

ISLAMIC FINANCE WEBINAR SERIES 4: SOCIAL AND SUSTAINABLE SUKUK

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Social Sukuk - An Instrument to Combat Covid-19 Pandemic

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Capital Market Instruments in the ESG Landscape

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Instruments

Green Sukuk/Bond

100% of the proceeds are used for projects that qualify as Green (incl. Climate Change considerations)

Social Sukuk/Bond

100% of the proceeds are used for projects that qualify as Social, such as Healthcare, Poverty

Alleviation and Education

Social Impact Bond

Results-based. The payout to investors is contingent upon social results being achieved. Results are verified before payout.

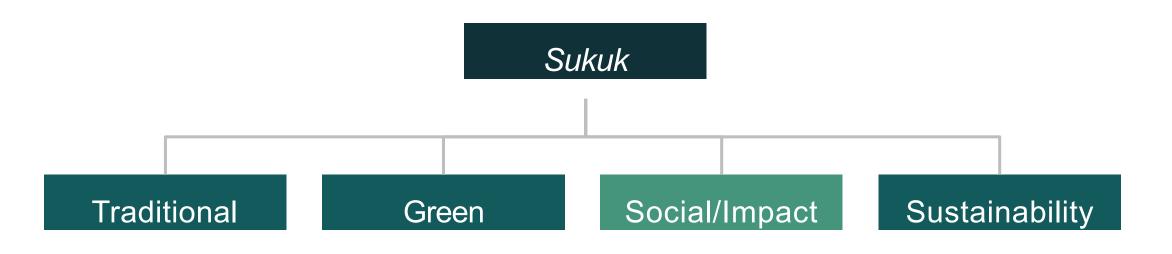
Sustainability Sukuk/Bond

Proceeds are used for a project mix of Green and Social



Sukuk

- It is the primary Islamic instrument that offers fixed income characteristics similar to that of a Senior Unsecured debt obligation.
- In commercial terms, procedures and issuance process, it is identical to the conventional bonds.
- Structures of Sukuk are certified by a well-defined governance framework to ensure compliance with Islamic Law.
- Innovative structures are being pursued to tap into the vast potential of other Islamic concepts such as Waqf and Zakat.





Labelled Sukuk

- As an Islamic instrument, Sukuk proceeds cannot be utilized towards prohibited sectors such as alcohol, weapons, gambling, etc.
- This inherent 'use of proceeds' made the traditional Sukuk a 'socially responsible investment' by default, much earlier than Green/Social bonds came to fruition.
- With the emergence of Green/Social bonds in the conventional space, further specification of 'use of proceeds'
 was embraced by Sukuk issuers to show alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals agenda and
 therefore, attract SRI and ESG focused investors as well.
- As a result, labelled instruments such as Green, Social and Sustainability Sukuk came to the fore.

Sustainability and SDGs at IsDB

IsDB is a AAA-rated supranational and multilateral development bank with 57 Member Country shareholders and a mandate of delivering social and economic development with a focus on sustainability in its Member countries and Muslim communities worldwide.







The Journey to COVID-19 Sustainability Sukuk

Sustainable Finance Framework

- Outlined the eligible criteria in line with international standards and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Commitment to allocate Sukuk proceeds to assets as per the theme (Green, Social, etc.)
- Verification by external party for independent assessment

Second Party Opinion (SPO)

- External verification by CICEROAS (Norway)
- Conference calls for detailed explanation on the Framework
- Secured a 'Medium-Green' Shading, which is same as our peers such as IFC, AfDB, KfW, etc.

ESGRisk Rating

- External verification of IsDB ESG credentials by Sustainalytics
- Extensive process of risk analysis and assessment of governance practices



COVID-19 Sustainability Sukuk



Identified eligible assets pool of US\$ 6 billion plus (Green and Social assets)

Second Party Opinion (SPO) - Medium Green Shading by CICERO (Norway)

ESG Risk Rating - 11.5 out of 100 - Strong low-risk rating (Sustainalytics)



■ First-ever AAA-rated Sustainability Sukuk raising US\$ 1.5 billion, priced at 0.908% profit rate payable semi-annually, issued to assist Member Countries in tackling the aftermath of the global pandemic triggered by COVID-19

 Annual impact report to be published for investors/stakeholders to show use-ofproceeds exclusively towards COVID-19 projects

Impact Report will be subject to external party's review for validation of use-of-proceeds



Potential and Challenges

- Resilient and Green Recovery
- Putting SDGs back on track
 - Proceeds of the <u>COVID-19 Sustainability Sukuk</u> will be utilized towards projects that focus on 'access to essential services' and 'SME financing and employment generation' categories under the umbrellas of '<u>SDG-3: Good Health and Well-Being</u>' and '<u>SDG-8: Decent Work and Economic Growth</u>'.
- Changing Dynamics of Development Finance
- Enabling Environment
 - ESG Frameworks
 - Islamic Finance Eco-system

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POLLING 1

Do you consider the factor of social impact of an instrument (bond or sukuk) an important consideration in your investment decision making?

		Polling Results
a) \	/es —	90%
b) 1	No	10%



POLLING 2

In your opinion, which is the most important sustainable development goal?

		Polling Results
a)	Poverty alleviation ———	55%
b)	Climate Change ———	20%
c)	Gender Equality ———	2%
d)	Health —	13%
e)	Infrastructure ———	11%



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