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CONNECTING SMES TO REGIONAL VALUE AND SUPPLY CHAINS

“REDUCING TRADE FRICTION, ENABLING ORDER EXECUTION, AND LINKING SMES”

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Background

SMEs represent a significant share of businesses globally and contribute significantly to employment and GDP, yet their participation in cross-border value chains remains constrained by operational and ecosystem barriers rather than lack of demand. The document identifies logistics and border unpredictability, execution of finance gaps, and digital/documentation frictions as mutually reinforcing constraints.

Objectives

- Deepen stakeholder understanding of reducing trade friction and improving SME execution reliability across regional value chains.
- Share practical approaches to supporting SME order execution through ICD Line of Finance (LoF) facilities and partner financial institutions.
- Highlight digital trade facilitation solutions that reduce process friction and improve interoperability and traceability.
- Identify practical logistics and corridor interventions that enhance predictability for SMEs in cross-border trade.

Welcoming Remarks



H.E. Dr. Khalid Khalafalla

Chief Executive Officer

Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of
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& Acting Chief Executive Officer

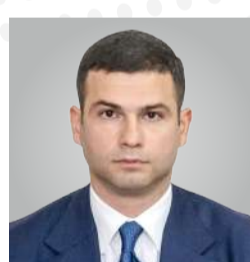
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Opening Remarks



Mr. Abdullah KH ALMUSAIBEEH

**Arab Bank for Economic
Development in Africa (BADEA)**



Mr. Orkhan Mammadov

**Chairman of the Management Board, KOBIA
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Speakers



Dr. Fatih Gokyurt

**Vice President of KOSGEB
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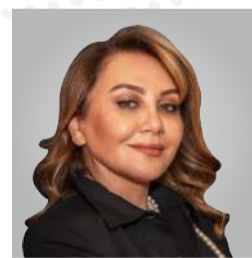
Mr. Orkhan Garayev

**Chairman of
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Mr. Ulan Abylgaziev

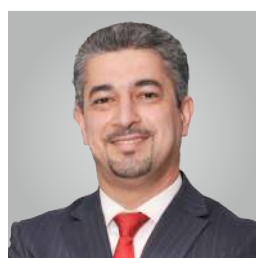
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Mrs. Natavan Mammadova

**Founder of Kashalata cafe,
the first inclusive cafe
in Azerbaijan**

Moderator



Dr. Elvin Afandi

**Manager of Corporate Strategy
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Presenter



Mr. Sam Aidoo

**Chief Investment Officer
Currency Exchange Fund (TCX)**