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"Where thought leadership, academia and commerce converge for the first time on the southernmost tip in AFRICA!"

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THE CHALLENGE WE FACE

Trust in financial systems is eroding. Across many jurisdictions, confidence in institutions, public information, and financial claims have weakened, with material consequences for governance, investment, and social cohesion (Edelman Trust Barometer, 2025; GlobeScan, 2026). Misinformation and disinformation have been ranked the leading short-term global risk for two consecutive years, precisely because they undermine governance and obstruct collective action (WEF Global Risks Report, 2025). When trust in information deteriorates, trust in financial decisions and future commitments deteriorates with it, and economic systems cease to serve their core function. The costs are global, but especially severe in the Global South, where financial exclusion remains widespread, financing gaps for developing countries exceed US\$4 trillion annually (UN DESA, 2024), and institutional fragility amplifies shocks (Brookings, 2025; IMF, 2025).

Multiple transitions are unfolding simultaneously: energy transformation, digital disruption, geopolitical realignment, and repeated conflict- and climate-related displacement. Conventional financial systems have faced challenges building trust in this environment - through opaque automated decisions, slow and uneven climate finance delivery, financial inclusion initiatives that reach those nearest to the formal system while missing the most vulnerable, and development assistance that has in some cases created dependency rather than local capacity. The result is a widening gap between stated ethical commitments and observable outcomes, deepening public scepticism.

Islamic finance starts from a different foundation: transparency, fairness, asset-backing, and shared responsibility developed through centuries of jurisprudence. These principles align well with contemporary demands for stakeholder governance, sustainable development, and economic justice - but stated principles are not enough. What matters is evidence of what works, honest assessment of limitations, and practical frameworks that translate aspiration into measurable results. FIFC 2026 focuses on identifying and documenting cases where ethical and Islamic finance approaches have generated replicable success.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE SERIES

Since 2005, the Foundation of Islamic Finance Conference has advanced the field through rigorous, blind-reviewed scholarship, producing 8 peer-reviewed books with major academic publishers, hundreds of journal articles, and a global research network committed to evidence-based work. Previous conferences have been held in Melbourne, the UAE, Bahrain, Durham, Lancaster, and Malaysia; most recently Langkawi (2024): "Addressing Global Political Uncertainties: The Role of Transition and Recovery Financing."

WHY CAPE TOWN

The University of the Western Cape brings expertise in legal integration, governance, and comparative law. The Centre for Legal Integration in Africa (CLIA) contributes expertise in legal harmonization in African governance frameworks. Cape Town is a tourist hub that provides a real-world context for the conference themes of inequality alongside sophisticated finance, active transition debates, digital transformation, and continental connectivity. South Africa's apartheid experience makes these themes especially relevant.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Day 1

FIFC Research Conference — Main Hall | 09:00 – 16:30

Master Class 1: AAOFI Shariah & Governance Standards — Conference Room | 14:00 – 17:00

Day 2

FIFC Research Conference — Main Hall | 09:00 – 16:30

Master Class 2: Islamic Fintech in Action — Conference Room | 09:00 – 12:00

Gala Dinner — Banquet Hall | 18:30 for 19:00 – 21:30

Day 3

IPSA Students Islamic Finance Presentations — Main Hall | 09:00 – 12:30

Business Networking Forum (Invite Only) — Conference Room | 09:00 – 12:30

Master Class 3: AI Ethics in Islamic Banking & Takaful — Conference Room | 09:00 – 12:00

Shariah Scholars Forum (Shariah Scholars Only) — Conference Room | 14:00 – 17:00

Islamic Finance Expo — UWC Brian O'Connell Life Sciences Building | 1-3 September

CONFERENCE TONE

- Executive
- Ethical
- Professional
- Community-conscious
- Research-focused
- International standard

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Academics
- Islamic finance institutions
- Professionals
- NGOs and waqf organisations
- Government and development agencies
- International delegates (Academic & Commercial)

On behalf of the

The Foundation for Islamic Finance Conference Organising Committee

We invite all stakeholders to actively participate and collaborate with us to make this a successful event – 1st time on the African Continent!

We look forward to welcoming you and joining hands with you at FIFC 2026, where thought leadership, academia and commerce converge for the first time on the southernmost tip in AFRICA!

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Diamond Sponsorship – R450 000

The Diamond Sponsorship Package offers the highest level of brand visibility and engagement throughout the conference experience. Benefits include company logo placement across the Plenary Venue, event mailers, invitation cards, digital communications, and website platforms. Sponsors also receive premium exhibition presence with two exhibition stands, pull-up banners in key areas, a CEO message in the programme book, corporate brochure inclusion, speaking opportunities at both the conference opening and Gala Dinner, and corporate video exposure.

Additional benefits include media coverage, opening ceremony acknowledgement, 30 conference passes, 3 Gala Dinner tables (24 seats), 10 Business Networking passes, a 30-minute Business & Networking Session, 8 Master Class seats per session, 8 special guest passes, and conference refreshments for 30 delegates.

Platinum Sponsorship – R300 000

The Platinum Sponsorship Package provides premium visibility and networking opportunities across conference activities. Sponsors receive company logo placement across conference branding and communications, pull-up banner placement, an exhibition stand, corporate brochure inclusion, media coverage opportunities, and acknowledgement during the opening ceremony.

The package also includes Gala Dinner remarks and corporate video exposure, 15 conference passes, 2 Gala Dinner tables (16 seats), 5 Business Networking passes, a 15-minute Business & Networking Session, 6 Master Class seats per session, 6 special guest passes, and conference refreshments for 15 delegates.

Gold Sponsorship – R175 000

The Gold Sponsorship Package provides strong brand exposure and meaningful conference participation opportunities. Benefits include logo placement across conference platforms and communications, an exhibition stand, opening ceremony acknowledgement, and access to networking activities.

Additional benefits include 10 conference passes, 1 Gala Dinner table (8 seats), 5 Business Networking passes, a 15-minute Business & Networking Session, 4 Master Class seats per session, 4 special guest passes, and conference refreshments for 10 delegates.

Exhibitor Package – R50 000

The Exhibitor Package is designed for organisations seeking visibility and networking opportunities through exhibition participation. The package includes one exhibition stand, 5 conference passes, 4 Gala Dinner seats, 3 Business Networking passes, 2 Master Class seats per session, and conference refreshments for 5 delegates.

(All sponsorship items that need to be placed in the conference bag, need to be delivered at least 1 week before conference commences to the organizer's office)

BOOKING FORM

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I confirm that I have the authority to make this commitment on behalf of my company.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

Terms of Payment: Full payment is required upon receipt of invoice.

Selection of sponsorship opportunities with limited availability will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

This form constitutes a legal and contractual agreement. The signed form serves as confirmation that the company will be responsible for payment of the selected sponsorship item(s).

Participation and sponsorship are confirmed only upon receipt of a signed booking form and full payment.

Failure to comply with payment requirements may result in forfeiture of the commitment. Any refund due will be at the discretion of the Conference Organising Committee.

All sponsorship contracts are final and non-retractable.

The Conference Organising Committee reserves the right to decline sponsorship bookings.

This agreement shall be governed by the laws of South Africa.

The Conference Organising Committee reserves the right to amend the rules and regulations governing exhibition participation at its discretion.

Company logos must be supplied in JPEG format and emailed to admin@iconsult.africa within 24 hours of commitment and payment to ensure maximum exposure opportunities.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be submitted in writing to Onscreen Conferences & Events.

- Cancellations received on or before 30 June 2026 will receive a full refund less a 10% handling fee on the total committed value.
- Cancellations received between 30 June 2026 and 15 July 2026 will receive a 50% refund on the total committed value.
- Cancellations received after 15 July 2026 will be liable for the full committed value.

All refunds will be processed after the conference has taken place.