

Event Title: From Capital to Impact – Social Finance and Entrepreneurship Development:
Public Dissemination Event of the World Bank Report “iTEKAD – Making Inroads into Social Finance”

Event Duration: 2 Hours

Date: October 15, 2025 (Wednesday)

Time: 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Venue: Conference Hall 1, Sasana Kijang

Description

This event marks the public dissemination of the World Bank’s report, “*iTEKAD: Making Inroads into Social Finance*,” which explores how Islamic social finance instruments—such as zakat, waqf, and sadaqah—can be integrated with entrepreneurship support to uplift underserved communities. The event will feature a panel, **From Capital to Impact: Social Finance and Entrepreneurship Development**, which will convene distinguished panelists from government, industry, and the social finance ecosystem to discuss innovative programs and approaches that leverage social finance as a driver for entrepreneurship and inclusive growth.

With participation from both the public and private sectors, the session will highlight practical experiences, opportunities, and policy considerations to strengthen the role of social finance in supporting entrepreneurial resilience and sustainable development. Designed for policymakers, Islamic finance practitioners, development agencies, and civil society organizations, the event aims to foster dialogue on strengthening Malaysia’s social finance ecosystem and identifying strategies to scale impactful, value-based finance models across the region.

Event Outline

Time	Agenda
2.30pm-2.35pm	Opening by the emcee
2.35pm-2.45pm	Opening Remarks Mr. Suhaimi Ali, Assistant Governor, Bank Negara Malaysia Photo op with VIPs and speakers
2.45pm-3.00pm	Report Presentation Ms. Shahira Johan, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank
3.00pm-4.00pm	Panel Discussion: From Capital to Impact – Social Finance and Entrepreneurship Development Moderator: Mr. Mohd Zikri Mohd Shairy - Director, Social Finance, Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad

	<p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Kamarulzaman Omar, Head of Corporate Strategy Division, Lembaga Zakat Selangor 2. Mr. Ir. Putu Rahwidhiyasa, Director of Sharia Business and Entrepreneurship, National Committee for Sharia Economics and Finance (KNEKS), Indonesia 3. Ms. Ananya Wahid Kader, Cross Regional Lead, Asia and the Pacific, Financial Institution Group, International Finance Corporation (IFC) 4. Ms. Shahira Johan, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank
4.00pm-4.25pm	<p>Fire-Side Chat: iTEKAD Protection</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Wan Ya Shin, Social Protection Economist, World Bank</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Wan Ahmad Najib Wan Ahmad Lotfi, President & Chief Executive Officer, Takaful Ikhlas Family Berhad 2. Mr Joehan Martinus, Chief Customer and Marketing Officer, PruBSN Takaful Berhad
4.25pm-4.30pm	<p>Closing by the emcee</p>