



Programme: Sunday, 25 October 2015

Time		Item	Chair
08:30	09:00	Official Opening	TBA
09:00	10:30	Zakah Core Principles -Prof. Irfan Beik (Indonesia)	SANZAF
10:30	11:00	Break	
11:00	12:30	Zakah Core Principles -Prof. Irfan Beik (Indonesia)	SANZAF
12:30	14:00	Salah & Lunch	
14:00	16:30	Zakah Roundtable	FNB
17:00	18:00	Waqf Masterclass: Origins and history –Implications for community development and empowerment	

Professor Irfan Beik (Baznas, Indonesia) will lead a workshop (in the morning) on the newly formed Zakat Core Principles Working Group (ZCP) and their proposal for an international standard for Zakah organisations, with specific reference to the management of Zakah, rather than the Fiqh (Laws) of Zakah.

Prof Beik will present (and discuss) the 18 principles being proposed by the ZCP Working Group and the process towards implementing these principles as a standard by 2016. The ZCP is based on / inspired by the Basel Core Principles for Effective Banking and it is envisaged that, once endorsed by the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), it will be adopted by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member countries and will become the standard amongst Zakah institutions within OIC countries. It will however be voluntary among non-member countries, but hopefully aspirational, in that even Muslim NGOs operating in non-member countries will be able to demonstrate credibility at the highest standards if they adopt these principles.

In the afternoon session, we will discuss/debate four contemporary issues relating to the Fiqh (Laws) of Zakah in a *Roundtable on Zakah*. Four Ulema (Islamic scholars) have been identified and commissioned to present their views/opinions on four topics. The idea behind the Zakah roundtable discussions is to create a neutral space for the exchanging of ideas so that contemporary issues (specifically as it may affect minority communities) can be discussed, debated and consensus can be arrived at.



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Time		Item	Chair
08:30	10:00	IRTI Report Report on Awqaf, Zakah and Islamic Microfinance (incl Q&A)	27FOUR
10:00	10:30	Break	
10:30	12:30	Microfinance Akhuwat Model -Mr. Junaid Farid	AWQAF
12:30	14:00	Salah & Lunch	
14:00	16:30	Platform for SE	REGENT

Mr. Mohamed A. Salat and Dr. Mohammed Obaidullah (IRTI, Jeddah) will present the findings of their recently released study on Awqaf, Zakah and Microfinance. It will give participants a better insight into best practice and the challenges faced by practitioners as well as what works and what does not work.

The report will be followed by a presentation and a practical demonstration by Mr. Junaid Farid (Akhuwat) on their ethical microfinance model.

The morning sessions will thus be dedicated to presentations and engagements with our expert presenters, including extensive time for questions and answers.

During the afternoon session, we have created a *PLATFORM for Social Entrepreneurs*, where activists and NGOs can present their ideas on community development initiatives.

Four presentations of 30 minutes each (including question and answer time) have been scheduled for this PLATFORM session.

The objective of this PLATFORM session is to afford the presenters an opportunity to test their ideas on development amongst peers.

