

“ROLE OF ICD’S BRIDGE PLATFORM IN DIGITALIZATION AND RESTORING BUSINESSES AFTER COVID-19 PANDEMIC”

Date: 3 September 2021 Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 AM

Venue: Hall A, Tashkent City Congress Center, Uzbekistan

Background

The emerged fintech-based development generates digital ecosystems that accelerates access to finance, expand and monetize digital footprints. The financial inclusion is well served by digital revolution that added new ways of expanding the inclusion of the ‘legible’ into generators of financial assets.

ICD plays a leading role, especially in post-covid-19 era, in promoting cross-borders innovations and financial services that accelerates financial recovery of targeted individuals and SMEs via efficient and fast deployments of emerging trends brought by FinTech key players in sectors such as the “digitization”, “Open Banking”, “Blockchain”, and “Big Data”, “Cloud services”, and “NeoBanks”.

Highlighting challenges and opportunities in allowing efficient FINTECH to play a role in the development agenda is a key factor to all member countries including the host country. Learning from each other’s experience will expedite the recovery process and enhance the financial services as a whole.

Tentative Program

Opening Ceremony	
10:00 am – 10:15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductory remarks by the Master of Ceremony, (TBD)• Quran recitation• Welcoming and Opening Remarks by Mr. Ayman Sejiny, CEO of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD)• Short Video on ICD• Keynote Address by Sandra Ro, the CEO of the Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC)
FINTECH CEOs ROUNDTABLE	
Key Discussion Points:	
<p>a) <i>Challenges and Opportunities related to Fintech cross-borders’ expansion</i></p> <p>b) <i>Efficient and fast deployments of emerging Fintech trends</i></p> <p>c) <i>Highlighting Fintech sectors such as “digitization”, “Open Banking”, “Blockchain”, and “Big Data”, “Cloud services”, and “NeoBanks”.</i></p> <p>d) <i>New financial regulations, policies and guidelines that were recently announced by financial authorities.</i></p>	

10:15 am – 11:00 am	<p>Round 1 Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Sandra Ro, the CEO of the Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC) • Mr Marvin R. R. Cole - Chairman, Co-founder and CEO of Ovamba Solutions, Inc. • Dr. Shaher Abbas, founder and CEO of IFIN, • Rustam Rahmatov is the CEO and Co-founder of “IMAN HALAL INVESTMENTS” LLC. <p>Moderator: Aamir Husain Khan, Director Financial Institutions Development – ICD of IsDB Group</p>
11:05 am – 11: 45 am	<p>Round 2 Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viola A. Llewellyn, Co-Founder & President of Ovamba Solutions, Inc. • Saeid Hejazi, co-founder & CEO of Wally. • Abbas Hijazi, Finfirst Capital Founder & CEO, • Daniyar Uspanov is the founder and CEO of the Islamic fintech Tayab Central Asia Ltd. <p>Moderator: Aamir Husain Khan, Director Financial Institutions Development – ICD of IsDB Group</p>
ICD’s 2020 Finnovation Award ceremony	
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winners’ Announcement and Award

Speaker Bios

Opening Session Speakers



Mr. Ayman Amin Sejiny is the CEO of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the private sector (ICD), the private sector arm of Islamic Development bank Group. Mr. Sejiny is highly accomplished financial industry leader with in-depth knowledge and more than 28 years' experience in investment and corporate banking in the local, regional and international markets.

Mr. Sejiny served as CEO of Barclays Capital Saudi Arabia, Assistant General Manager in Citi Bank and was a Senior Manager in ABN AMRO affiliate in Saudi Arabia (Saudi American Bank "SAMBA" and Saudi Hollandi Bank). Regionally, Mr. Sejiny was a CEO, Chairman and Board Member in many regional financial institutions. Additionally, He is board member of Kidana Development Company which is a joint-stock company owned by the Royal Commission for Makkah Al-Mukarramah and the Holy Sites and mandated to develop the holy sites. Moreover,

Mr. Sejiny is a member of the investment committee in King Abdullah Foundation (Almadena Almonawara). Mr. Sejiny is C-Level performer with vast experience in FinTech. He holds a BA from Eastern Michigan University, USA.



Mrs. Sandra Ro is the CEO of the Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC), a Swiss-based non-profit as well as an angel investor in emerging technologies, Board member, advisor, keynote speaker and cofounder of several start-ups, non-profits, and key blockchain industry networks. She is currently Board director of Global Digital Finance (UK) NYS Senate appointee on the New York State Digital Currency Task Force, Fintech Advisory Council of Astana International Financial Center (AIFC Kazakhstan), Board Treasurer of BitGive Foundation, member of EU Public Funds and New Green Economy Consortia, Chair of Open Impact Foundation (Switzerland), Advisory Council of Filecoin Foundation, Health Tech Chair of Yale Alumni Health Network (YAHN), and member of Open Transparency Initiative (Denmark), member of World Economic Forum's Digital Currency Governance Consortium (DCGC), US Department of State Speakers Bureau, Standards, International Securities Services Association (ISSA), amongst others.

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Aamir Husain Khan, Director Financial Institutions Development – ICD of IsDB Group. Mr Aamir joined ICD in 2019 as Head of Global Markets Equity and Financial Institutions (FIs) with a vast portfolio of Investments and Financings with both a commercial and development impact. Prior to joining ICD, Aamir was Head of Barwa Capital UK and Director of Portfolio Investments & Strategy for Barwa Group (publicly listed in Qatar). Mr. Aamir was Global head of Private Equity at UIB Capital based in Chicago. Prior to that Aamir also served as CFO of Investment Bank at Abn Amro in Chicago.



Mrs. Sandra Ro is the CEO of the Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC), a Swiss-based non-profit as well as an angel investor in emerging technologies, Board member, advisor, keynote speaker and cofounder of several start-ups, non-profits, and key blockchain industry networks. She is currently Board director of Global Digital Finance (UK) NYS Senate appointee on the New York State Digital Currency Task Force, Fintech Advisory Council of Astana International Financial Center (AIFC Kazakhstan), Board Treasurer of BitGive Foundation, member of EU Public Funds and New Green Economy Consortia, Chair of Open Impact Foundation (Switzerland), Advisory Council of Filecoin Foundation, Health Tech Chair of Yale Alumni Health Network (YAHN), and member of Open Transparency Initiative (Denmark), member of World Economic Forum’s Digital Currency Governance Consortium (DCGC), US Department of State Speakers Bureau, Standards, International Securities Services Association (ISSA), amongst others.



Marvin R. R. Cole - Chairman, Co-founder and CEO of Ovamba Solutions, Inc. Award winning Shariah compliant TradeTech innovator. Mr. Cole is a McKinsey & Company alum where he specialized and built banking systems & alternative finance models for the African market. He has served as an M&A consulting advisor with Deloitte where he designed credit card business processes and pre-payment methodologies for emerging market merchants and the non-traditionally banked. Mr. Cole has an MBA from Florida A&M University. He is also a co-author of a number of publications.



Dr. Shaher Abbas, founder and CEO of IFIN, a unique Fintech that is designed to digitalize the entire Islamic finance process. He is also the co-founder of IFAAS, an international consultancy specialized in Islamic finance. With over 15 years of experience within finance landscape, including banking, Shariah governance, product development, auditing, and training accompanied by extensive wealth of knowledge and hands-on experience. He won the first ‘Ethical Finance Innovation Challenge Award’ for his innovation at the Global Islamic Economy Summit in Dubai

2013. Dr. Shaher holds a PhD in Islamic Financial Engineering from Durham University in UK and a master's degree in Islamic Economics, Banking and Finance from Loughborough University in UK. He is an AAOIFI Certified Shariah Advisor and Auditor (CSAA) and a CISI accredited trainer for IFQ (Islamic Finance Qualification).



Rustam Rahmatov is the CEO and Co-founder of “IMAN HALAL INVESTMENTS” LLC. IMAN is the first FinTech company in Uzbekistan combining an Islamic investment platform, an online marketplace and a “buy now pay later” facility for consumer goods and services, including medicine and education

Round 2 Panelists



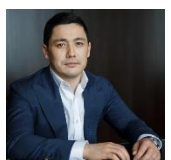
Viola A. Llewellyn, Co-Founder & President of Ovamba Solutions, Inc. Ms. Llewellyn is globally recognized as an expert on African entrepreneurship, Banking, FinTech, diversity and digital transformation for emerging markets. Ms. Llewellyn has been an Ambassador to the World Economic Forum as a Global Technology Pioneer and has spoken at the prestigious “Davos Summit” conference. Ms. Llewellyn serves on the board of a number of corporations and is respected for her support and promotion of fellow women in leadership and STEM disciplines. She has been a published contributor to both The Wilson Center’s Africa in Review Series and Brookings Institute.



Saeid Hejazi, co-founder & CEO of Wally, a personal finance app that enables people with clarity and control over their financial life. He has led Wally's organic growth to 2.5 million users which has been recommended by personal finance experts and critics over 150 times and ranked number in the world over 40 times. Previously, he was the founder and CEO of Nahel, an e-commerce platform that was acquired by Aramex. Saeid studied computer science at York University, where he joined after graduating from a US military academy.



Abbas Hijazi, Finfirst Capital Founder & CEO 2018 – Present - A seasoned executive with 30 years business experience in technology and finance. Abbas has led and started multiple tech ventures in finance, ecommerce. He also led large listed real estate and investment companies in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. His sector expertise are in finance and banking, real estate and retail and Tech.



Daniyar Uspanov is the founder and CEO of the Islamic fintech Tayab Central Asia Ltd. Private Company. Tayyab is the first digital financial project that provides convenient payments and money transfers in digital format according to Sharia norms to Muslims of Kazakhstan (and in the near future – to residents of the Middle East).

