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Islamic Sustainable Finance Masterclass Series

May 12, 13 & 14
Heriot – Watt University
Dubai

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About the Masterclass

A practitioner-led capacity building programme designed to empower Islamic finance stakeholders to integrate conventional sustainable finance frameworks within a Shariah-compliant context.

A fast-tracked learning opportunity combining focused training, practical workshops, and stakeholder engagement. The program enhances financial capability and fosters a harmonized, sustainable Islamic finance ecosystem.

As part of the broader Islamic Sustainable Finance Initiative (ISFI)—launched by Global Ethical Finance Initiative (GEFI) in partnership with the UK Islamic Finance Council (UKIFC), HSBC MENAT, and Greenpeace MENA. It supports transformative pledges in the MENAT region, including the UAE central bank Islamic sustainable finance guiding principle 9, the UAE Banks Federation's AED 1 trillion commitment to sustainable finance by 2030 and DIFC's goal to train one million sustainability leaders.

Who Should Attend?

Our programme is **designed and focused on professionals working within Islamic financial institutions**, **including shariah scholars** with limited knowledge of sustainable finance.

The programme may also be of interest to those working in:

- Mainstream/conventional finance (banks, asset managers, insurance, pensions, IFA's, social investors etc.)
- Professional services (lawyers, accountants and consultants)
- Shariah Institutions (scholars and professionals)
- Research agencies and academic institutions
- Charities, third sector and social enterprises
- Government, Local Government and associated bodies
- Those responsible to manage endowments

Programme Outline

Date: 12, 13 & 14 May

Time: 10:00 – 16:30

Venue: Heriot-Watt University
Knowledge Village
Dubai

Online Preliminary Sessions

Outlining the impact of global trends on the financial services sector and mapping the sustainable finance ecosystem.

3 full day in person Sessions

Day 1: Monday 12 May: Sustainable banking.
Day 2: Tuesday 13 May: Sustainable Investment.
Day 3: Wednesday 14 May: Unpacking Islamic Sustainable Finance.

Interactive Discussions

Each day will include opportunities to engage with global and local industry experts, gain insights, ask questions, and receive personalized feedback.

Learning Outcomes

LO1: Contextual Knowledge and Harmonised Understanding

Develop a clear contextual understanding of sustainability and a harmonised understanding of Islamic sustainable finance.

LO2: Practical insights and Application Tools

Develop familiarity with specific regulations, frameworks, tools and sustainable finance products to assist in effective implementation within your professional context.

LO3: Solid Grounding in Islamic Sustainable Finance

Build a solid grounding in Islamic sustainable finance, including its correlation with conventional sustainable finance, its application within Shariah principles, and its distinctive nuances.

Day 1: Sustainable Banking

Session	Topics
Introducing Sustainable Banking	• Lay of the land • What's the business case? • What has led us to the current state? • Key frameworks
Developing Innovative Sustainable Financial Products	• Key considerations in designing and developing sustainability linked financial products • Understanding client mindset
Sustainable Banking Frameworks: UN PRB	• Overview of UN Principles of Responsible Banking
Integration of Risk	• Sustainability risk • Climate risk
Sustainable Banking in the UAE	• UAE Central Bank regulations: understanding & requirements • Current state of the local market • Regional nuances & market dynamics

Anchor Trainer

Rafe Haneef

Group CEO, MBSB Berhard

Previously the CEO of Group Transaction Banking at CIMB from 2019 to June 2023.

Over the past 25 years, he has held various leadership roles at HSBC Middle East, ABN Amro UAE, Fajr Capital UAE and CitiGroup Malaysia.

Day 2: Sustainable Investment

Session	Topics
What is Responsible Investment?	• Sustainable, green and faith-based investment • ESG as a risk tool vs values-based investment • The commercial opportunity
Sustainable Investment Frameworks & Standards	• Overview of key frameworks & standards including PRI & SFDR
Integrating Sustainability into Investment Mandates	• Building a sustainability strategy • Working with clients to ensure their values are reflected
Risk Management	• Identifying, assessing, managing and mitigating material sustainability related risks
Governance in Sustainability	• Engagement, measuring, and reporting

Anchor Trainer

Amanda Young

Senior Advisor, GEFI

Previously the Global Chief Sustainability Officer at Abrdn asset management with over two decades of experience in responsible investment.

She was the inaugural winner of Women in Investment Awards Sustainable & ESG Investment Woman of the Year in 2021 and was on Financial News' inaugural Fifty Most Influential in Sustainable Finance list in 2022.

Day 3: Unpacking Islamic Sustainable Finance

Session	Topics
Framing Islamic Sustainable Finance	• Global sustainability challenges and opportunities in Islamic Finance • Islamic sustainable finance global initiatives and regulations
Green and Sustainable Sukuk: Prospectus, Performance and Impact	• Market overview • Commercial opportunity • Operational considerations • Tapping into new investor pools
Shari'ah Governance in Sustainable Finance	• Key operational consideration in integrating ESG factors • Operational implementation • Corporate governance – risk and compliance

Anchor Trainer

Omar Shaikh
Managing Director, GEFI

Chartered Accountant leading global advocacy in sustainable and Islamic finance, advising governments and regulators.

Spearheaded ecosystem-building initiatives in Islamic Sustainable Finance. Former Head of Islamic Finance for EY London

Building Capacity

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Registration Fees: $750*

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- ✓ Non-profit / academic organizations
- ✓ Group discounts on request
- ✓ Partner organizations
- ✓ Shariah scholars

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Strategic Partners

GEFI has been active in sustainable finance for over a decade as we engage with our established, global network through events, sharing thought-leadership, providing technical insights, capacity building and showcasing SDG aligned initiatives and products. Our commitment to the GCC region has empowered us to forge and strengthen strategic partnerships that drive sustainable growth and innovation.

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