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Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatu Allahi Wabarakatuhu

It has always been the top priority for the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) in pursuing the goals of enhancing economic and commercial cooperation to improve business linkages as well as to boost the intra-OIC trade. Considerable efforts have been exerted so far at the OIC level in order to develop ways, strategies and means of joint cooperative actions aiming at expanding trade and investments among OIC Member States.

ICDT is today geared towards the increasing of business among the 57 OIC Member States. Muslim communities worldwide from Suriname and Guyana as well as OIC member countries including Indonesia and Malaysia have taken a larger role in the ICDT's programs. Hence, it must be noted that Member Countries have always continuously forged better economic cooperation and explored further on how to take advantage of the huge wealth of human, natural resources and cultural heritage that each OIC Member Country offer. We hope that the 9th Muslim World BIZ 2018 will act as usual as a rewarding avenue for business networking among Muslim business circles.

It is our pleasure to organize again this year this important Event jointly with the OIC Malaysia International Business Centre. We look forward to carry on the collaboration with both Institutions as well as with other regional and international organisations with a view to achieving the objectives of the OIC Ten Year Program of Action (TYPOA) 2016-2025 in the economic field in particular, which targets, inter alia, increasing intra-OIC Trade to 25% by 2025.

We welcome all Delegates and Exhibitors for a valuable experience at this Event.

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

With the emphasis on enhancing trade and investment among OIC Arab and Asian countries, this one day conference will bring leading financial, trade and economic experts to share their knowledge, expertise and most importantly their success stories. During this Forum, the OIC Trade Centre, ICDT, will present the following: Trade between OIC Arab and Asian countries: prospects, opportunities and challenges; Future impact of BREXIT on OIC Member States; Investment promotion and facilitation in OIC Member States; The TPS/OIC scheme as framework to boost trade among OIC Arab and Asian countries and the Future of OIC Trade integration.



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OIC ARAB-ASIA
Trade & Economic Forum

SESSION 1: TRADE BETWEEN OIC ARAB AND ASIAN COUNTRIES: PROSPECTS OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Recent years witnessed revolutionary change in the economies of a number of the OIC member countries, especially in the Arab world and Southeast Asia. Cooperation between different countries plays a significant role in this regard. Arab countries possess large amounts of the world's natural and human resources, while Asian countries are developing strong manufacturing industries. Creating the match between both regions is important, but it has several challenges, which will be discussed during this session.

Topics for discussion

- The prospects of successful increase in trade between Arab and Asian OIC countries.
- The main challenges facing successful partnership between these countries.
- The role of governments to enhance collaborations and facilitate trade activities.
- The elements which has a great potential to grow intra-OIC trade.

SESSION 2: FUTURE IMPACT OF BREXIT ON OIC MEMBER STATES

The effect of Brexit will not be confined only to the relationships between the UK and countries from the European Union. The OIC member countries will be impacted by this decision and its implications. A study by the Islamic Development Bank focused on the financial and monetary implications of Brexit, including the impact on investment, on the OIC member countries. The impact will not only depend on what happens after the UK separates from the EU, but also on what happens in the interim including economic uncertainty in addition to market policy and responses.

Topics for discussion

- The most vulnerable OIC countries to the negative implications of Brexit.
- The extent to which Brexit could affect various OIC member countries.
- The alternatives which OIC countries have to avoid or reduce this effect.
- The methods through which these alternatives can be utilised.

SESSION 3: INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND FACILITATION IN OIC MEMBER STATES

Trade and investment between the OIC member countries are among the most important factors to boost the status of the Islamic economy. Many of those countries have, and are developing, sound infrastructure in order to attract investors from other countries. They also have been establishing specialised agencies to perform this task. Governments should provide incentives to businesses coming from other OIC member countries. This session will discuss the methods of doing this in view of the existing challenges.

Topics for discussion

- The current profile of mutual investment between OIC countries.
- The efficiency of promotional programmes and their actual outcomes.
- The ways through which governments make foreign investment easier.
- Examples of successful agencies to attract foreign investors.

SESSION 4: THE TPS/OIC SCHEME AND THE FUTURE OF OIC TRADE INTEGRATION

The OIC-2025: Programme of Action aim at increasing intra-OIC trade to reach 25% by the year 2025. The Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the OIC (TPS-OIC) is one of the most important projects of the Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) to accomplish this vision. This system is based on three agreements namely the Framework Agreement, the Protocol on Preferential Tariff Scheme and the Rules of Origin. This session outlines the main strategies to maximise the benefits of this system for all member countries.

Topics for discussion

- Introduction of the three agreements that constitute TPS-OIC.
 - Signing vs. ratifying the agreements.
 - The countries which have signed/ratified the agreements so far.
 - The current status of implementing the TPS-OIC.
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PROGRAM ITINERARY

08.30AM	Registration & Morning Coffee
09.20AM	Doa Recital
09.30AM	SESSION 1: TRADE BETWEEN OIC ARAB AND ASIAN COUNTRIES: PROSPECTS OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES
10.15AM	SESSION 2: FUTURE IMPACT OF BREXIT ON OIC MEMBER STATES
11.00AM	SESSION 3: INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND FACILITATION IN OIC MEMBER STATES
12.00PM	Official Launching for All Conferences
02.15PM	SESSION 4: THE TPS/OIC SCHEME AND THE FUTURE OF OIC TRADE INTEGRATION
03.00PM	Token of Appreciation for Session 1,2,3 & 4
03.10PM	Coffee Break
03.20PM	SESSION 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION
05.00PM	Token of Appreciation for Session 5
05.05PM	Closing Remark by CEO of OICIBC
05.15PM	END OF CONFERENCE

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