

Title of Event	High-Level Side Event Proposal on Addressing Food Security under the "Triple-C" Crisis of COVID-19, Climate, and Conflict through Innovative Development Programs
Time & Date of Event	Date : Saturday, 13 May 2023 Time : 09:30 – 1100 hrs. (Jeddah time) Venue : Al-Ezz 1, King Abdullah Congress Center, Ritz Carlton Hotel, Jeddah
Event Overview	<p>The IsDB Member Countries (MCs) are currently facing a severe food crisis, which has been exacerbated by various factors, including the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, climate change, and the COVID-19 pandemic. The conflict has led to a sharp increase in food prices, with cereal grain prices soaring by more than 50% by the end of 2022. This has further worsened the already fragile food security situation in many IsDB MCs, particularly those in East Africa, South and West Asia, and the Sahel region, where many countries are already facing forced displacement, fragility, and conflict.</p> <p>Climate change has also played a significant role in exacerbating food insecurity in these regions. Extreme weather events such as droughts, floods, and wildfires have led to low productivity and crop failures, particularly in agrarian communities. This has created a fertile environment for conflict, as communities compete for limited resources such as water and grazing land.</p> <p>The current food crisis has hit the most vulnerable populations hardest, particularly those in fragile and conflict-affected MCs. Many of these countries are also net food importers, making them particularly susceptible to price increases. Sub-Saharan Africa and MENA MCs are particularly exposed to increased food insecurity and malnourishment, and 26 of the 47 Low-Income Food-Deficit Countries (LIFDCs) are IsDB MCs. The challenges faced by IsDB MCs are compounded by their limited resources, particularly in fragile and conflict-affected countries, where development efforts are already stretched thin. Thirty out of 58 fragile countries globally are IsDB MCs, and nearly 68% of all Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are from MCs, with eight out of 12 refugee hosting countries also being IsDB MCs.</p> <p>To address the complex challenge of food insecurity exacerbated by climate change, conflict, and fragility, the Bank approved in July 2022, a food response package, called FSRP, amounting to US\$ 10.54 billion, to support MCs by complementing their national food security efforts in averting the ongoing food crisis and strengthening their resilience in the near future. • The FSRP is a Bank Group-wide response, involving not only IsDB but also its entities like ITFC, ICD, ICIEC, ISFD which you will be meeting. The landmark group-wide initiative aligns with the realigned strategy of the Bank (2023-2025), contributing to all three strategic objectives of: (i) Boosting Recovery; (ii) Tackling Poverty and Building Resilience, and (iii) Driving Green Growth through the new GRIS approach of the Bank. In addition, the FSRP aligns with other commitments of the Bank on climate action, fragility, food security, women, and youth. This program will enable the preparation of more socially inclusive projects that are operationally designed to address food insecurity by increasing food access, climate change risks and shocks, build resilience and provide resources for the most-affected communities, including refugees, internally displaced people, and host communities, with emphasis on women and children.</p> <p>IsDB Group has also established a number of innovative and transformative initiatives that encourage partnerships between organizations to improve socio-economic wellness for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups including refugees, IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons), and host communities in IsDB MCs through a holistic approach. The Resilience and Climate Action was created to ensure that MCs have access to skills development, and economic and social opportunities, while the Special Assistance programs focused solely on the humanitarian and developmental needs of Muslim communities in the non-Member countries (NMCs). These initiatives include Skills, Training, and Education Program (STEP) which aims to enable forced displaced and host communities to generate their livelihoods through improving skills and training to be integrated in the job market and to have access to education to improve their competence in job creation. STEP is targeting at mobilizing resources of USD 100 million to support refugees and IDPs of 15 member countries with over a million forced displacements.</p>
Overall goal	The main goal of the side event is to explore innovative development programs that can address the "Triple-C" crisis of COVID-19, climate change, and conflict in MCs to ensure sustainable food security as well as launching the STEP program.
Event Format	Davos Style Panel Discussion
Potential Panellists	

	H.E. Dr. Mansur Muhtar is the Vice President (Operations) at the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).
	H.E. Zeina Toukan is the Jordanian Minister of Planning and International Cooperation.
	H.E. Dr. Elmi Mahamoud Nur is the Minister of Finance of the Federal Republic of Somalia (FRS).
	H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana is the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP)
	H.E. Dr. Dénis OUEDRAOGO is the Minister of Agriculture, Animal Resources, and Fisheries for Burkina Faso.
	H.E. Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochie is Assistant Secretary-General and Director of UNDP's Regional Bureau for Africa
	H.E. Dr. Osama Faqeeha is the deputy minister for Environment, Water, and Agriculture, in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
	Dr. Yannick du Pont is the Founder and CEO of SPARK, working in the field of development cooperation in fragile states Role: Moderator.
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening with Quran [1 minute] - Launch of the STEP Program by H.E The President [10 minutes] - Opening remarks [5 minutes] - Discussion Panel [50 minutes] - Q & A [20 minutes] - Closing remarks [4 minutes]