

Pre-Forum Workshop Schedule – April 18, 2008

2:00 p.m. REGISTRATION

OPENING REMARKS

Workshop Chair, Mahmoud El-Gamal

Professor of Islamic Economics, Finance, and Management, Rice University,
Houston, Texas

2:15–4:00p.m. SESSION 1: MICROFINANCE AS A KEY TO POVERTY ALLEVIATION

Moderator: Sameera Fazili

Lecturer, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut

Speakers:

Salih Gibriel Hamid Ahmed (Savings and Social Development Bank,
Khartoum, Sudan)

Ibrahim Hussein (Muslim Aid, London, United Kingdom)

Microfinance as a Mechanism for Poverty Alleviation in the Sudan

Nafis Alam (Monash University, Sunway, Malaysia)

Islamic Venture Philanthropy: A Tool for Sustainable Community Development

Husam El-Khatib (Mayer Brown International LLP, London, United
Kingdom)

Video of Select Shari'a Scholars' Views on Microfinance and Poverty Alleviation

Tanim Laila (Institute of Hazrat Mohammad, (SAW) Dhaka, Bangladesh)

*Innovations in Islamic Philanthropy and Monetization of Islamic Philanthropic
Instruments*

Kim Wilson (Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts)

Toward Shari'a Compliant Microfinance: Micro-insurance Case Studies

4-15–6:30p.m. SESSION 2: MODELS OF ISLAMIC MICROFINANCE

Moderator: Mahmoud El-Gamal

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Speakers:

Ali Adnan Ibrahim (Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.)

Incentivizing Microfinance for Islamic Finance Institutions

Moid Uddin Ahmad (Northern Indian Engineering College, Lucknow, India)
Athar Mahmood (Northern Indian Engineering College, Lucknow, India)
Islamic Venture Capital: A Tool for Social and Economic Development.

Ehsan H. Feroz (University of Washington, Tacoma, Washington)
Blake Goud (Institute of Halal Investing, Portland, Oregon)
Mohammad Rahman (Rubicon Global Halal Fund, Portland, Oregon)
*The Development and Implementation of a Shari‘a Based Microfinance Model
Using the Grameen Group Financing Methodology*

Monowar Hossain (Institute of Hazrat Mohammad, Dhaka, Bangladesh)
*An Islamic Non-Banking Financial Institution for Accelerated Poverty
Eradication*

Asad Kamran Ghalib (University of Manchester, United Kingdom)
*Re-Thinking Leasing from an Islamic Perspective: The Prospects of Islamic
Micro-Leasing for Poverty Alleviation*

6:30p.m.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Baber Johansen

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Professor of Islamic Religious Studies, Harvard Divinity School