**The Role of Islamic Social Financing**

**in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Dialogue**

**Seminar Discussions**

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| **Topic** | **Global Muslim Philanthropy Fund for Children (GMPFC)** |
| **Seminar Lead/Support** | UNICEF |
| **Language** | English  |
| **Summary** | This seminar will explore how the GMPFC operates, the strategic partnership that has been made with the Islamic Development Bank and how Muslim Philanthropists can utilise this fund as a means to achieve greater impact. |
| **Participants** | Open to public  |
| **Objectives** | Foster a better understanding of the GMPFC and highlight the benefits and greater impact working in collaboration can have. |

# Background Information

UNICEF and its partner the Islamic Development Group are jointly committed to developing new partnerships and Shariah-compliant mechanisms to address the child-related SDGs.

In September 2019, the two partners established the Global Muslim Philanthropy Fund for Children (GMPFC) to strategically deploy Muslim philanthropic resources, including both Saddaqah and Zakat, with global standards of transparency and accountability. The fund aims to select and support programmes which address the root causes and impacts of inequality for vulnerable children in OIC member countries.

**Key Features**

* Fund is administered by IsDB and projects are only implemented in member countries of the OIC
* Fund will work to achieve the child-related United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and support children and families in need
* Fund can administer both Zakat and Saddaqah contributions within the parameters defined according to Sharia
* The fund will address inequality among vulnerable populations in some of the poorest parts of the world
* The fund will enable Muslim philanthropists to work collectively as a global coalition and strategically to maximise impact

# Agenda/Format

Moderator - Mr. Basit Khan, Faith Based Giving Consultant, UNICEF

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|  |  | Speaker |
| 2min | **Welcome** | *Moderator* |
| 8min | **An introduction to the GMPFC** | *Mr. Abdel Rahman Ghandour, Senior Advisor UNICEF* |
| 8min | **Establishing the Fund & Being a Trustee** | *Mr. Syed Husain Quadri , Acting Director of Resilience and Social Development Department, Islamic Development Bank* |
| 8min | **First Strategic Partner** | *Dr Sonia ben Jaafar, CEO Al Ghurair Foundation for Education* |
| 8min | **Member of the Governing Council** | *KS Relief Representative (TBC)* |
| 8min | **Pilot Programme & Beneficiaries** | *Ms. Tanya Chapuisat, UNICEF Jordan Representative* |
| 45min | **Discussion** | *Lead by the Moderator* |
| 5min | **Closing** | *Dr. Ahmed Al Meraikhi, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General* |

# Additional Information

Webpage: <https://www.unicef.org/corporate_partners/index_103944.html>

[Fund fact sheet attached](https://www.dropbox.com/s/dlz211krdqied8j/UNICEF%20IsDB%20Global%20Muslim%20Philanthropy%20Fund%20for%20Children.pdf?dl=0)

# Bio’s

**Tanya Chapuisat** joined UNICEF Jordan in July 2019 after completing a four-year mission as Representative in Beirut. Before Lebanon, Ms. Chapuisat served as a UNICEF Representative in Costa Rica for three years and the Central African Republic (CAR) from 2009 to 2012. From 2006 to 2009, Ms. Chapuisat worked as Regional Emergency Advisor for all UNICEF offices in West and Central Africa, based in Senegal. She performed a similar function from 2003 to 2006 in East and Southern Africa as a Regional Emergency Project Officer based in Kenya. Before UNICEF, Ms. Chapuisat was Assistant Resident Representative in UNDP in Kenya for one year and worked as a Non-profit Practice Manager at Mckinsey & Company. From 1993 to 1998, she held many positions at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). She served in Rwanda, Peru, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Guinea-Bissau. Ms. Chapuisat is a dual citizen of Britain and Switzerland. She holds a university degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Columbia Business School.

**Abdel-Rahman Ghandour** is a senior advisor for partnerships at UNICEF. He brings 30 years of experience with international organizations, with postings with the International Committee of the Red Cross, Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) and the United Nations (DPA, OCHA, UNDP and UNICEF), alternating between Representative, Political, Development/Humanitarian and Communications positions and working at country, regional and global level. Abdel-Rahman's recent posting was as UNICEF’s Special Representative for Libya. He is the author of several publications and co-publications on international politics, social movements and humanitarian interventions, including *Jihad Humanitaire,*the first global book on Islamic charities. Mr. Ghandour is a Lebanese national and holds degrees in Political science and International relations from the American University of Beirut, the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies and from Sciences Po (Institut d’Etudes Politiques) Paris.

**Dr. Sonia Ben Jaafar** currently serves as the CEO of the [Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education](https://www.alghurairfoundation.org/en/home), one of the largest privately funded philanthropic education initiatives in the Arab world. Prior to this role, she was the Managing Director of [EduEval](https://www.edueval.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), where she cultivated partnerships with governments, international agencies, not-for-profit organizations, and multinational corporations to promote evidence-based decisions for a greater positive impact on education. She holds a PhD in Educational Leadership, and a MA in Curriculum Studies from the University of Toronto. She is passionate about coupling her experience with her academic background to promote knowledge sharing and education for good.

**Dr. Ahmed Al Meraikhi** is Advisor to the United Nations Secretary General. Prior to that he served as the United Nations Secretary General's Humanitarian Envoy from December 2016. He also served as an Ambassador at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar. Also, Al Meraikhi was a member of UN CERF-Advisory Group and had been elected to be the Vice-Chair in October 2015. He served as Vice President of the Qatar Regulatory Authority for Charitable Activities Board of Dirctors since 2014. Simultaneously, he served as the Founding Director of the International Development Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar (2010-2016) and had served as Director General of the Qatar Development Fund (2010- 2015).

**Syed Husain Quadri** as Acting Director of Resilience and Social Development Department, leads the Islamic Development Bank’s engagement in the areas of Climate Change, Fragility, Conflict and Violence, Gender Empowerment and Youth Development to support its 57 member countries. Previously he was the Ag. Director for Country Strategy and Cooperation where he was in-charge of Regional Integration, Investment Promotion, South-South Cooperation and Strategy Development. In addition, he is also the Head of the Global Muslim Philanthropy Fund established between the Bank and UNICEF, and sits on the Board of the Global Partnership for Education. Quadri also has a Bachelors from King's College London and a Masters from Imperial College London.