17 years of experience in Islamic finance, strategy development, feasibility studies, business planning, capacity building and project management.
Achieving food security in the member countries of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) requires increasing agricultural productivity through resilient, water-efficient agricultural practices. This side event will discuss innovative solutions that may potentially be replicated and scaled up by the IDB or individual member states. The event will use, as a case study, the Sustainable Rice Platform, a multi-stakeholder initiative supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), to increase water productivity in smallholder rice production in Asia. The replication of the Asia experience will focus on sub-Saharan Africa, where rice consumption is rapidly growing while production in many countries falls far short of demand.

The event is co-organized with ICBA and hosted by the Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Water under the FIOP Directorate.

**Key issues to be addressed:**

1. What practical innovations can be brought to the use of small holder farmers to increase rice productivity and improve farmers’ livelihoods while increasing water-use efficiency?
2. What are the appropriate partnership mechanisms that could be deployed to facilitate the transfer of sustainable rice production knowledge and approaches from Asia to other regions, especially Sub-Saharan Africa?
3. What are the practical strategies to strengthen human and institutional capacities, including policy reforms, required to adapt and scale up the innovations to country- and region-specific needs?
4. What is the role of partners (ICBA, IDB etc.) in facilitating the transfer of water-efficient technology or know-how to achieve food security in member countries?

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**Speakers**

- **Amadou Thierno Diallo** is the Director of the Economic and Social Infrastructure Department, IDB. He leads the Bank’s engagement in the areas of economic and social infrastructure both in urban and rural settings to support its 57 member countries development efforts.

- **Simon Zbinden** is the Co-Head of the Global Programme Food Security at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. He has worked widely on ecosystems services and contributes to international policy processes around agriculture, food security and nutrition.

- **William Ellis** is the Coordinator of the Sustainable Rice Platform, UN Environment Asia and Pacific Office. He coordinates over 80 institutional members, convened by UN Environment and the International Rice Research Institute.

- **Ismahane Elouafi** is the Director General of the International Center for Bio-Saline Agriculture (ICBA), Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Before Joining ICBA, she was Director of Research Management and Partnerships Division at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

- **Abderraouf Laajimi** is the Director General of the Financing, Investments and Professional Organizations (FIOP), in the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia. Prior to that, he was the Director General of the National Observatory of Agriculture (ONAGRI).
Luc Beerens is the Global Sustainable Sourcing Director of Mars Food, the Netherlands. He plays a leading role in the global sustainability initiatives of Mars Food. He sits on the advisory board of the Sustainable Rice Platform, a multi-stakeholder platform, established in December 2011.

Yacouba Doumbia is the Project Coordinator of the Smallholder Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Program (SAPEP), an IDB financed project in Mali. Dr. Doumbia worked for a long time on irrigated rice as an agronomist where he developed extension materials on fertilization, water management and quality rice production.

Bashir Jama Adan is a IDB Senior Expert on Food Security and Sustainable Development. He is responsible for leading the bank’s efforts towards developing good global practices on food and nutritional security and build strategic partnerships for impact.

Abdulhakim Elwaer is the Spokesperson of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Advisor to the President on Global Advocacy. He also served as the Director of the Cooperation and Resource Mobilization Department.
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