

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 12th – 16th October 09

at the Radisson SAS Baypoint in St Julians and Islamic Center in Paola / Malta

Monday, 12th 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
“Standardization and Characteristics of Islamic Banking in an Evolving World.”
- 10.10 - Coffee Break
- 10.40 - **Mr. Oliver Agha**
Managing Partner Agha&Shamsi (Shariah compliant law firm) – Emirat Dubai
“Opportunities and Challenges: Basics, infrastructure and current developments”
- 11.30 - **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”
- 12.00 - **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 - **Mr. Germain Birgen**
Managing Director - Global Head of Fund Solutions, HSBC Securities Service – Luxembourg
“The position of Luxembourg in the Islamic Finance sector how is Luxembourg already positioned in the Islamic financial sector and what are the recent initiatives”
- 12.45 - Lunch and Prayer time (12.50)
- 14.15 - **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?”

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- 14.45 - Dr. Alberto Brugnoli
President of ASSAIF – Italy
“Pilot Project Genoardo – Islamic finance and the Mediterranean sea: a long story”
- 15.15 - Prof. Dr. 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?”
- 15.55 - 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. Dr. Abdullah Al-Shami,
Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mr. Ahmad Nazmi Camalxaman,
Mr. Francis J. Vassallo.
- 17.30 - Closing Remarks: Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mr. Joe Farrugia, Mr. William Portelli.
- 18.33 - Prayer time – End of first day

Tuesday, 13th October 2009 – Workshop-Day I

- 8.30 - Opening – Mr. Reuben Buttigieg
Agenda/Topics: Takaful vs Conventional Insurance
Chairperson: Mr. Peter Grima – First United
Rapporteur: Mr. Stuart Fairbairn – Middlesea Insurance p.l.c
- 9.00 - Speech: Mr. Oliver Agha
- 9.15 - Panel Discussion: Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mr. Oliver Agha, Dr. Mohamad Nedal Alchaar, Prof. Dr. Abdullah Al-Shami, Dr. Alberto Brugnoli,
Mr. Germain Birgen.
- 9.45 - Workshop part I
- 10.30 - Coffee Break
- 11.00 - Workshop part II
- 12.00 - Workshop Report: Mr. Peter Grima, Mr. Stuart Fairburn.
Closing Remarks: Mr. Reuben Buttigieg
- 12.49 - Prayer time – End of Workshop-Day I

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Wednesday, 14th October 2009 – Workshop-Day II

- 8.30 - Opening – Mr. Reuben Buttigieg
Agenda/Topics: Islamic Funds and Sukuk
Chairperson: Mr. Francis J. Vassallo – Francis J. Vassallo&Associates
Rapporteur: Dr. Louise Chircop – Francis J. Vassallo&Associates
- 9.00 - Panel Discussion: Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mr. Yahya Pallavicini, Mr. Ahmad Nazmi Camalxaman, Prof. Dr. Abdullah Al-Shami, Mr. Mansour Baudo, Mr. Haider Ali.
- 9.30 - Workshop part I
- 10.30 - Coffee Break
- 11.00 - Workshop part II
- 12.00 - Workshop Report: Mr. Francis J. Vassallo, Dr. Louise Chircop.
Closing Remarks: Mr. Reuben Buttigieg
- 12.49 - Prayer time – End of Workshop-Day II

Thursday, 15th October 2009 – Workshop Day III

- 8.30 - Opening – Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mag. Nassif Chebab, Dr. James Muscat Azzopardi.
Agenda/Topics:
Islamic Banking vs Conventional Banking
Analysis of BASEL 11 and other implications
Individual country issues
Chairperson: Mag. Nassif Chebab – Fimbank
Rapporteur: Dr. James Muscat Azzopardi – Muscat Azzopardi & Associates
- 9.00 - Round Table Discussion:
Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mr. Ahmad Nazmi Camalxaman, Dr. Hussein Hamid Hassan, Prof. Dr. Abdullah Al-Shami, Dr. James Muscat Azzopardi, Mr. Haider Ali.
- 10.00 - Workshop part I
- 11.00 - Coffee Break
- 11.30 - Workshop part II
- 12.40 - Lunch and Prayer time (12.49)
- 14.15 - Workshop Report: Mag. Nassif Chebab, Dr. J. Muscat Azzopardi.
Closing Remarks: Mr. Reuben Buttigieg
- 15.00 - End of Workshop-Day III

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Friday, 16th October 2009 – Workshop-Day IV **at the Islamic Center in Paola**

- 8.30 - Opening – Mr. Reuben Buttigieg
Visiting of Mosque
Agenda/Topics:
Islamic Capital Markets
Chairperson: Dr. Max Ganado – Ganado&Associates
Rapporteur: Mr. George Bugeja
- 9.00 - Round Table Discussion:
Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Mr. Ahmad Nazmi Camalxaman, Dr. Hussein Hamid Hassan, Prof. Abdulla Al Shami, Dr. James Muscat Azzopardi, Mr. Haider Ali, Mr. Mansour Baudo.
- 10.30 - Coffee Break
- 11.00 - Conclusion and wrap up
- 12.00 - Workshop Report: Mr. George Bugeja, Dr. Max Ganado.
Closing Remarks: Mr. Reuben Buttigieg
- 12.49 - Prayer time in Mosque
- 14.00 - End of Event

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