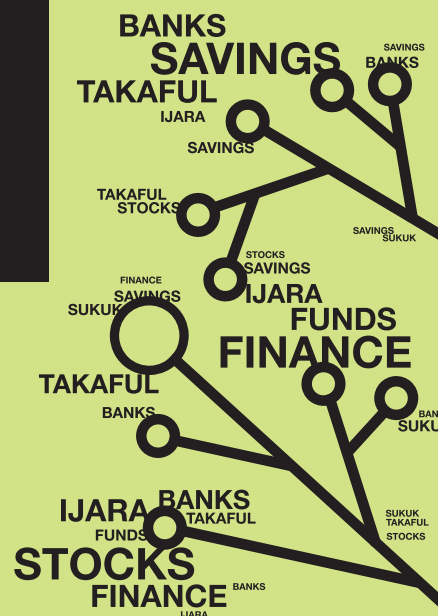


# Islamic Finance Conference 2010: A New Beginning



## Malta Agenda October 27th & 28th

Conference Moderator: Brandy Scott, Dubai EYE Radio Talk Show Host\*  
Co-Chairmen: Mr. Reuben Buttigieg Chairman of the Management School of MIM;  
Managing Director of Eremme Business Advisors & Mr. Oliver Agha,  
Managing Partner, Agha & Co (Shariah Compliant Firm, Dubai, UAE) Partner,  
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### DAY 1

#### PROGRAMME

8.30 AM

**Welcome Coffee & Registration**

8.45 AM

(Recital of Al-Fatihah (pre-recorded to be played prior to commencing conference))

8.50 AM

(Reading from the Holy Qur'an & Translation) –  
Malta Islamic Call Society

9:00 AM

**Introduction:** Mr. Reuben Buttigieg

9:15 AM

**Opening Speech:**

The Hon. Prime Minister Dr. Lawrence Gonzi  
(TBC)

9:30 AM

**Spiritual Message:**

Prominent Spiritual Speaker **“Role of Islam in  
Commerce: Ibadat in Action”**

Dr. Ahmed Akgunduz, Author, Studies in  
Islamic Economics (Islamic Banking and  
Development)

9:45 AM

**Keynote Address:**

**“Looking to the Future: Can Islamic  
Finance Help Minimize the Frequency  
and Severity of Financial Crises”** Dr. Umer  
Chapra, Islamic Research & Training Institute,  
KSA

10:10 AM

Coffee Break

10:20 AM

**“Islamic Finance Made Simple: Philosophy,  
Principles & Practice”** Mr. Oliver Agha

11:00 AM

Leading Figures in Islamic Finance & Shari'ah  
Scholars Panel:

**“The Importance of AAOIFI Standards as  
reflecting Ijma'a (consensus): Can there be  
a material deviation from these in future  
structures?”**

**Moderator:** Mr. Oliver Agha

**Panelists:** Dr. Hussein Hamid Hassan,  
Sheikh Esam Ishaq, Dr Umer Chapra,  
Dr. Ahmed Akgunduz

12.30

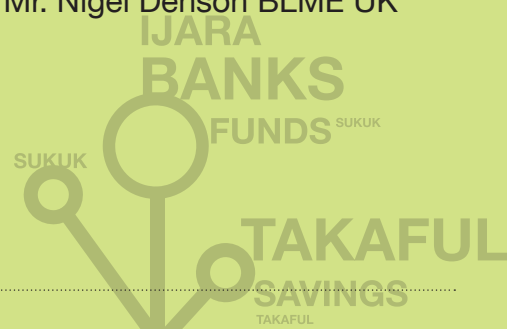
Lunch & Prayer

2.00 PM

**“Developments of Islamic Finance in  
Europe: Why Malta is an up and coming  
Islamic Finance Center in Europe.”**

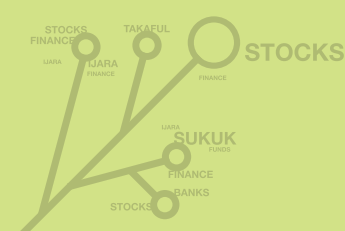
**Moderator:** Mr. Reuben Buttigieg

**Panelists:** Mr. Thomas Gierath Dechart  
Germany, and Mr. Nigel Denson BLME UK



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2.45 PM

**Panel Session:**

**“Role and Responsibilities of the Leading Conventional Institutions in Islamic Finance: Have the top Conventional Banks and Funds molded Islamic Finance in their vision?”**

**Moderator:** Prof. Abdullah Al-Shami, The Petroleum Institute, Abu Dhabi

**Panelists:** Dr Hussein A. Hassan (Deutsche Bank), Mr. Rehan Pathan (NCB Capital), Dr. Mabid (Emirates Islamic Bank)

3.30 PM

**Panel Session:**

**“The Role of Women in Islamic Finance”**

**Moderator:** Mr. Brandy Scott, Radio Talk Show Host (Dubai Eye)

**Panelists:** Ms. Aasma Khan (General Counsel, Tameer, Dubai, UAE), Ms. Claire Grainger (Partner, Agha & Co, Dubai), [Other Panelists TBA]

4.30 PM

Coffee Break

4.45 PM

**Q&A Session with the Shariah Scholars**

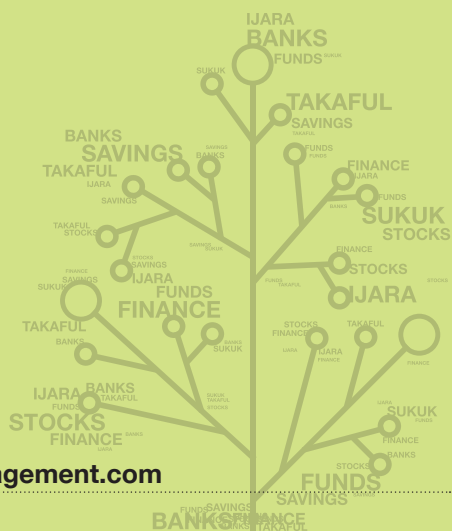
**Moderator:** Mr. Reuben Buttigieg  
**Panelists:** Dr. Hussein Hamid Hassan, Sheikh Esam Ishaq, Prof. Abdullah Al Shami

5.45 PM

**Closing Remarks:**

Co-Chairs Mr. Reuben Buttigieg & Mr. Oliver Agha

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**DAY 2 PROGRAMME**

8.30 AM

**“Islamic project & ijara financing? An option for European investment funds in investing in GCC opportunities? The GCC mortgage finance experience - what investors can learn and ought to know from GCC entities.”**

**Moderator:** Mr. Oliver Agha

**Panelists:** Deutsche Bank (Dr. Hussein A. Hassan), Deutsche Gulf Finance (Mr. Paul Melotto), Agha & Co (Ms. Claire Grainger), Al Hilal Bank (Mr. Khalid Atwan\*), Mr. Aziz Hashmi (ABC Islamic Bank)

9.30 AM

**“Shariah Governance Framework: Social Networks and Impact on Corporate Governance in the Islamic Finance Industry”** Mr. Murat Unal, Founder and Executive Board Member, Funds @ Work

10.15 AM

Coffee Break

10.30 AM

**“Liquidity Management in Islamic Banking”** Mr. Aziz Hashmi, Executive Director, ABC Islamic Bank

11.15 AM

**“Credit Cards – What Are the Consumer Imperatives Facing the Islamic Industry and is there a viable Shariah model for such?”**

11.45 AM

**Panel Session: “Next Steps forward for Malta and Islamic Finance?”**

**Moderator:** Mr. Reuben Buttigieg

**Panelists:** Mr. William Portelli (Malta Union of Bank Employees) Mr. Kenneth Farrugia (Finance Malta), Dr. Arthur Galea Salomone (Malta Stock Exchange), Mr. Oliver Agha

12.15 PM

**Closing Address:**

The Hon. Dr. Charles Mangion, Main Spokesman on finance for the Labor Party