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Organize an International Conference on:

Islamic Finance and Ethical Investment: International Experiences and Local Specificities

**15 - 16 April 2020
ENCG, FSJES, El Jadida, Morocco**

CALL FOR PAPERS

1. Background

Some theories argued that the world of ethics and that of finance are not antipodal. Some practices showed that ethics in finance could then be presented as initiatives aimed at framing the practices of the various actors and at improving their confidence.

Due to repeated financial crises, the emergence of ethical finance could also be seen as a response to the excesses of the current financial system, by encouraging the consideration of extra-financial criteria in investment decisions.

Many manifestations of ethics can take place according to the used referential (moral, religious, environmental, social, etc.). Thus, ethical funding can be socially responsible or morally responsible, and so-called Islamic finance is part of this second category.

Islamic financial industry includes banks, takaful as well as Shariah compliant financial markets. In Morocco, after the publication of Law 103-12 in March 2015, the first participatory banks started their activity in July 2017. Then, the Moroccan state issued the first sovereign sukuk in October 2018. In March 2019, Bank Al Maghrib has just authorized participating banks to offer their clients term investment deposits, after the authorization of Shariah board. The publication of takaful law 87-18 on 22 August 2019 is a further step in the process. In addition to the urban world, farmers will now be able to take advantage of these new participatory financing methods and benefit from equipment subsidies acquired by mourabaha.

Given the complexity of the subject and the multiplicity of actors, countries are not all at the same stage of implementation of Islamic finance, and each experience has its strengths and weaknesses, and presents opportunities and threats.

Conscious of the importance of the subject, the organizing committee of this international conference has chosen as theme: "Islamic Finance and Ethical Investment: International Experiences and Local Specificities". The purpose of this scientific event will be to bring together experts in the field of Islamic finance and ethics, to discuss and share their experiences on the subject.

It will also be an opportunity to shed light on the practice of Islamic finance in some countries, on the specificities of the Moroccan experience in this area, on the strengths and problems encountered, as well as on the recommendations to consider.

2. THEMES

The organizing committee welcomes submissions from all areas related to Islamic Finance. Papers in an early stage could also be considered, but published papers are not accepted. Sample themes include, but are not limited to:

Theme 1: Participatory finance and sectorial fundings (Industry, Agriculture, etc.)

Theme 2: Marketing practices in Islamic financial institutions

Theme 3: Human Resources management in Islamic Finance

Theme 4: The governance of Islamic financial institutions

Theme 5: The legal and accounting aspects in Islamic finance

Theme 6: Islamic Financial markets (Funds, indexes, sukuk, etc.)

Theme 7: The performance of Ethical and Islamic investments

Theme 8: The risk management in Islamic financial institutions

Theme 9: Takaful and re-takaful

Theme 10: Islamic finance and Fintech

Theme 11: Innovations and Islamic finance engineering

3. DOCTORAL WORKSHOP

On the sidelines of the conference, a doctoral workshop will be scheduled to allow PhD students to present the progress of their work focused on Islamic finance, in order to improve their methodological approach, to strengthen their research capacity and their publication potential.

4. RESEARCH TRAINING

PhD students could benefit from research training, including research methodology and the presentation of some quantitative and qualitative techniques. This training will be provided by professors from ENCG El Jadida.

5. PUBLICATION

The best papers will be submitted to the associated Journals after final formatting of the manuscripts according to the required publication standards.

6. PRACTICAL ISSUES

6.1. IMPORTANT DATES

- 25 January 2020: Deadline for submission of the communications
- 25 February 2020: Notification of acceptance to the authors
- 30 March 2020: Deadline for registration confirmation
- 10 April 2020: preparation and sending of the conference program
- 15 - 16 April 2020: Conference days (El Jadida, Morocco)

6.2. CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

English, Arabic and French

6.3. LOGISTICS AND REGISTRATION

- Once the article is accepted, a letter of invitation will be sent to the authors;
- The submission and the participation in the conference are free of charges
- Transportation and accommodation should be covered by the participants;
- A list of hotels with the best offers will be communicated to the participants.

6.4. SUBMISSIONS AND CONTACT

Manuscripts in English, French, or Arabic should be submitted online via the conference website: islamfinance20.sciencesconf.org

For any information regarding the conference, please contact: eljadida.conference@gmail.com

6.5. AUTHORS GUIDLINES

Submissions should be written in “Times New Roman”, with margins of 2.5 cm, with justified alignment and single spacing.

The first page should contain:

- The title of the communication (in bold, lowercase, Times New Roman 16, centered)
- The name (s) of the author (s), the academic degree, affiliation and email address of each author
- An abstract of less than 250 words, containing the objective of the research, the essential theoretical and methodological framework as well as the main findings.
- A maximum of five (5) keywords

The body text: The text (including footnotes, references and appendices) must not exceed 20 pages. Pages must be numbered and must not contain any headers or footers.

The titles and subtitles should respect the following hierarchy:

- 1. Justified, Bold, Small, Times New Roman 14
- 1.1. Justified, Bold, Small, Times New Roman 12
- 1.1.1. Justified, Italic, Small, Times New Roman 12

The citations should appear, in the text, in parentheses with the name of the author and the date of publication (Author-date). Author references, having published more than once in the same year, must be identified chronologically by a letter following the year (eg 2019a, 2019b). The References include only the sources cited in the body of the text. The references must be presented in alphabetical order of the first author's name.

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