



TASHKENT 2021
ANNUAL MEETINGS
ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP
مجموعة البنك الإسلامي للتنمية



INFORMATION BOOKLET

INTRODUCTION

This booklet complements the Annual Meetings website (www.isdb-am.org), which contains the updated schedule of the Annual Meetings' events and detailed logistical information. Participants are invited to visit the website regularly before and during the meetings for up-to-date information.



ABOUT THE ISDB GROUP ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Boards of Governors and the General Assemblies of members of the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB Group) hold their Annual Meetings to discuss development issues and institutional matters.

The Annual Meetings attract more than 2,000 participants and offer an ideal platform for decision-makers to discuss challenges and explore IsDB Group member countries' opportunities.

VENUE

The 2021 IsDB Group Annual Meetings will take place in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, at the Tashkent City Congress Center.



SCHEDULE

The following meetings of the IsDB Group Boards of Governors and General Assemblies will take place on 18 - 19 June 2021:

- The 46th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
- The 28th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC)
- The 14th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD)
- The 21st General Assembly of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD)
- The 16th General Assembly of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)

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KNOWLEDGE-SHARING AND FLAGSHIP EVENTS

During the Annual Meetings period, various knowledge-sharing and flagship events will be held featuring top-level panelists from governments, international & regional organizations, private sector, academia, and civil society. The knowledge-sharing events' program provides a dynamic platform to discuss economic, financial, and development issues of current interest to IsDB Group member countries and their partners.

The knowledge-sharing events also aim to encourage discussions and debates, and to promote partnerships, cooperation, and knowledge sharing. Most of the events are open to all registered participants.

The full schedule of events will be published in due course at the Annual Meetings website: www.isdb-am.org.



REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION:

REGISTRATION

All delegates and participants are requested to register online by following the step-by-step process explained on the Annual Meetings website (www.isdb-am.org) through the “Registration” tab, using the registration code mentioned in the invitation letter.

Delegates and participants are requested to complete registration, including flight details and hotel bookings if applicable, no later than Thursday, 27th May 2021 at 17:00.

ACCREDITATION AND ID BADGES

Annual Meetings Registration Desk will be located at the venue of the meetings, “Tashkent City Congress Center” and will open at 12:00 on Monday, 14th June 2021 until the closure of the meetings on Saturday, 19th June 2021.

ID BADGES

ID badges will be required for entrance into the Plenary Meetings, meeting rooms, and offices. Also, participants are required to wear their ID badges at all times while at the venue.

Annual Meetings badges must bear a recent photograph of the registrant; hence, participants should upload their photos when registering online. Also, participants must show passports or other government-issued photo identification document to obtain their badges from the registration counter.

Lost or missing badges should be reported immediately to the Registration Counter at the Annual Meetings venue.

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION:

PASSPORTS AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

All delegates and participants should ensure that their passports' validity exceed six months, and in all cases, longer than the stay's duration, and ensure they obtain a valid visa before entering the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Participants are invited to review the visa requirements on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <https://mfa.uz/en/pages/visa-republic-uzb>.

TRAVEL TO AND FROM TASHKENT

It is expected that Governors, Alternate Governors, and delegates make their travel arrangements to and from Tashkent.

Governors, Alternate Governors and other delegates are encouraged to arrange their arrival and return flight reservations directly to and from Tashkent as early as possible to secure the flights and dates of their choice.

AIRPORT RECEPTION

Protocol officers will be available at Tashkent, Islam Karimov Tashkent International Airport to assist delegates' entry and departure.

Shuttle buses will be available to transport participants from the airport to the "official" hotels and from these hotels to the Annual Meetings venue.

For each IsDB Governor, one car with a driver will be provided. It is, therefore, vital that Governors indicate their travel details in the registration form.

CUSTOMS

Travelers to the Republic of Uzbekistan are not allowed to bring in prohibited items such as narcotics, firearms, or ammunition. Travelers can have an unlimited amount of foreign currency, but it must be declared on the T-6 form.

We advise the Annual Meetings participants to review the complete list of allowed and prohibited items from the following website: <https://www.uzairways.com/en/customs-regulations-republic-uzbekistan>.



HOTEL ACCOMMODATION:



The Annual Meetings Secretariat has booked rooms at the Hilton Hotel for the IsDB Governors, Alt. Governors and IsDB Group Board members. Governors, Alt. Governors and Group Board members are requested to directly make their hotel booking through the Annual Meetings website.

The Annual Meetings Secretariat has negotiated special rates with few selected hotels, as shown in the table below. Delegates and participants are advised to make reservations at the selected hotels of their choice. They are also advised to include their booked hotels' names on the registration forms to facilitate transportation's arrangements from the airport to hotels.

Please consult the Annual Meetings website (www.isdb-am.org) for the means of booking and the reservation deadlines for each hotel. After the deadline, rooms' availability at the negotiated rates may not be applicable.

OFFICIAL HOTELS:

No.	Hotel	Rate			Booking Information
		Single room	Double room	Suites	
1	Hilton	1 700 000 UZS	1 870 000 UZS	3 600 000 UZS	reservations@hilton-tashkent.com
2	Wyndham	115 USD	130 USD	215 USD	reservation@wyndhamtashkent.com
3	Hyatt	1 580 000 UZS	1 740 000 UZS	3 580 000 UZS	
4	Radisson Blu	125 USD	155 USD	275 USD	reservation.tashkent@radissonblu.com
5	International	135 USD	175 USD	350 USD	csr@ihthotel.uz

HOTELS' POLICIES

- Daily rates per room inclusive VAT.
- City tax not included (~6 USD per night per person)
- Please check the hotel's policy for the check-in & checkout time, cancellation, and/or changing reservations.

MEDIA CENTER

IsDB media center will be set up at the Annual Meetings venue to enable journalists and media representatives to work properly. A detailed program of activities before and during the Annual Meetings will be provided. Media representatives are requested to contact the Communication Office at the Media Center for information about the Annual Meetings' knowledge-sharing events and associated activities or any requests for formal interviews.



LIAISON OFFICER

A liaison officer will be assigned to each Governor to assist her/ him throughout the Annual Meetings period.

GENERAL SERVICES

INFORMATION DESK : will be located throughout the Annual Meetings venue during 15 -19 June to handle general inquiries.

TRANSPORTATION

Regular shuttle buses will be available from the Official Hotels to the Annual Meetings venue and vice versa for all participants. Participants who opt to reside in non-official hotels should make their own transportation arrangements. The schedule will be available on the Annual Meetings website.

Limited banking services: including foreign exchange, will be available in the Annual Meetings venue. These services are also available at most hotels. ATMs can also be found in the area surrounding the Annual Meetings venue.

Limited medical facilities will be available in the Annual Meetings venue and selected hotels. Although primary medical care will be provided, it is advisable that delegates have an international travel insurance policy.

The travel desk will be located at the venue to assist with related travel requirements.

COVID 19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

The Annual Meetings Secretariat has taken health and safety measures, including preventive measures to manage the flow of participants and specific hygienic standards. Full safety measures are indicated in the Annual Meetings website.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

LOCAL TIME

GMT +5.

CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATE

The Republic of Uzbekistan's official currency is the Uzbekistan Som; it has an average exchange rate of USD 1= UZS 10,500 (March 2021). Foreign currencies can be exchanged in banks, currency exchange offices, and major hotels.

ELECTRICITY

The Republic of Uzbekistan operates on a 220-supply voltage, 50 Hz, AC two-pin plugs.

CLIMATE

The first month of the summer, June, is hot in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, with average temperature varying between 18.1°C (64.6°F) and 33.4°C (92.1°F).

LANGUAGE

Uzbek is the official language of the Republic of Uzbekistan; Russian and English are widely spoken.

WORKING HOURS

- Public Service Offices: Open from 09:00 to 18:00 (Monday to Friday).
- Banks: Open from 09:00 to 16:00 00 (Monday to Friday).
- Companies: Open from 09:00 to 18:00 or from 08:00 to 17:00 from (Monday to Friday).
- Shops are open every day from 08:00 to 21:00.
- The weekly days off: Saturday and Sunday.



PRAYER TIMES:

A suitable prayer area is available in the Annual Meetings venue. Prayer times in Tashkent during the Annual Meetings are published on the Annual Meetings website.

LIST OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

For a list of the Republic of Uzbekistan's diplomatic missions in IsDB Member Countries, and that of IsDB Member Countries' diplomatic missions in the Republic of Uzbekistan, please consult the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: <https://mfa.uz/en>.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL PROGRAMME FOR SPOUSES & ACCOMPANING PERSONS

An eventful program will be prepared and published on the Annual Meetings website for accompanying participants of the Annual Meetings. Please check the website regularly for any updates or announcements.

DRAFT PROGRAM OF THE ISDB GROUP ANNUAL MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY (16 June 2021)	
09:00 – 14:00	IsDB Group Boards Meetings
09:00 – 17:00	Knowledge-sharing Events
THURSDAY (17 June 2021)	
09:00 – 17:00	Knowledge-sharing Events
11:00 – 12:30	Joint Opening Press Conference of the Chairman of the Board of Governors and the President of IsDB
15:30 – 17:30	Meeting of the Procedures Committee
19:30 – 21:30	Official Opening Ceremony of the 2021 IsDB Group Annual Meetings
FRIDAY (18 June 2021)	
09:00 – 10:30	Plenary Session I
09:00 – 17:00	Knowledge-sharing Events
19:30 – 21:30	Host Country Gala Dinner
SATURDAY (19 June 2021)	
09:00 – 10:30	Plenary Session II
09:00 – 17:00	Knowledge-sharing Events
10:30 – 12:30	Gors' Roundtable
14:30 – 15:30	Joint Closing Press Conference of the Chairman of the Board of Governors and the President of IsDB

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