















20 IsDB Group Private Sector Forum

20 - 22 May 2025

Abdelatif Rahal International Conference Center, Algiers - Algeria (Djanet Hall)















About Private Sector Forum

Private sector development is one of the main pillars in the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB Group) priorities and, therefore, in conjunction with the IsDB Group Annual Meetings, the IsDB Group private sector entities have been organizing the Private Sector Forum (PSF) yearly to address and further this priority.

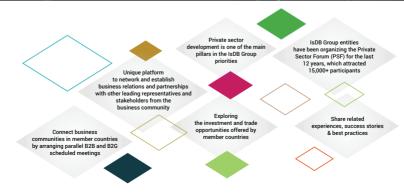
The main objective of the PSF is to provide a unique platform to network and establish business relations and partnerships with other leading representatives and stakeholders from the business community in order to share their related experiences, success stories & best practices while jointly exploring investment and trade opportunities offered by member countries. PSF will also highlight the IsDB Group activities, services, and initiatives in the 57 member countries (investment, trade, and insurance). Also, to present the IsDB Group's role in promoting private sector investment and cross-border trade, in addition of promoting the IsDB Group's services to the private sector interested to invest in its member countries. The Forum will also connect business communities in member countries by networking opportunities and parallel B2B and B2G meetings. It will also feature an awards ceremony reorganizing leaders in trade, insurance, and investment. PSF 2025 will also give an opportunity to its member countries to promote their projects to potential investors.

PSF 2025 will take place from the **20**th **to the 22**nd **of May 2025 at the Abdelatif Rahal International Conference Center in Algiers, Algeria**. The PSF Conference Venue can accommodate seating for approximately 350 participants with translation (English, Arabic & French), and all the side events will be live streamed on the official YouTube channels of IsDB Group.

IsDB Group Private Sector Forum



Private Sector Forum Introduction















PSF 2024 Major Outcomes

1,500+ **Participants**

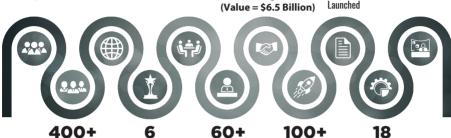
60+ Countries

17 Sessions

61 **MOUs and Agreements**

Reports Launched

32 Exhibitors



B2B Meetings

PSF Awards

60+ **Speakers**

100+

Startups Sectors Presented

Main Objectives















Target Audience



Expected Outcomes

Deployment of financial products and services in Member Countries

Promoting cross-border investment and trade among IsDB Member Countries to be supported by IsDB Group's offering

Connecting investors and traders with regional companies and individual entrepreneurs from MCs

Increase awareness and improve the visibility of the IsDB Group in Member Countries and globally

Enhancing Communication and cooperation among private sector representatives/institutions of Member Countries

Fostering business-tobusiness engagement, networking, and real deals/projects conclusion for the benefit of Member Countries

Attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) to Member Countries and opening new markets for investors Effective sharing of knowledge, experience, and best practices among business leaders in Member Countries

Creating linkages and business relations with other partners, IFIs, and counterparts Helping in trade finance promotion and assisting in the matchmaking between the exporters and importers from Member Countries

Create awareness of Islamic Finance and understand what needs to be done to support its growth in MCs Highlight critical challenges for the year 2025 and outline IsDB Group entities preparedness plan













PSF 2025 Activities



Opening Ceremony



3 Days High-Level International Forum



Country Presentations



Panel Discussions



B2B and B2G Meetings



Networking Lunch



Press Conference



Exhibition



MoU Signing Ceremony



PSF Roadshow



Startups and SMEs Pitch Competition



Awards Ceremony

PSF Side Events Summery (20-22 May 2025)

SN	Entity/Department	Session Name	
	PSF Sessions	Opening Ceremony	
		Private Sector Forum Press Conference	
		MOUs and Agreements Signing Ceremony	
1		PSF Awards Ceremony	
		3 rd IsDB Group Innovation and Startups Pitch Competition	
		Country Presentations	
		CEOs Session "Boosting Intra-OIC Trade and Investment: Overcoming Barriers and Seizing Opportunities"	
2	ICIEC	Unlocking Trade Potential among Africa, Arab Countries, and Algeria: The Role of risk mitigation tools in promoting trade and investments	
3	ICD	Building a Sustainable Culture: Strategies to Foster Sustainability and Ethics	
4	ITFC	Trade Facilitation & Regional Integration	
5	IsDB	Halal Economy Leadership Forum (HELF)	
6	ACG	Partnering for Impact: The Arab Coordination Group (ACG) and the Private Sector in Driving Sustainable Development	

PSF 2025 Agenda

Day 1 (Tuesday, 20 th May 2025)				
SN	Event	Organizers	Time/Venue	Format
1	PSF 2025: Opening Remarks	IsDB Group/THIQAH	09:00 – 09:30 Djanet Hall	Speech
2	IsDB Group Private Sector Video	ICIEC/ICD/ITFC/THIQAH	09:30 – 09:35 Djanet Hall	Video
3	CEOs Session "Boosting Intra-OIC Trade and Investment: Overcoming Barriers and Seizing Opportunities"	ICIEC/ICD/ITFC/THIQAH	09:35 -10:45 Djanet Hall	Panel Discussion
4	IsDB Group Private Sector Awards Ceremony	ICIEC/ICD/ITFC/THIQAH	10:45 – 11:15 Djanet Hall	Ceremonial Event
Networking Coffee Break			11:15 - 12:00	
5	IsDB Group Annual Meetings Opening Ceremony	IsDB Group	19:00 - 20:00 Timimoune Hall	Ceremonial Event

Day 2 (Wednesday, 21st May 2025)				
SN	Event	Organizers	Time/Venue	Format
1	Partnering for Impact: The Arab Coordination Group (ACG) and the Private Sector in Driving Sustainable Development	THIQAH/ACG	09:00 – 10:00 Djanet Hall	Panel Discussion
2	Building a Sustainable Culture: Strategies to Foster Sustainability and Ethics	ICD	10:00 – 10:50 Djanet Hall	Panel Discussion
3	Signing of Projects and Financing Agreements	ICIEC/ICD/ITFC/THIQAH	11:00 - 11:30 Press Room Hall	Signing Ceremony
4	Halal Economy Leadership Forum (HELF)	IsDB	12:00 – 13:15 Djanet Hall	Panel Discussion
Networking Coffee Break		13:15 - 14:00		
5	Trade Facilitation & Regional Integration	ITFC	14:00 – 15:00 Djanet Hall	Panel Discussion
6	3 rd IsDB Group Innovation and Startups Pitch Competition	THIQAH	15:30 – 18:00 Djanet Hall	Pitching

	Day 3 (Thursday, 22 nd May 2025)			
SN	Event	Organizers	Time/Venue	Format
1	Unlocking Trade Potential among Africa, Arab Countries, and Algeria: The Role of risk mitigation tools in promoting trade and investments	ICIEC	08:45 – 09:45 Djanet Hall	Panel Discussion
2	Country Presentations	THIQAH	10:30 – 12:00 Djanet Hall	Presentations
Networking Coffee Break			13:00 - 14:00	
3	Annual Meetings Press Conference	IsDB Group	15:30 - 16:30 Press Room Hall	Press Event
4	Private Sector Forum Press Conference	ICIEC/ICD/ITFC/THIQAH	16:30 - 17:00 Press Room Hall	Press Event













PSF Exhibition

IsDB Group Exhibition (ICIEC, ICD, ITFC, THIQAH)

Member Countries Exhibition **Partners**

Host Country Exhibition Exhibition

Showcasing of strategic investment & trade opportunities







PSF 2025 Awards

The Private Sector Forum Awards Ceremony is an IsDB Group initiative to recognize and honor exceptional achievements, groundbreaking innovations and impactful initiatives by market practitioners driving positive change through Shariah compliant financial instruments in the areas of trade finance, export credit and private sector development. Led by a panel of independent distinguished judges and boasting a rigorous and robust selection process, the PSF 2025 Awards feature six categories with ICIEC, ICD and ITFC presenting two awards each.













ICIEC Award Categories:

- · Best Trade Credit Insurance Deal of the Year
- · Best Foreign Investment Insurance Deal of the Year

ICIEC Judge:

· Br. Hassan Idris

ICD Award Categories:

- · Most impactful Islamic finance institution or project of the year
- · Most impactful ICD investee company of the year

ICD Judge:

· Dr. Mohammed Alyami

ITFC Award Categories:

- · Trade Finance Deal of the Year
- · Trade Development Initiative of the Year

ITFC Judge:

· Br. Hamdi Ahmedou

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3rd IsDB Group Innovation and Startups Pitch Competition



Aims to acknowledge and celebrate innovators shaping the future and creating positive change in member countries. The program recognizes the most innovative and impactful digital solutions developed by entrepreneurs, innovators, and startups. The competition offers a unique platform for startups exploring a diverse range of sectors (from green enterprises to advanced manufacturing) to showcase their digital solutions and gain recognition from a global audience. The program will help the finalists connect with potential investors, partners, and mentors who can help them take their business to the next level.













Day 1 (Tuesday, 20th May 2025)

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09:00 – 09:30 (Djanet Hall)	PSF 2025: Opening Remarks	
09:30 – 09:35 (Djanet Hall)	IsDB Group Private Sector Video	
09:30 – 10:45 (Djanet Hall)	CEOs Session "Boosting Intra-OIC Trade and Investment: Overcoming Barriers and Seizing Opportunities"	

Background

Intra-OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation) trade and investment hold immense potential for economic growth and development among member countries. Despite this potential, various barriers such as regulatory challenges, lack of infrastructure, and limited access to financing and guarantees hinder the full realization of these opportunities. The session at the IsDB Private Sector Forum (PSF 2025) aims to discuss these barriers and explore strategies to enhance trade and investment within the OIC region. The session is an opportunity to demonstrate thought leadership and to demonstrate IsDB Group commitment to contribute to its Member Countries to overcome those challenges. It is also a good opportunity for Algerian leaders and business community to showcase their efforts in tackling those challenges.

Objectives

- **Highlight and Identify Barriers**: Discuss the obstacles that are facing intra-OIC trade and investment, including regulatory, infrastructural, financial and collaterals/guarantees challenges.
- Explore Opportunities: Highlight the untapped opportunities for trade and investment within the OIC region and how they can be leveraged for mutual benefit.
- Innovative Solutions: Present innovative solutions and strategies to overcome barriers and boost intra-OIC trade and investment.
- Strategic Partnerships and Resource Mobilization: Foster strategic partnerships and alliances among OIC member countries to optimize resource mobilization.
- Emphasize the importance of risk mitigation tools to support intra OIC trade and investments.

Expected Outcomes

- Promote IsDB Group Efforts in tackling the presented challenges: Opportunity to demonstrate IsDB Group efforts in tackling those challenges through resource mobilization, filling the financing gap, providing credit and political risk insurance, reverse linkage, capacity building, partnership, etc
- Enhanced Understanding: A general understanding of the barriers and opportunities in intra-OIC trade and investment.
- Strategic Roadmap: Development of a strategic roadmap to overcome barriers and seize opportunities for boosting trade and investment.
- Increased Collaboration: Strengthened collaboration among OIC member countries, leading to increased trade and investment activities.
- Innovative Practices: Adoption of innovative practices and solutions to enhance economic cooperation within the OIC region.

Opening Remarks



H.E. Dr. Muhammad Al Jasser

Chairman

Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group



H.E. Abdelkarim Bouzred

Minister of Finance

Ministry of Finance of Algeria

Panelists



Dr. Khalid Khalafalla Chief Executive Officer The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC)

& Acting Chief Executive Officer
The Islamic Corporation for
the Development of
the Private Sector (ICD)



Eng. Adeeb Y. Al-Aama Chief Executive Officer International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)



Dr. Omar Rekkache Director General The Algerian Investment Promotion Agency (AAPI)



Mr. İsmail Erşahin
Executive Director, CEO
World Association of Investment
Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)

Moderator



Mrs. Lamia Achouche













10:45 - 11:15 (Djanet Hall)

IsDB Group Private Sector Awards Ceremony

11:15 - 12:00

Networking Coffee Break

19:00 - 20:00 (Djanet Hall)

IsDB Group Annual Meetings Opening Ceremony

Day 2 (Wednesday, 21st May 2025)

09:00 - 10:00 (Djanet Hall) Partnering for Impact: The Arab Coordination Group (ACG) and the Private Sector in Driving Sustainable Development





Dr. Mohamed Alyami

General Manager

Development Effectiveness Office, Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector - ICD (Islamic Development Bank Group)



Mr. Khalid Hamza Vice President of Private Sector, Arab

Fund for Economic and Social Development



Mr. Khalid Khadduri Director of Business Development

Private Sector Operations, OPEC Fund

Moderator



Mr. Ibrahim Shoukry
Director of Partnerships,

Global Advocacy & Resource Mobilization, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)

10:00 – 10:50 (Djanet Hall)

Building a Sustainable Culture: Strategies to Foster Sustainability and Ethics

Background

This event is part of the ICD Sustainability and ESG Awareness Program, designed to increase awareness of sustainability concepts and promote the integration of sustainability practices and ESG principles at the operational level. Sustainability is not just an environmental concern but a multifaceted approach that enriches lives through diversified economic opportunities. The event aims to link sustainability to the concepts of "Diversifying Economies and Enriching Lives" by demonstrating how sustainable practices can create robust economic opportunities while improving the well-being of communities. Key pillars include economic resilience, job creation, local agriculture, community engagement, innovation and entrepreneurship, education and awareness, long-term viability, and improved quality of life.

Objectives

- Enhance awareness of sustainability and ESG principles.
- Integrate sustainable practices into decisionmaking.
- · Foster stakeholder collaboration.

- · Address barriers to implementation.
- · Promote leadership in sustainability.
- Encourage cross-sector partnerships to drive meaningful change and resilience.



MR. HUSSAIN AL LAWATI CEO, Development Bank, Sultanate of Oman



DR. CONRAD REIN Secretary General of the Global

Flagship Initiative for Food Security



DR. NAJIB SOMOUE Economic & Development

Advisor, Pan Africa Parliament



DR. ISSA FAYE
Director General
Global Practice
& Partnerships

IsDB



DR. MOHAMMED ALYAMI General Manager

Development Effectiveness

Moderator



DR. ADNAN AZIZ Chief Program Officer,

Global Islamic Finance Impact Program (GIFIP)

11:00 – 11:30 (Press Room Hall)

Signing of Projects and Financing Agreements















12:00 - 13:15 (Djanet Hall)

Halal Economy Leadership Forum (HELF)

Background

Halal products and services are rapidly emerging as a significant force in global trade and economic development. This growth is driven by robust demand from Muslim consumers worldwide and an increasing preference among non-Muslims for products aligned with ethical values like trust, integrity, and sustainability. However, realizing the full potential of this thriving sector requires overcoming significant hurdles such as fragmented Halal certification standards, inconsistent regulatory frameworks, and constraints to market access.

Objectives

- Facilitate discussions on standardizing Halal certification processes.
- Highlight Algeria's potential as a hub for Halal production and export.

Expected Outcomes

- · Enhanced regulatory harmonization.
- · Increased investments in the Halal sector.
- Emphasize human capital development in the Halal industry.
- Promote advancements in Halal product development.
- · Improved capacity building initiatives.
- · Promoted innovation and sustainability.

Opening Session



Dr. Issa Faye Director General, Global Practice & Partnership,



H.E.Tengku Zafrul Aziz Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Malaysia



H.E. Dr Abdulhakim Elwær Assistant Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Leadership Session: "Advancing Global Partnerships For The Halal Economy"



Hairol Ariffein Sahari CEO, Halal Development Corporation, Malaysia



Dr. Ilham A. Habibie Chairman, PT. ILTHABI Rekatama. Indonesia



Muhammadu Dikko Ladan CEO, Dar Al Halal Group Limited, Nigeria

(Dianet Hall)



Monira Abdulaziz AlMohammed Chief Shared Services Officer, Halal Product Development Company, KSA



Rohaizad Hassan General Manager, Yildiz Holding, Türkiye



Samer Elesawi

Head,

Center of Excellence

13:15 – 14:00

Networking Coffee Break

14:00 – 15:00 (Djanet Hall)

Trade Facilitation & Regional Integration

Background

ITFC's first operation in Algeria in 2024 marked a significant milestone in expanding trade finance services across its Member Countries. This event will highlight ITFC's activities and products in Algeria, promoting ITFC in an important market and supporting local banks with LC Confirmation facilities to enhance trade. The event aligns with the theme of the Annual Meetings by showcasing ITFC's impact in supporting trade in Member Countries and marketing ITFC's offerings to attendees.

Objectives

- Position ITFC better in engagements with the Algerian business community and regional financial institutions.
- Highlight challenges in cross-border trade, the role of DFIs, and the impact of ITFC's product offerings.
- Facilitate regional integration and promote Islamic Finance.

Expected Outcomes

- Onboarding additional Algerian financial institution clients.
- Promoting Islamic Finance to private sector clients.
- Attracting a high-level panel and strong attendance from the targeted audience.



Mr. Nazeem Noordali Chief Operating Officer International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)



Mr. Anys Rahaby Chief Executive Officer Algerian Startup Fund



Mr. Alp Topcuoglu Chief Executive Officer Tosyali Algeria



Mrs. Lamia Achouche













15:30 - 18:00 (Djanet Hall)

3rd IsDB Group Innovation and Startups Pitch Competition

Background

Entrepreneurial innovation, particularly in emerging markets, is vital for sustainable economic growth and job creation. However, startups often face barriers such as limited access to capital, networks, mentorship, and markets.

To address these challenges, the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group is launching the 3rd Innovation and Startups Pitch Competition & Demo Day 2025 - alongside a 3-Day Bootcamp & Mentorship Program - during the Annual Meetings in Algeria (18–22 May 2025).

This initiative connects innovative startups with investors and development partners, emphasizing digital, data, and AI technologies to drive transformative global impact.

Objectives

- · Launch the IsDB Group's strategic investor engagement platform for startups.
- Showcase Al-driven, investment-ready startups in fintech, climate tech, digital health, and education.
- Facilitate direct startup-investor connections to secure funding and strategic partnerships.
- Strengthen startup ecosystems across member countries by fostering innovation and scalability.
- Equip startups with critical business, pitching, and scaling skills through intensive bootcamp training.

Expected Outcomes

- Increased Startup Funding: Targeting strategic investments for promising startups and forging partnerships with DFIs, investors, accelerators, and ecosystem catalysts.
- Expanded Ecosystem: Strengthened networks across 30+ member countries and global startup hubs.
- · Stronger Sustainability Focus: Promotion of green and ethical business models.
- Higher Global Recognition: Positioning the IsDB Startups Pitch Competition as a premier innovation platform and key facilitator of financing for startups focused on digital, data, and Al technologies.
- Investor-Ready Startups: Refined business models, polished pitches, enhanced financial literacy, and growth strategies.
- Improved Scaling Readiness: Startups equipped with actionable go-to-market and fundraising strategies, and investor negotiation skills.

Together, these initiatives aim to empower entrepreneurs, catalyze innovation ecosystems, and deliver sustainable economic impact across the IsDB Member Countries.

Opening Remarks & Welcome



Dr. Khalid Khalafalla

Chief Executive Officer

The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC)

& Acting Chief Executive Officer

The Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD)



H.E. Mr. Noureddine Ouadah

Minister of Knowledge Economy,

Startups and Micro-enterprises

Ministry of Knowledge Economy,

Startups and Micro-enterprises of Algeria

Panelist



Dr. Sami Al Suwailem Acting Director General Islamic Development Bank Institute (ISDBI)



Dr. Mohammed Alyami General Manager of Development Effectiveness Office (DEO)



Mme Nacima Arhab Secretary General of the Ministry of Knowledge Economy, Startups and Micro-enterprises



Mr. Hassanein Hiridjee CEO, Axian



Mr. Boualam Hammouni Head of the Investments Department, ISDB



Mr. Nasser Al Thekair General Manager, Trade & Business Development, ITFC



Mr. Mohamed Hedi Mejai Advisor to H.E. the President, ISDB













Day 3 (Thursday, 22nd May 2025)

08:45 - 09:45 (Djanet Hall) Unlocking Trade Potential among Africa, Arab Countries, and Algeria: The Role of risk mitigation tools in promoting trade and investments - (Djanet Hall)

Background

Africa, the Arab region, and Algeria have significant untapped trade potential. Multilateral institutions like ICIEC, Afreximbank, and BADEA play a crucial role in promoting trade and investment by providing financial guarantees, capacity building, and risk mitigation services. The event will emphasize Algeria's strategic importance as a trade hub and showcase the role of multilateral institutions in supporting trade and investment.

Objectives

- · Promote Algeria as a strategic trade hub.
- · Strengthen multilateral cooperation.
- Highlight growth sectors such as renewable energy, infrastructure, agriculture, and technology.
- · Address trade barriers and risks.
- · Foster public-private partnerships.
- · Promote sustainable development.

Expected Outcomes

- · Increased regional trade cooperation.
- · Enhanced role of multilateral institutions.
- · Actionable recommendations for trade facilitation.
- · Identification of key sectors for investment and trade.
- · Strengthened partnerships.



10:30 – 12:00 (Djanet Hall)

Country Presentations



Mr. Mohamad Safri Shahul Hamid Chief Executive Officer Islamic Development International Islamic Liquidity Management Corporation (IILM)



Mr. Fahri Hamzah Vice Minister Ministry of Housing & Settlement of Indonesia



Ms. Imane Toumi Manager Algeria Investment Promotion Agency (AAPI)



Ms. Assia Zarour General manager in charge of industrial investment and SMEs promotion Ministry of Industry



Mr. Kamel Souig Master of Ceremony

13:00 - 14:00

Networking Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:30 (Press Room Hall)

Annual Meetings Press Conference

16:30 – 17:00 (Press Room Hall)

Private Sector Forum Press Conference

























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IsDB Group **Private Sector**

Exhibitors

























































































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