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About Private Sector Forum

Private sector development is one of the main pillars of the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB Group) priorities. Therefore, in conjunction with the IsDB Group Annual Meetings, the IsDB Group private sector entities organize the Private Sector Forum (PSF) annually to bolster and reinforce the Group's commitment to the private sector.

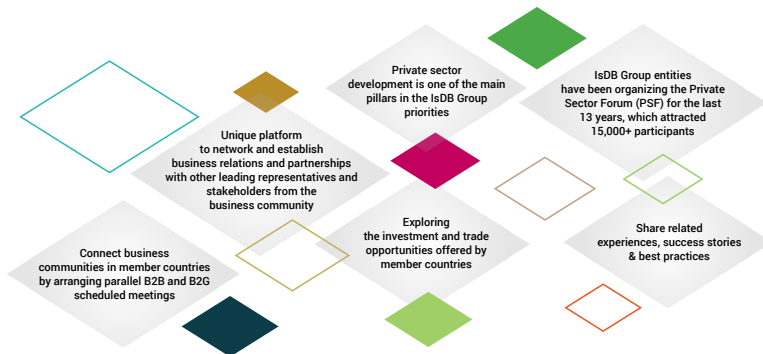
The main objective of the PSF is to provide a unique platform for networking and establishing business relations and partnerships with other leading representatives and stakeholders from the business community in order to share their experiences, success stories and best practices while jointly exploring 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). It will also present the IsDB Group's role in promoting private sector investment and cross-border trade, in addition to promoting the IsDB Group's services to the private sector interested in investing in its member countries. The Forum will also connect business communities in member countries through networking opportunities and parallel B2B and B2G meetings. It will also feature an awards ceremony recognizing leaders in trade, insurance, and investment. PSF 2026 will also give an opportunity to member countries to promote their projects to potential investors.

The PSF is strongly aligned with the Annual Meetings' theme, "Regional Integration for Sustainable Prosperity," as it focuses on strengthening cross-border collaboration, trade, and investment flows among IsDB member countries. By bringing together private sector leaders, policymakers, development finance institutions, and regional organizations, the event promotes collective action to unlock regional synergies that drive inclusive growth, resilience, and long-term prosperity.

IsDB Group Private Sector Forum



Private Sector Forum Introduction





PSF 2025 Major Outcomes

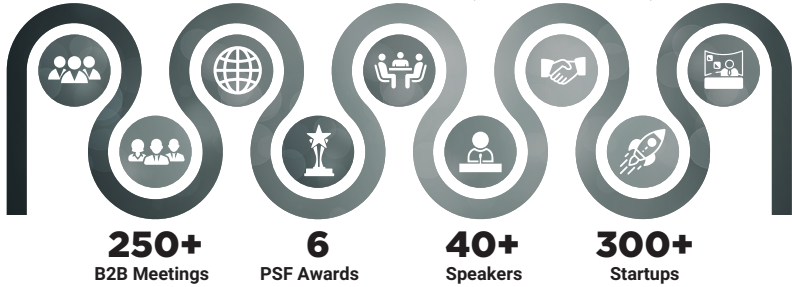
1,500+
Participants

From
50+
Countries

8
Side Events

26
MOUs and Agreements
(Value = \$3.6 Billion)

36
Exhibitors



Main Objectives

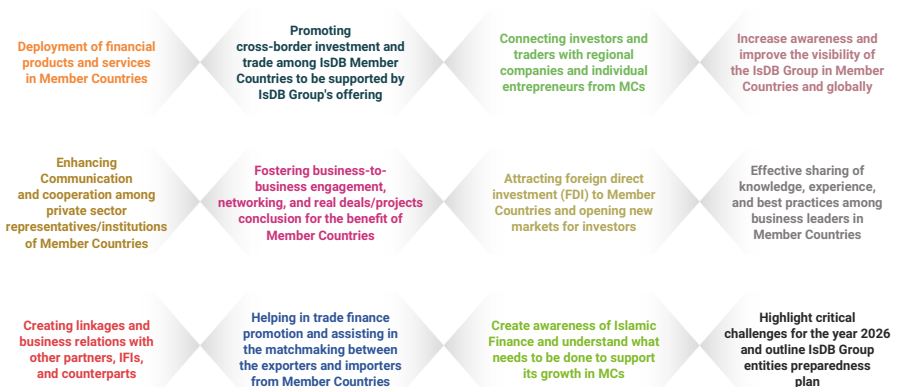




Target Audience



Expected Outcomes





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PSF 2026 Activities



Opening
Ceremony



4 Days High-Level
International Forum



Country
Presentations



Panel
Discussions



B2B and B2G
Meetings



Networking
Lunch



Halal
Business Forum



Press
Conference



Exhibition



MoU Signing
Ceremony



PSF
Roadshow



Startups and SMEs
Pitch Competition



Awards
Ceremony



IPAs Knowledge
Sharing Workshop

B2B & B2G Hub and Platform

1,000+

Registered
Organizations

500+

Requests

300+

Scheduled
Meetings

PSF Sessions and Speakers

17

Sessions

70+

Speakers



PSF 2026 Agenda

Day 1 (Tuesday, 16th June 2026)

SN	Event	Organizers	Time	Format
Halal Economy Leadership Forum (HELFL) and AZHAB Forum 2026				
1	Opening Remarks	IsDB/KLCoE/KOBIA/AZHAB	09:00 – 09:15	Speeches
2	Session 1: Strategic Leadership Dialogue Ethical Halal Business Models and Risk-Resilient Financing	IsDB/KLCoE/KOBIA/AZHAB	09:15 – 10:45	Panel Discussion
3	Session 2: Champions of the Halal Industry Driving Innovation, Trust, and Global Growth	IsDB/KLCoE/KOBIA/AZHAB	11:05 – 12:25	Panel Discussion
Networking Coffee Break			12:25 – 13:45	
4	Session 3: Halal MSMEs and Sustainability Green Transition, Halal Value Chains and Inclusive Growth	IsDB/KLCoE/KOBIA/AZHAB	13:45 – 15:15	Panel Discussion
Networking Coffee Break			15:15 – 15:35	
5	Ministerial Session: Halal Economy for Sustainable Regional Integration	IsDB/KLCoE/KOBIA/AZHAB	15:35 – 15:55	Speeches
6	Launch of the Global Islamic Economists' Programme	IsDB/KLCoE/KOBIA/AZHAB	15:55 – 16:05	Video
7	Session 4: Halal Industrial Zones – Advanced Halal Ecosystem Development	IsDB/KLCoE/KOBIA/AZHAB	16:05 – 17:25	Panel Discussion
8	Closing Remarks	IsDB/KLCoE/KOBIA/AZHAB	17:25 – 17:30	Speeches

Day 2 (Wednesday, 17th June 2026)

SN	Event	Organizers	Time	Format
1	PSF 2026: Opening and Agreements Exchange Ceremony	IsDB Group/THIQAH	10:00 – 10:30	Speeches
2	CEOs Session	ICIEC/ICD/ITFC/THIQAH	10:30 – 11:45	Panel Discussion
3	IsDB Group Private Sector Awards Ceremony	ICIEC/ICD/ITFC/THIQAH	11:45 – 12:15	Ceremonial Event
4	De-Risking Trade & Investment for Regional Prosperity	ICIEC	12:30 – 13:45	Panel Discussion
5	Boosting Trade Solutions for Regional Connectivity	ITFC	14:00 – 15:00	Panel Discussion
6	Cross-Border Infrastructure PPPs for Regional Connectivity "Connecting Regions: Cross-Border Infrastructure PPPs in Practice"	ICD	15:00 – 16:00	Panel Discussion
7	Partnering for Impact: Strengthening Arab Coordination Group (ACG) Private Sector Synergies for Sustainable Development	THIQAH/ACG	16:00 – 17:00	Panel Discussion
8	5 th IsDB Group Startups and Innovation Pitch Competition	THIQAH	17:15 – 19:15	Competition/Pitching

Day 3 (Thursday, 18th June 2026)

SN	Event	Organizers	Time	Format
1	IsDB Group Annual Meetings Opening Ceremony	IsDB Group	09:00 – 12:00 (TBC)	Ceremonial Event
2	Fireside Chat with H.E. the Chairman of IsDB Group	IsDB Group	13:30 – 14:30	Fireside Chat
3	Connecting SMEs to Regional Value and Supply Chains "Reducing trade friction, enabling order execution, and linking SMEs"	ICD	14:30 – 15:45	Panel Discussion
4	From More FDI to Better FDI: Investment Promotion for Sustainable Development	IsDBG - CCD	16:00 – 17:30	Panel Discussion

Day 4 (Friday, 19th June 2026)

SN	Event	Organizers	Time	Format
1	Country Presentations	THIQAH	8:30 – 11:00	Presentations
2	Signing of Projects and Financing Agreements	ICIEC/ICD/ITFC/THIQAH	12:30 – 13:30	Signing Ceremony
Networking Coffee Break			13:30 – 14:30	
3	Annual Meetings Closing Press Conference and Private Sector Forum Press Conference	IsDB Group	14:30-15:30	Press Event



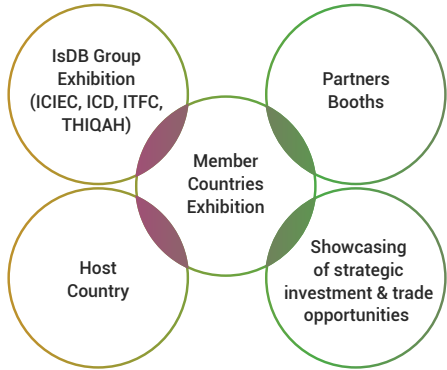
PSF Exhibition



4 Booths
(ICIEC, ICD, ITFC, THIQAH)



36 Member Countries & Partners



PSF 2026 Awards



ICIEC Award Categories:

- ICIEC Most Impactful Project of The Year
- Most Innovative Trade Development Initiative of The Year

ICIEC Judge:
Dr. Hassan Idris



ICD Award Categories:

- Most Impactful Islamic Finance Institution 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
- Most Outstanding Contribution to Intra-OIC Trade Development

ITFC Judge:
Mr. Kashif Iqbal

External Independent Judges: Islamic Finance News (IFN) & REDmoney Group



Signing of Projects and Financing Agreements

32
MOUs and
Agreements

\$ 4.7+
Billion

Country Presentations

You are invited to deliver the Country Presentation, taking place on Friday, 19 June 2026 at 08:30 - 11:00 a.m. in Baku, Azerbaijan, on the sidelines of the IsDB Group Annual Meetings and the IsDB Group Private Sector Forum (PSF 2026).

The program will include **brief country presentations** by participating Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) and other participants. Each IPA will have approximately **5 minutes** to share their experience working with the IsDB in investment promotion, priority sectors, recent reforms, and their approach to attracting sustainable, high-quality FDI.

Country Presentations Session

The Country Presentations Session provides a dedicated platform for Member Countries to showcase priority investment opportunities, national development plans, sectoral strategies, and key reforms aimed at attracting private sector participation. The session enables governments and investment promotion agencies to present bankable projects, highlight enabling policies, and engage directly with investors, financiers, and development partners.

Objectives

The session aims to promote investment opportunities across Member Countries, strengthen visibility of priority sectors, and facilitate dialogue between governments, private investors, financial institutions, and IsDB Group entities. It also seeks to support the development of practical partnerships by connecting investment-ready opportunities with potential sources of financing, risk mitigation, and technical support.

Expected Outcomes

The session is expected to generate stronger investor interest in participating countries, identify potential areas for collaboration, and support the conversion of national investment priorities into actionable opportunities. It may also lead to follow-up discussions, investor matchmaking, partnership development, and potential financing or advisory engagement with IsDB Group institutions and other stakeholders.

Benefits for Participants

Participating countries benefit from direct access to a targeted audience of investors, financial institutions, DFIs, MDBs, private sector companies, and business associations. The session offers an opportunity to promote national investment agendas, communicate reforms and incentives, attract private capital, and build strategic relationships that can support project development, trade expansion, and long-term economic growth.



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5th IsDB Group Startups and Innovation Pitch Competition



- Cross-Border Innovation Ecosystems**
Strengthening collaborative innovation networks that transcend borders – connecting startups, investors,
- AI-Driven Transformation**
Leveraging artificial intelligence, automation, and deep-technology capabilities to modernize economies, public services,
- Digital Trade & Financial Connectivity**
Advancing digital financial inclusion, Islamic fintech, cross-border banking, and digital identity infrastructure to support seamless regional commerce.
- Sustainable & Inclusive Economic Growth**
Promoting climate-smart, resilient, and socially inclusive development to ensure economic benefits reach communities across the full spectrum of Member Countries.

A Global Platform for Innovation & Development

The IsDB Group Startups & Innovation Pitch Competition stands as the Islamic Development Bank Group's flagship entrepreneurship platform, convened annually during the IsDB Group Annual Meetings under the Private Sector Forum (PSF).



Category 1

Financial technology and cybersecurity solutions



Category 2

Sustainability, AgriTech and Food Security solutions



Category 3

Human development and social services solutions

Participation Overview

270+
Startup Companies

15+
Incubators, Accelerators, & Venture Capital

9
Startups Winners



Day 1 (Tuesday, 16th June 2026)

Halal Economy Leadership Forum (HELFL) and AZHAB Forum 2026

09:00 – 09:15 | Opening Remarks

Background

The Halal Economy Leadership Forum (HELFL) 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 HELFL 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.

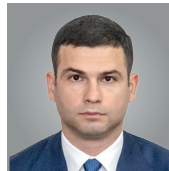
Objectives

- 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



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



Mr. Orkhan Mammadov
Chairman of the Management Board, KOBIA
Chairman of the AZHAB Forum, Azerbaijan



09:15 - 10:45

Session 1: Strategic Leadership Dialogue Ethical Halal Business Models and Risk-Resilient Financing

Background

As the global halal economy expands rapidly across food, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, logistics, tourism, and digital services, businesses are increasingly challenged to build models that are not only commercially competitive but also ethical, sustainable, and resilient to global economic uncertainties. Halal industries must navigate rising financing needs, supply chain disruptions, sustainability requirements, and evolving consumer expectations while preserving integrity, trust, and inclusiveness. This session brings together institutional leaders and industry stakeholders to discuss how halal ecosystem development can be strengthened through innovative financing models, strategic partnerships, and resilient business practices.

Objectives

- Explore ethical and sustainable halal business ecosystems.
- Highlight the role of Islamic finance in supporting halal industry growth.
- Strengthen institutional partnerships and regional cooperation.
- Promote risk-resilient and long-term halal sector development.
- Encourage collaboration, innovation, and investment in the halal industry.

Speakers



**Mrs. Zehra Zümrüt
SELÇUK**
Director General
SESRIC



Mr. Ameen Alsaadi
Chief Investment Officer
HPDC, KSA



Mr. Hadi Hamzah
Special Officer to CEO &
Chairman
Halal Development Corporation,
Malaysia (HDC)



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

Moderator



Mr. Datuk Amer Bukvić
Director
Islamic Development Bank (ISDB)
Regional Hub Jakarta



11:05 - 12:25

Session 2: Champions of the Halal Industry Driving Innovation, Trust, and Global Growth

Background

The halal industry is increasingly driven by innovation, technology, branding, quality assurance, and consumer trust. Leading halal companies are playing an important role in shaping global halal markets through advanced manufacturing, digitalization, product innovation, excellence certification, and international market expansion. At the same time, growing consumer demand for transparency, traceability, sustainability, and ethical production is reshaping global halal value chains. This session highlights successful halal industry champions and explores practical lessons from leading companies and institutions driving growth across different halal sectors.

Objectives

- Showcase successful halal industry leaders.
- Explore the role of innovation and quality assurance in strengthening competitiveness.
- Highlight the importance of sustainability and strategic market positioning.
- Strengthen global growth opportunities for halal industries.

Speakers



Mr. Ali Masraie
Factory Director
Mena Region
Pladis Global, KSA



Diana Sabrain
CEO OneAgrix
Singapore



Mr. Raja Badrulnizam
Senior Director
Malaysia External Trade
Development (MATRADE)



Dr. Amira El Fadil
Head of Partnerships
and International
Cooperation Sector
ICESCO, Morocco

Moderator



Dr. Mohamed Ali Mechraoui
Managing Director
Halal Products Advisory
HPDC, KSA

12:25 - 13:45

Networking Coffee Break



13:45 - 15:15

Session 3: Halal MSMEs and Sustainability Green Transition, Halal Value Chains and Inclusive Growth

Background

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) form the backbone of halal industries across many ISDB Member Countries. However, halal MSMEs continue to face challenges related to financing access, sustainability compliance, certification costs, market integration, and adoption of green practices. At the same time, global markets are increasingly prioritizing sustainability, responsible production, climate resilience, and ESG integration. This session focuses on how halal MSMEs can be supported in transitioning toward greener and more sustainable business models while strengthening their participation in halal value chains and regional markets.

Objectives

- Discuss strategies for empowering halal MSMEs.
- Promote sustainability integration and green financing initiatives.
- Strengthen capacity building for halal MSMEs.
- Enhance participation in halal value chains and regional economic ecosystems.

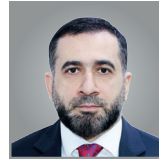
Speakers



Mr. Selim Güven
General Country Manager
Azerbaijan and Türkiye, ACWA



Mr. Murat Bapayev
Deputy Chairman of
the Management Board
Damu Fund, Kazakhstan



Mr. Elnur Aliyev
Advisor to the Chairman
KOBIA, Azerbaijan



**Senator Ibrahim
Hassan Hadeja**
Deputy Chief of staff to
the president of Nigeria
(Office of the Vice
President of Nigeria)

Moderator



Mr. Anar Yusufzada
Director
PPP Development Center, KOBIA, Azerbaijan

15:15 - 15:35

Networking Coffee Break



14:00 - 17:00

Azerbaijan Investment Outlook Forum 2026

Overview

Held within the framework of the IsDB Group Annual Meetings 2026, the Investment Outlook Forum brings together senior government officials, sovereign investors, development finance institutions, business leaders, and private capital representatives to discuss investment opportunities across Azerbaijan and the wider region.

Focused on investment, real estate, and renewable energy, the Forum will provide direct insights into priority projects, investment frameworks, financing opportunities, and regional partnerships shaping the next phase of economic growth.

The Forum is designed for investors and decision-makers seeking access to opportunities, partnerships, and market perspectives across the Caucasus, Central Asia, the Middle East, and beyond.

Limited attendance will provide participants with direct engagement and high-level networking opportunities with key stakeholders shaping the region's investment landscape.

Opening Remarks



H.E. Mr. Mikayil Jabbarov
Minister of Economy of the Republic
of Azerbaijan and the Chairman of
the 2026 IsDB Board of Governors

Capital, Growth and Opportunities in Azerbaijan and the Region



Ms. Nadira Tudor
Bureau Chief Baku Office
Euronews
Moderator



Mr. Ulvi Mansurov
Chairman of
the Executive Board
Azerbaijan Business
Development Fund



Mr. Nazim Hajiyev
Chief Executive Officer
Azerbaijan-Uzbekistan
Investment Company



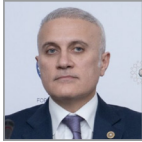
Mr. Gianluca Florio
Chief Executive Officer
Technip Energies Baku



**Mr. Mostafa Mohamed
Eleskandarany**
Lead Principal,
Equity Department
Islamic Corporation for the
Development of the Private
Sector (ICD)



Investment Opportunities in Real Estate



Mr. Mammad Abbasbeyli
Advisor to the Minister of
Economy of the Republic
of Azerbaijan
Moderator



Mr. Jalal Gasimov
Chief Executive Officer
PASHA Holding



Mr. Read Gasimov
Head
Main Department of
Architecture and Urban
Planning of Baku



Mr. Bill Oregan
Group Chief Executive Officer
Modon Holding



**Ms. Ena-Kameliya
Melikova**
Sales and Investments
Director
Sea Breeze

Powering Azerbaijan's Green Transition: Renewable Energy as a Bankable Investment Opportunity



Mr. Huseyn Huseynov
Advisor to the Minister of
Economy of the Republic
of Azerbaijan



Mr. Afgan Isayev
Vice - President
SOCAR



Mr. Mohammed Asheque
Acting General Manager of
Banking Department
Islamic Corporation for the
Development of the Private
Sector (ICD)



Ms. Aysel Yagubova
Executive director
Economic Cooperation
Organization Clean
Energy Center



Mr. Selim Guven
Country General Manager
ACWA Power Azerbaijan
& Türkiye



Mr. Murad Sadikhov
Masdar Country Manager
(Azerbaijan)



Mr. Anton Kosach
Managing Director & Partner
BCG
Moderator

Ecosystem Building Corporation Reveal: Factory of Systemically Important Profitable Companies



Mr. Rahul D' Mello
Co-founder
SABAH.HUB, Push30, Landau
Education Group
Moderator



Mr. Adil Gasimov
Chief Executive Officer
Push30;
Supervisory Board,
SABAH.HUB;
Kapital Bank & Volcker
Investments



Mr. Rahim Bayramli
Co-founder
EBC, Push30, Landau
Education Group
Co-founder & CEO
SABAH.HUB



Mr. Rashad Taghiyev
Chief Executive Officer
Landau Education Group
Co-founder
SABAH.HUB



Mr. Ulvi Rashid
Co-founder
EBC, Traction Club of
Executives



15:35 - 15:55

Ministerial Session: Halal Economy for Sustainable Regional Integration

Background

The halal economy is becoming an increasingly important driver of regional trade integration, industrial cooperation, food security, investment flows, and sustainable economic development. Many IsDB Member Countries possess complementary strengths across agriculture, manufacturing, logistics, Islamic finance, and consumer markets. Strengthening regional connectivity and cooperation among halal ecosystems presents significant opportunities to expand intra-OIC trade, improve supply chain resilience, and promote inclusive growth. This high-level ministerial dialogue will bring together senior policymakers and institutional leaders to discuss strategic priorities for advancing regional halal economic integration.

Objectives

- Provide a high-level platform for ministers and institutional leaders.
- Discuss policy priorities and regional cooperation opportunities.
- Strengthen strategic partnerships among IsDB Member Countries.
- Enhance halal economy integration, trade connectivity, and sustainable development.

Speakers



H.E. Mr. Majnun Mammadov

Minister of Agriculture
Republic of Azerbaijan



Senator Ibrahim Hassan Hadeja

Deputy Chief of staff to
the president of Nigeria
(Office of the Vice
President of Nigeria)



H.E. Mr. Anar Karimov

First Deputy Minister
Ministry of Finance of
the Republic of Azerbaijan



H.E. Dr. Khalid Khalafalla

Chief Executive Officer
Islamic Corporation for the
Insurance of Investment and Export
Credit (ICIEC)
& Acting Chief Executive Officer
Islamic Corporation for the
Development of the Private
Sector (ICD)



15:55 - 16:05

Launch of the Global Islamic Economists' Programme

16:05 - 17:25

Session 4: Halal Industrial Zones – Advanced Halal Ecosystem Development

Background

Halal industrial zones and specialized halal clusters are emerging as important platforms for strengthening halal manufacturing, logistics, certification, investment attraction, and integrated value chain development. These ecosystems can enhance competitiveness, facilitate compliance with international halal standards, support MSMEs, and improve regional trade connectivity. Increasingly, halal industrial zones are also integrating sustainability principles, digital technologies, Islamic finance solutions, and smart logistics systems. This session will examine international experiences and practical models for developing advanced halal industrial ecosystems that support long-term economic growth and regional integration.

Objectives

- Explore successful models for advanced halal industrial zones.
- Discuss strategies for developing integrated halal ecosystems.
- Strengthen supply chains and attract investments.
- Support sustainable industrialization and regional halal trade connectivity.

Speakers



Eng. Mamdooh Al-Drees
Executive Vice President
Industrial Cities Operations
at MODON, KSA



Mr. Muhammadu Dikko Ladan
Chief Executive Officer
Dar Al Halal Group, Nigeria



Mr. Mohd Ismadi Ishak
Group Chief Executive Officer
Tabung Haji Properties,
ENSTEK Halal Park, Malaysia

Moderator



Dr. Marco Tieman
Chief Executive Officer
LBB International



17:25 – 17:30

Closing Remarks

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Closing Remarks



Mr. Orkhan Mammadov
Chairman of the Management Board, KOBIA
Chairman of the AZHAB Forum, Azerbaijan



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



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Day 2 (Wednesday, 17th June 2026)

10:00 – 10:30

PSF 2026: Opening and Agreements Exchange Ceremony

10:30 – 11:45

CEOs Session

About the Session

A strategic CEOs' session at the IsDB Group PSF 2026 designed to demonstrate how regional integration can be translated into investable, scalable, and bankable opportunities. The session brings together the CEOs and leadership of IsDB Group entities to showcase an integrated "One IsDB Group" solution across trade facilitation, investment mobilization, and de-risking. It focuses on the interconnected challenges facing regional integration, including trade ecosystem inefficiencies, sub-optimal project preparation, limited investment bankability, elevated cross-jurisdictional risks, and the need to mobilize private capital at scale across member countries.

Background

Regional integration has strong potential to drive sustainable growth across IsDB Member Countries by enhancing trade, investment, and regional connectivity. It supports economic diversification, competitiveness, and resilience.

However, despite strong political commitment and significant opportunities, progress remains constrained by execution challenges. Trade inefficiencies, limited investment readiness, and insufficient de-risking frameworks continue to hinder private sector participation and the translation of regional initiatives into tangible economic outcomes.

Addressing these interconnected challenges requires a coordinated approach that aligns trade facilitation, investment mobilization, and de-risking mechanisms within a unified framework.

The CEOs' session will showcase how the IsDB Group through ICIEC, ICD, and ITFC can deliver an integrated "One IsDB Group" solution to transform regional integration opportunities into scalable, investable, and bankable outcomes.

Objectives

- **Explore Opportunities**
Highlight high-potential opportunities to scale intra-OIC trade, investment, and regional value chains.
- **Promote Integrated Solutions**
Showcase coordinated trade, investment, and de-risking solutions through ICIEC, ICD, and ITFC.
- **Strengthen Partnerships**
Foster collaboration among governments, MDBs, DFIs, financial institutions, and private investors.
- **Emphasize De-Risking**
Highlight the role of guarantees, political risk insurance, and blended finance in mobilizing private capital.
- **Highlight Key Barriers**
Identify major challenges affecting regional integration across trade, investment, and de-risking.



IsDB Group Private Sector Forum (PSF 2026) Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks



H.E. Mr. Mikayil Jabbarov
Minister of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan,
and Chairman of the 2026 IsDB Board of Governors



H.E. Dr. Muhammad Al Jasser
Chairman
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group

PSF Agreements Exchange Ceremony

CEOs' session Speakers



H.E. Dr. Khalid Khalafalla
Chief Executive Officer
Islamic Corporation for
the Insurance of Investment
and Export Credit (ICIEC)
& Acting Chief Executive Officer
Islamic Corporation for
the Development of
the Private Sector (ICD)



H.E. Eng. Adeb Yousof Al Aama
Chief Executive Officer
International Islamic Trade
Finance Corporation (ITFC)



Mr. Mohamad Safri Hamid
Chief Executive Officer
International Islamic Liquidity
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12:30 – 13:45

De-Risking Trade & Investment for Regional Prosperity

Where Regional Integration Meets Investment Opportunity

Azerbaijan is rapidly emerging as a strategic gateway linking Europe, Asia, and the OIC region, creating unprecedented opportunities for trade, investment, and sustainable development. From renewable energy and infrastructure to logistics, manufacturing, and cross-border connectivity, the foundations for growth are stronger than ever.

Yet investment follows confidence.

Join ICIEC and a distinguished panel of senior government officials, global financial institutions, and private sector leaders as they explore how innovative risk mitigation solutions can unlock capital, reduce investment barriers, and accelerate regional prosperity.

Discover how de-risking trade and investment can transform opportunities into action, partnerships into projects, and regional connectivity into sustainable economic growth.

Opening Remarks



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Huda Hafzah

Business Coordination Specialist
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Mr. Elnur Aliyev

Advisor to the Chairman
KOBIA, Azerbaijan

Moderator



14:00 -15:00

Boosting Trade Solutions for Regional Connectivity

Background

Regional trade integration remains a critical driver of sustainable and inclusive growth across IsDB member countries, particularly in Central Asia and the Caucasus. While trade potential exists, SMEs continue to face structural constraints related to access to finance, regulatory fragmentation, and limited trade facilitation. Shariah-compliant trade finance offers a viable and inclusive pathway to address these challenges, provided it is embedded within coherent policy, financial, and private sector ecosystems. In addition, realizing the full potential of regional trade requires integrating Shariah-compliant trade finance with trade development interventions to translate financing into sustainable impact and inclusive trade.

Objectives

- Facilitate structured dialogue among policymakers, MDBs/DFIs, banks, and the private sector on building effective Shariah-compliant trade ecosystems.
- Share practical insights on scaling Islamic trade finance instruments to support regional trade and SME participation.
- Identify replicable models and partnerships that integrate financing and development activities to strengthen trade connectivity across OIC member countries.

Welcoming Remarks



H.E. Eng. Adeb Yousuf Al Aama
Chief Executive Officer
International Islamic Trade
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Opening Remarks



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Deputy Minister of Economy
of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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Minister of Planning and
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Dr. Aydin Huseynov
Chief Executive Officer
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Moderator



Madina Tukulova
Head of Islamic Finance
Astana International Financial
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15:00 – 16:00

Cross-Border Infrastructure PPPs for Regional Connectivity “Connecting Regions: Cross-Border Infrastructure PPPs in Practice”

Background

Regional integration and cross-border connectivity are critical enablers of sustainable economic growth, trade expansion, and shared prosperity. Transport corridors, regional energy interconnections, and digital infrastructure networks play a vital role in linking markets, facilitating trade, and strengthening regional value chains. However, significant infrastructure financing gaps and investment constraints continue to limit the development of cross-border infrastructure projects.

Objectives

- Highlight the importance of cross-border PPPs in advancing regional integration and connectivity across OIC member countries.
- Share practical experiences, successful models, and lessons learned from transport, energy, and digital PPP projects.
- Discuss innovative financing, Islamic finance, and risk-mitigation solutions to enhance project bankability and attract private capital.
- Explore the role of MDBs, guarantees, blended finance, and credit enhancement in de-risking infrastructure investments.
- Promote collaboration among governments, private investors, MDBs, and ISDB Group entities to strengthen regional PPP project pipelines.

Opening Remarks



H.E. Mr. Samad Bashirli
Deputy Minister of Economy
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H.E. Mr. Ahmed Rostom
Minister of Planning and
Economic Development
ISDB Governor, Egypt

Speakers



Mr. Zaki Sumar
Vision Invest



Dr. Eyup Vural Aydin
PPP Center of Excellence
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Mr. Abbas Bukhari
Group Chief Financial Officer
and Senior Vice President,
Strategy & M&A
Red Sea Gateway Terminal (RSGT)



Mr. Elmir Musayev
SOCAR Green

Moderator



Mr. Mohammed Asheque
Banking Department,
Islamic Corporation for the Development
of the Private Sector (ICD)



16:00 – 17:00

Partnering for Impact: Strengthening Arab Coordination Group (ACG) Private Sector Synergies for Sustainable Development

About the Event

The session aims to highlight the role of the Arab Coordination Group (ACG), showcase successful partnerships with the private sector, and foster dialogue on innovative and scalable approaches to development. By bringing together ACG member institutions and private sector leaders, the session will generate actionable insights and strategies to strengthen ACG-private sector collaboration and maximize development impact.

Key Highlights

- Showcase the synergies between ACG and private sector actors.
- Highlight collaborative strategies that leverage ACG's expertise and resources alongside private sector investment.
- Promote visibility of ACG's contributions to private sector development during the IsDB Group Annual Meetings.
- Encourage dialogue between ACG institutions and private sector leaders to explore co-financing and partnership opportunities

Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced understanding of ACG-private sector partnerships.
- Development of a strategic roadmap for future collaborations.
- Strengthened ties and increased joint projects between ACG and private sector entities.
- Promotion of innovative practices to improve development outcomes.

Opening Remarks



Dr. Ulvi Mansurov
Chairman of Executive Board
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Speakers



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17:15 – 19:15

5th IsDB Group Startups and Innovation Pitch Competition

Background

The rapid growth of AI, cloud technologies, and digital transformation is reshaping global economies, creating both opportunities and challenges for IsDB Member Countries. Against this backdrop, the 5th IsDB Startups & Innovation Pitch Competition 2026 will host a high-level Knowledge Dialogue to position the IsDB Group as a catalyst for responsible and inclusive innovation across the OIC region.

The session will bring together policymakers, global experts, development finance institutions, and ecosystem builders to explore how AI, digital infrastructure, and blended finance can support startups and SMEs.

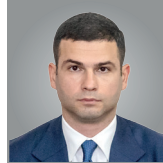
Opening Remarks



Eng. Mohammad Jamal Alsaati

Special Advisor to the President,
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Islamic Development Bank Group

Welcoming Remarks



Mr. Orkhan Mammadov

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Chairman of the AZHAB Forum, Azerbaijan

Speakers



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Closing Remark



Mr. Orkhan Mammadov

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Advisor to H.E. the President
Islamic Development Bank Group

Moderator



Day 3 (Thursday, 18th June 2026)

09:00 – 12:00

IsDB Group Annual Meetings Opening Ceremony

13:30 – 14:30

Fireside Chat with H.E. the Chairman of IsDB Group

14:30 – 15:45

Connecting SMEs to Regional Value and Supply Chains
“Reducing trade friction, enabling order execution, and linking SMEs”

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.



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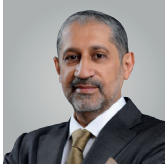
Welcoming Remarks



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Opening Remarks



Mr. Abdullah KH ALMUSAIBEEH

Arab Bank for Economic
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Moderator



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Presenter



Mr. Sam Aidoo

Chief Investment Officer
Currency Exchange Fund (TCX)



16:00 – 17:30

From More FDI to Better FDI: Investment Promotion for Sustainable Development

Background

The IsDB Group Annual Meetings and Private Sector Forum (PSF) 2026 in Baku provide a platform for IPA leaders, policymakers, and partners to share knowledge and collaborate on effective investment promotion strategies for sustainable FDI.

The event is organized by CCD Regional Integration Section and THIQAH with AZPROMO, while WAIPA offers global benchmarks and best practices.

Objectives

- To help IPAs boost their skills and knowledge using real-world tools, peer exchanges, and proven methods for attracting and keeping sustainable investment.
- Showcase practical ways to bring in high-quality investments that support the SDGs.
- Discuss how investment promotion can create jobs, diversify the economy, and support national goals.
- Share useful tools and platforms to better target, help, and support investors.
- Explore opportunities for working together on training, advice, and partnerships.
- Encourage peer learning and teamwork to build regional value chains and shared investment projects.

Opening Remarks



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Deputy Minister of Economy
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Mr. Ismail Ersahin
Chief Executive Officer
World Association of Investment
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Mr. Bakary Segha Bathily
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Day 4 (Friday, 19th June 2026)

8:30 – 11:00

Country Presentations

Background

The Country Presentations Session provides a dedicated platform for Member Countries to showcase priority investment opportunities, national development plans, sectoral strategies, and key reforms aimed at attracting private sector participation. The session enables governments and investment promotion agencies to present bankable projects, highlight enabling policies, and engage directly with investors, financiers, and development partners.

Objectives

- Promote investment opportunities across Member Countries and strengthen the visibility of priority sectors.
- Facilitate dialogue among governments, private investors, financial institutions, and IsDB Group entities.
- Support practical partnerships by connecting investment-ready opportunities with financing, risk mitigation, and technical support solutions.

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Signing of Projects and Financing Agreements

13:30 – 14:30

Networking Coffee Break

14:30 – 15:30

Annual Meetings Closing Press Conference and Private Sector Forum Press Conference



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