As a result of the Pandemic, the MCs experiencing compounded crises and fragility challenges are facing multiple challenges of limited access to basic health service, increasing economic vulnerabilities, loss of livelihoods and jobs, food insecurity, competition over resources, marginalization and political instability exacerbating ongoing conflicts. Furthermore, the COVID-19 crisis highlights existing social inequalities. The impact of crises is greater on the poorest, and poverty is increasingly concentrated in fragile and Conflict-Affected contexts. Tackling the pandemic is daunting and is a complex task in the MCs affected by fragility and conflict where economic and social systems are already fragile and to some extent dysfunctional. In this context, creating employment opportunities through “Responding, Restoring and Restarting” is necessary to reduce fragility, enhance stabilization and reintegration. It is critical to come up with combined innovative protection mechanisms that will promote and create stability, provides social protection and opportunities to communities affected by the pandemic and sustain these gains.

**Key Issues to be Addressed**

1. Awareness on risks, pressures and shocks posed by fragility, violent conflict and pandemic.
2. Practical and successful case studies on respond, restore and restart COVID resilience and prosperity for all;
3. Addressing the financing gap of tackling the drivers of fragility, building resilience and strengthening institutional capacity to effectively manage risks, pressures and shocks.
4. Tackling the impact of the COVID-19 of forced displacement; and
5. Engaging with the private sector in mobilizing resources to build resilient markets and value chain approach in conflict-affected and fragile situation.

**Speakers**

Amer Bukvić, Acting Chief Products and Partnerships Officer (CPO) at the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).
Amer leads the Bank's product organization and strategic direction in the areas of partnerships, public (sovereign) financing, private (non-sovereign) financing, co-financing, and knowledge products, in a manner that helps the Bank provide suitable financing solutions with improved financial terms and sustainable added value.

Amer is a seasoned Islamic Banker having served as the CEO of Bosna Bank International (BBI). During his stewardship of BBI from 2006 to 2021, BBI became the fastest growing bank in B&H, positioning itself among the top six performing banks in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Under his management BBI assets increased eleven times. He also co-founded the Sarajevo Business Forum (SBF), the largest international investment conference in South East Europe, as well as Sarajevo Halal Fair.

Dr. Obid Arzikulovich Khakimov is the Deputy Adviser to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the development of economic sectors, implementation of investment and foreign trade policy, and director of the Center for Economic Research and Reforms (CERR) under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan since 2019.

Dr. Khakimov worked as the head of the sector for Protection of Citizens' Rights, Control and Coordination of Work with Appeals from the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (2017-2018).

Prior to that, Dr. Khakimov worked as a lecturer at Westminster International University in Tashkent (2009), then as Deputy Rector on Financial Affairs issues of the Westminster International University in Tashkent (2010-2012). Then he worked as First Deputy Rector (Academic) of the Academy of State Governance under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (2012 to 2016).

Dr. Obid Khakimov has a doctorate degree in economics from Middle Tennessee State University, USA. He is fluent in Russian and English.

Mr. AbdulHakim Elwaer, is FAO Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for the Near East and North Africa.

Mr. Elwaer, a national of Libya, holds a Ph.D. of Philosophy in Environmental Chemistry from Sheffield University, the United Kingdom.

Mr. Elwaer served as Secretary of Environmental General Authority (Minister of Environment) of the Government of Libya and was elected President of the African Ministerial Congress on Environment (AMCEN) from 2004 to 2006. In 2007, he joined the African Union as Director for Human Resources, Science and Technology, and became Director for Administration and Human Resources Management in 2009.
Prior to joining the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), he served as Adviser to the President on Global Advocacy and Partnerships at the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where he also served as the IsDB Spokesperson and Director of Cooperation, Partnerships, Regional Integration and Resource Mobilization from 2014 to 2017. He was further appointed IsDB’s Sherpa at G20 and Heads of Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs).

**Dr. Aboubacar Kampo** is the Director of Health Programme at UNICEF Headquarters. In this role, he provides strategic leadership, management support and overall direction to UNICEF’s global health programme.

With over 20 years of experiences in development aid and humanitarian assistance, Dr. Kampo has worked as a physician/surgeon in hospitals and clinics in rural and urban areas in Africa and Asia and has over 14 years’ experience in senior management position as Country Director, Senior Global Health Advisor, Chief of Health and Nutrition with International NGOs and United Nations’ Agencies.

Dr. Kampo is a Medical Doctor and Public Health Specialist, passionate about using innovations to address real life community challenges and bridge the gap between communities and stakeholders.

**Mr. Yannick Du Pont**, Director, Spark, International NGOs operating in fragile, and conflict affected situation.

Founder and director of SPARK, Drs. Yannick has been working in the field of higher (vocational) education & economic development in post-conflict countries since 1994. SPARK has programmes to support growth-oriented SMEs and facilitate youth job creation in 17 fragile States in primarily East and West Africa, the Middle East & North Africa & Somalia. Yannick du Pont also serves on the Board of the Max van der Stoel Foundation (The Hague), Advisory Board of the Centre of Theory of Change (New York) and member of the DIHAD International Scientific Advisory Board (DISAB) at DIHAD (Dubai).

**Mr. Syed Husain Quadri** is acting director of Resilience and Social Development Department at the IsDB. He served as Manager of Country Strategy and Market Integration in the Bank.

Mr. Quadri has more than a decade experience in formulating and leading geographically diverse teams in developing corporate and country strategy, policy, business plans, work programs, budget, and KPIs.

Quadri has also provided consulting, training and advisory services to the Governments of Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Niger, and Turkey.
Quadri holds a Masters in International Management from the Imperial College London and Bachelors from King’s College London. He is a certified Islamic Banker (CIBAFI) and Development Evaluation Practitioner (MIT, Duke, and Carleton).

Mr. Abdimajid Moalin Abdullahi joined the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) in 2007. As head of the social development in Resilience and Social Development Department, he is currently overseeing fragility, resilience, civil society engagement, youth and women empowerment in IsDB member countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East and Europe. Abdimajid has led the development of the IsDB policies and strategies addressing fragility, building resilience, empowering civil society, and reducing disaster risk.

Prior to joining IsDB, Abdimajid worked with the national and international Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) as a program manager and senior development expert.

Abdimajid holds MSc in Violence, Conflict and Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London, MA in Education and International Development from University College London and BSc in Development Economics from Middlesex University, UK. He has completed a leading economic growth program at Kennedy School of Harvard University.
**The Agenda:**

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• Opening Remarks by H. E. Mr. Norkulov Ilkhom Ibrokhimovich, First Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction of the Republic of Uzbekistan  
• Statement by H. E. the President, IsDB Group, Launching the first Resilience Index and High-Level flagship Report Statement followed by short introduction about the Index and the Report, represented by Mr. Amer Bukvic, Acting Chief Product and Partnership Office, IsDB.  
• Short presentation of the Resilience INDEX, Mohamed Al Hadi, Lead Resilience and Fragility, RSD, IsDB.  

Master of the ceremony: Muhammad Jameel Yusha’U – Lead Partnership Specialist, IsDB |
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| 9:50 AM – 10:55 AM | Panel Session                    | • H. E. Mr. Norkulov Ilkhom Ibrokhimovich, First Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Poverty Reduction of the Republic of Uzbekistan  
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• Dr. Obid Khakimov, Center for Economic Research and Reforms (CERR) of the Office of the President of Uzbekistan.  
• Dr. Aboubacar Kampo is the Director of Health Programme at UNICEF Headquarters.  
• Mr. Abdimajid Abdullahi, Head of the Social Development, IsDB.  
• Mr. Yannick Du Pont, Director, Spark International NGO.  
Moderator: Syed Husain Quadri, Acting Director of Resilience and Social Development Department. |
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| 10:55 AM – 11:00 AM | Closing                          | • Questions & Answers from the audience.  
• Closing remarks by Amer Bukvic, Acting Chief Product and Partnership Office, IsDB. |