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## HALAL ECONOMY LEADERSHIP FORUM (HELFF) AND AZHAB FORUM 2026 OPENING REMARKS



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### Background

The Halal Economy Leadership Forum (HELFF) 2026 is a flagship one-day leadership platform convened under the IsDB Group Annual Meetings in partnership with HDC Malaysia, HPDC Saudi Arabia, and KOBIA in collaboration with the AZHAB Forum, Azerbaijan. The Forum integrates selected thematic components of the AZHAB initiative into the HELFF framework to ensure coherence with the Private Sector Forum agenda while advancing shared priorities such as sustainable regional integration, halal MSME development, green and Islamic finance, and ethical halal business practices.

### Objectives

- Provide high-level policy direction on leveraging the halal economy for sustainable regional integration.
- Showcase institutional models that strengthen halal ecosystem development across financing, regulation, certification, and market access.
- Highlight industry leaders driving innovation and trust in global halal markets.
- Advance sustainability and green transition strategies for halal MSMEs within inclusive value chains.

### Opening Remarks



**H.E. Mr. Elnur Aliyev**  
First Deputy Minister of  
Economy of the Republic  
of Azerbaijan



**Mr. Samer Yousef Elesawi**  
Head  
KL CoE, Islamic Development  
Bank (IsDB)



**Mr. Orkhan Mammadov**  
Chairman of the Management Board  
Republic of Azerbaijan (KOBIA)