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ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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Side Event on

From Financing to Empowerment: Islamic Finance as Enabler in Fighting Poverty

Date: 14 July 2017

Time: 18:15 - 19:30

Venue: Conference Room 7 in the UN Conference Building

What to look for in this event:

1. New approaches for eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in disadvantaged communities, especially in least developed countries;
2. Innovative approaches provided by Islamic Finance as powerful tools for economic empowerment;
3. Practical examples and stories on Economic Empowerment from the experience of the Islamic Development Bank;
4. Economic Empowerment Program of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD)

Keynote: Dr. Walid Al Wohaib, Director General, Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD), Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group

Panelists:

Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director of the Sustainable Development Policies Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)

Anas AL-Hasnaoui, General Manager, IBF Group Consulting, IDB Consultant on Economic Empowerment Program

Dr. Amjad Saqib, Founding Chairman and Edecutive Director, Akhuwat Foundation, Pakistan

Dr. Tariq Cheema, Founder, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists (WCMP)

Development Bank (IDB) Group

Dr. Nabil Ghalleb, Chairman and CEO, Zitouna Tamkeen, Tunisia

Moderator:

Dr. Rami Ahmad, Special Envoy on SDGs and Senior Advisor to the President, Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group