



12th IDB Global Forum on Islamic Finance: Empowering Youth Entrepreneurship and Access to Islamic Finance

15 May 2017, 8am-12.30pm (Venue: Al Qasr B, Hilton Hotel, Jeddah)

Overview

Youth empowerment encourages economic activity among youth through entrepreneurship, and consequently promotes financial and social stability for countries. This forum will discuss empowering of youth through entrepreneurship and access to Islamic finance in global and national perspectives, and deliberate on how alternative finance (for example crowdfunding) could help youth pursue opportunities available in an innovation-driven economy. The IDB Global Forum is a yearly platform for strategic policy dialogue among policymakers, professionals and other industry stakeholders, aimed at formulating strategies to elevate Islamic finance globally. This year's edition is jointly organized by the Islamic Research & Training Institute [A Member of the IDB Group] and the Enterprise Development Department of the IDB, in partnership with King Abdullah University of Science & Technology (KAUST), KSA.

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S.N	Speakers
1	Benoist Grossmann, Idinvest, France
2	Riadh Boukhris, Chairman & CEO, Blue Mena, UAE
3	Riad Hartani, Partner, Xona Partners, USA

4	Mohamed Hedi Mejai, IDB
5	Stephen Wilmarth, Principal, The Whitney International Project, USA
6	Craig Moore, CEO, Beehive, UAE
7	Amal Dokhan, Program Design Manager, KAUST Entrepreneurship Center, Saudi Arabia
8	Umar Munshi, Founder, Ethis Ventures, Singapore
9	Dr. Zamir Iqbal, Head, World Bank Global Islamic Finance Development Center, Turkey
10	Dr. Dawood Ashraf, IRTI, IDB