



In collaboration with **Malta Employers Association** and the **Malta Union of Bank Employees**

## **Islamic Finance Workshop in Malta** **“Islamic Finance in a European Financial Services Framework”** **from 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 09**

at the Radisson SAS Baypoint in St Julians / Malta

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### **Draft Programme**

#### **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009:**

- 8.30 - Welcome Coffee and Registration
- 8.45 - Introduction – Mr. Reuben Buttigieg
- 9.00 - Opening Speech – Mr. Mohammed El Sadi (IMAM) – Malta
- 9.20 - Dr. Mohamad Nedal Alchaar  
General Secretary of AAOIFI – Syria  
  
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- 10.15 - Coffee Break
- 10.45 - Mr. Oliver Agha  
*Managing Partner Agha&Shamsi (Shariah compliant law firm) – Emirat Dubai*  
  
**“Opportunities and Challenges: Basics, infrastructure and current developments”**
- 11.40 - Mr. Ahmad Nazmi Camalxaman  
*Manager, Global Markets CIMB Islamic, CIMB Bank Berhad, London – UK*  
  
**“Why Malaysia is the most comprehensive and sophisticated Islamic financial market in the world”**
- 12.30 - Lunch and Prayer time (12.50)



- 14.00 - Mr. Reuben Buttigieg  
*FCCA, MBA (WARWICK), Chairperson of the Management School of the Malta Institute of Management, Manager Director of Erremme Business Advisors – Malta*
- “The Mediterranean Centre for Islamic Finance” – Why Malta?”***
- 14.40 - Mr. Alberto Brugnioni  
*President of ASSAIF – Italy*
- “Pilot Project Genoardo - Islamic finance and the Mediterranean sea: a long story”***
- 15.10 - Prof. Abdullah Al Shami  
*Prof. of Comparative Islamic Jurisprudence & Islamic Studies, lecturer at the Petroleum Institute in Abu Dhabi*
- “Islamic Finance – did it resist the Global crisis?”***
- 15.50 - Coffee Break and Prayer time (16.03)
- 16.30 - ***Panel discussion: “Did Islamic Finance weather the crisis?”***
- Chairperson: Mr. Oliver Agha  
Podium: Dr. Mohamad Nedal Alchaar, Prof. Abdullah Al Shami,  
Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mr. Ahmad Nazmi Camalxaman
- 17.30 - Closing Remarks  
Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mr. Joe Farrugia, Mr. William Portelli
- 18.33 - Prayer time – End of “Conference-Day”

## **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009: “Workshop-Day I”**

8.30 - Opening of “Workshop-Day I” – Mr. Reuben Buttigieg

***Agenda/Topics:***

*Takaful vs Conventional Insurance*

***Chairperson:*** (TBC)

***Rapporteur:*** **Mr. Stuart Fairbairn - Middlesea**

9.00 - Speech: Mr. Oliver Agha

9.15 - Panel Discussion: Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mr. Oliver Agha, Dr. Mohamad Nedal Alchaar, etc

9.45 - Workshop part I

10.30 - Coffee Break

11.00 - Workshop part II

12.00 - Workshop Report and Closing Remarks  
Mr. Reuben Buttigieg,

12.49 - Prayer time – End of “Workshop-Day I”

## **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009: “Workshop-Day II”**

8.30 - Opening of “Workshop-Day II” – Mr. Reuben Buttigieg

***Agenda/Topics:***

*Islamic Funds and Sukuk*

***Chairperson:*** (TBC)

***Rapporteur:*** **Ms. Louise Chircop – Francis J. Vassallo&Associates**

9.00 - Panel Discussion: Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mr. Yahya Pallavicini, etc

9.30 - Workshop part I

10.30 - Coffee Break

11.00 - Workshop part II

12.00 - Workshop Report and Closing Remarks  
Mr. Reuben Buttigieg

12.49 - Prayer time – End of “Workshop-Day II”

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**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009: “Workshop-Day III”**

9.00 - Common Opening (via video with VAT and the EU Conference)

***Agenda/Topics:***

*Islamic Banking vs Conventional Banking  
Analysis of BASEL 11 and other implications  
Individual country issues*

***Chairperson: Mr. Nassif - Fimbank***

***Reporteur: Dr. James Muscat Azzopardi***

9.15 - Opening of “Workshop-Day III” – Mr. Reuben Buttigieg / Mr. Nassif

9.30 - Dr. Hussein Hamid Hassan  
*Prof. of Shariah, Chairperson of the Shariah Supervisory Committee of many Islamic Banks in the Middle East and has advised several governments – Emirat Dubai*

***“The Role of Shariah Boards in New Islamic Finance Jurisdictions”***

10.00 - Round Table Discussion:  
Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mr. Ahmad Nazmi Camalxaman, Dr. Hussein Hamid Hassan

11.00 - Coffee Break

11.30 - Workshop part I

12.40 - Lunch and Prayer time (12.49)

14.20 - Workshop part II

15.50 - Coffee Break and Prayer time (16.00)

16.20 - Workshop Report  
Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mr. Nassif, Dr. J. Muscat Azzopardi

17.00 - Common Closing (via video with VAT and the EU Conference)

17.30 - End of “Workshop-Day III”



**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2009: “Workshop-Day IV” - at Islamic Center in Paola**

8.30 - Opening of “Workshop-Day IV” – Mr. Reuben Buttigieg

*Visiting of Mosque*

***Agenda/Topics:***

*Islamic Capital Markets*

***Chairperson: Dr. Max Ganado – Ganado&Associates***

***Reporteur: Mr. George Bugeja***

9.00 - Workshop part

10.30 - Coffee Break

11.00 - Conclusion and wrap up

12.00 - Workshop Report and Closing Remarks  
Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Dr. Max Ganado,

12.49 - Prayer time in Mosque

14.00 - End of Event