



**THE ROLE OF ISLAMIC SOCIAL FINANCING
IN ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS DIALOGUE
SEMINAR DISCUSSIONS**

Topic	IOM Muslim Alms Administration System
Seminar Lead/Support	IOM - Serhan Aktoprak
Language	English
Summary	The seminar will provide an overview of IOM’s stance on Islamic Philanthropy through an engaging presentation of the future IOM Muslim Alms Administration System. This initiative, based on extensive research, would allow the Organization to collect and distribute Zakat, Sadaqah and other forms of Muslim alms, in full compliance with Islamic law and IOM’s internal rules and regulations. The system, which is expected to be operational by December 2020, will allow the IOM to make greater contributions to the efforts of governments and communities to reduce poverty and hunger, prepare and rapidly respond to disasters, rebuild works through the provision of direct assistance to migrants, internally displaced persons, refugees, victims of trafficking, and other vulnerable communities like women, children and persons with disabilities. Additionally, these efforts will catalyse the implementation of relief and development projects to alleviate the suffering of these groups and improve their well-being.
Participants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UN agencies 2. Leading Experts in Academia 3. International and National CSOs 4. Islamic Finance Institutions 5. International and National Zakat funds
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introducing IOM Muslim Alms Administration System as a channel to bring life-saving aid to migrants, internally displaced persons, refugees, victims of trafficking and other vulnerable communities 2. Develop a deeper understanding of how Muslim almsgiving is aligned with IOM’s mandate and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and why it is important 3. Explore possibilities of joint collaboration among stakeholders 4. Engage in communication and information exchange on the requirements, challenges and opportunities when collecting, distributing, and administering Muslim alms.

1. Background Information

(this should be a more in-depth explanation of the seminar - please include links, multimedia or background documents)

The International Organization for Migration (IOM – UN Migration), having earned a reputation for being worthy of public trust and confidence, is in an ideal position to deliver lifesaving aid to communities in need around the world by collecting and distributing Muslim alms in an efficient, transparent and accountable manner. IOM is developing the IOM Muslim Alms Administration



System to undertake the important role of collecting, distributing and administering Muslim alms to migrants, internally displaced persons, refugees, victims of trafficking and other vulnerable communities including women, children and persons with disabilities . The System, which is expected to be operational by the end of 2020, would allow IOM to collect and distribute *zakat*, *sadaqah* and other types of Muslim alms in full compliance with both Islamic law and IOM's internal rules and regulations. The process of achieving full compliance is currently being undertaken based on primary and secondary sources of Islamic jurisprudence, compiling the fatwas of contemporary religious scholars, reviewing the current practices of a number of UN agencies, charity organizations and other national and international institutions, and presenting the policy guidelines to enhance the process of alms collection and distribution.

As a pragmatic organization, with its extensive global footprint of operations carried out in more than 400 offices worldwide, IOM has proven itself as an indispensable humanitarian and development actor that has been increasingly called upon by governments to respond to crises and development challenges by putting beneficiaries at the centre of its programmes and upholding their dignity in a respectful manner. Fully aligned with its mandate, IOM is well positioned to undertake the honourable task of bridging the gap between the affluent and the needy, as it will be reporting publicly and regularly on the alms collected, distributed and administered.

By bringing into operation its Muslim Alms Administration System, the initiative will enable IOM to work with UN agencies, governments, national and international Muslim alms foundations, CSOs and private sector actors to make greater contributions to the existing efforts of governments and communities to reduce poverty and provide relief aid to the most vulnerable.

2. Agenda/Format

(please include potential speakers where possible)

90 minutes: 50 minutes presentations + 40 minutes discussion session

Total number of speakers planned: Four (4)

Timing (TBD)

		Speaker
2min	Welcome Note	<i>Moderator</i>
<i>Experience of IOM in Islamic Social Financing</i>		
10min	Introducing IOM's Muslim Alms Administration System	<i>Serhan Aktoprak, Head of Private Sector Partnerships Unit</i>
10min	Islamic Social Financing & IOM	<i>Professor Dr Servet Bayindir, Chairperson of the Islamic Economics Research Waqf (Iktisad Waqf)</i>
10min	IOM as a case study and a model UN entity in helping the world's needy	<i>TBD</i>



10min	Energizing partnerships to address humanitarian crises	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Discussion</i>		
40min	Lead by the moderator	
5min	Closing	<i>TBD</i>

3. Additional Information