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Administrative Circular

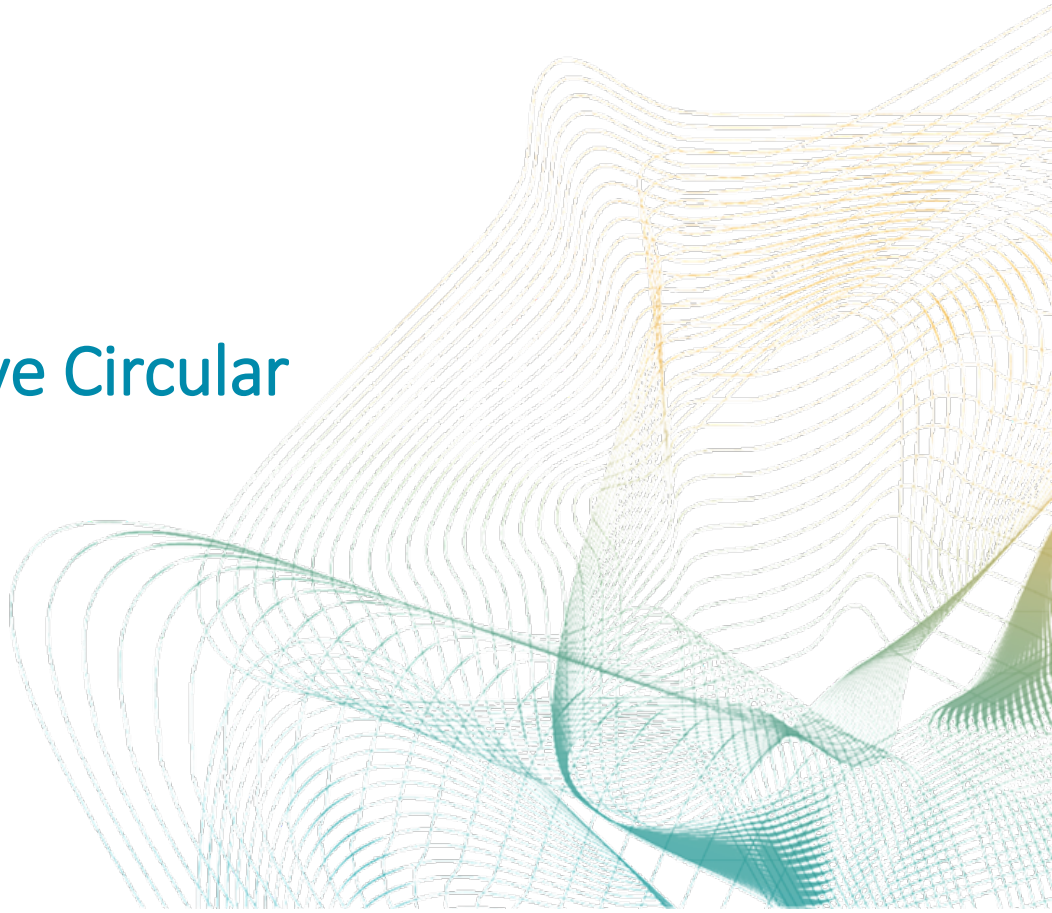


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Introduction

This administrative circular provides logistical and other general information on arrangements for the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Workshop to be held in Istanbul, Turkey on 17-18 June 2019. Any amendments or additional information will be issued to all participants via e-mail.

Preliminary Agenda

OIC Economic Outlook Working Group

17th June 2019, Monday

08:30-09:00	Registration and Coffee
	<i>Siraselviler Ballroom</i>
09:00-09:15	Qur'an al Karim Recitation
09:15-09:30	Introductory Remarks
09:30-10:45	Session I: Global Economic and Monetary Outlook with Special Focus to OIC Countries
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break and Family Photo
11:15-12:30	Session II: Global Financial Outlook and OIC Vulnerability Index
12:30-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:30	Session III: Key Economic and Financial Trends that Drive Global Islamic Finance Industry
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-16:30	Session IV: Future Work
19:00-21:00	Gala Dinner

Financial Inclusion Working Group

18th June 2019, Tuesday

08:30-09:00	Registration and Coffee
09:00-09:15	Qur'an al Karim Recitation
09:15-09:30	Introductory Remarks
09:30-10:45	Session I: Microcredit in Islamic Finance
10:45-11:15	Family Photo and Coffee Break
11:15-12:30	Session II: Fintech and Islamic Finance
12:30-14:15	Lunch
14:15-15:00	Session III: Future Work

Meetings

The meeting will take place at the Siraselviler Ballroom of the CVK Park Bosphorus Hotel, Istanbul.

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Working Language

The meetings will be conducted in **English**. No interpretation services will be provided.

Registration Desk

The registration desk, where you can have your badges, will be located at the Siraselviler Ballroom Foyer. For security reasons, please have your badges with you all the time at the meeting and meal venues.

Information Desk

The information desk, where you can get assistance on airport transfers, tourism information, local transportation, foreign consulate addresses and health services will be located at the Main Lobby.

Business Facilities

Free Wi-Fi will be provided at all meeting venues. Please find the related information at the Registration Desk.

Prayer Room

A room at the CVK Park Bosphorus Hotel will be designated as the Prayer Room during the meetings. Please follow the signage at the Siraselviler Ballroom.

Dress Code

The dress code for the meetings is **business smart**.

Accommodation

Costs associated with accommodation are borne by participants or their institutions.

CVK Park Bosphorus Hotel is the designated hotel and the venue for the meeting. For accommodation reservations at the hotel, an exclusive rate of **105 € + VAT per night** (Single Room incl. breakfast), has been negotiated for the participants. For your reservations, please contact directly with the hotel by **24 May 2019**, at the latest.

Airport Transfers

The nearest airport to the meeting venue is Istanbul Airport, which is located 40 km away from the CVK Park Bosphorus Hotel Istanbul.

Transfers from and to the Airport will be provided by the CBRT, only for the arrivals and departures on 16-19 June 2019.

The event organiser will welcome you at the **Istanbul Airport International Arrivals Terminal** unless otherwise specified. Please follow the plate labelled with **CBRT Logo, Event Name and/or Your Name** on it.

Please provide your mobile number in the registration form in advance in order to avoid any issues on greeting you at the airport.

We kindly ask you to follow up your transfer to the airport from the Registration Desk or the Information Desk while you are present at the meetings venue.

Gala Dinner

CBRT will host a Gala Dinner on 17 June 2019 for the participants of both working groups. The location of the dinner will be announced later.

General Information

Istanbul

Istanbul bridges east and west not only geographically but also culturally. Bosphorus Strait divides Istanbul in two parts and also into two continents: Europe and Asia.

For more than 1.500 years, Istanbul was the capital of two empires, first the Byzantine and later the Ottoman. It was beautified accordingly with magnificent monuments and became a metropolis where diverse cultures, nations and religions mingle.

Today, Istanbul is Turkey's most populous city, with a population of over 15 Million, as well as its financial and cultural hub.

Weather

June sees start of summer in Istanbul. It is beginning to hot temperature and humid.

The average temperature is around 22°C.

Time Zone

Time zone of İstanbul and Turkey is GMT+2.

International Dialling Codes

The country code for Turkey is 90, and the local code for İstanbul is 212. To make an international phone call, dial 00 + country code + phone number.

Medical Emergency	112
Fire	110
Police	155

Currency

The official currency is Turkish Liras (TRY) with the symbol ₺ (available in the following banknotes: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 TL.)

Cash can usually be exchanged without commission at exchange offices, banks and hotels. Exchange rates are published daily in Turkish newspapers and can also be found in CBRT web page (<http://www.tcmb.gov.tr>).

Tipping

Although there is no common practice in tipping, the generally accepted tipping rate is 10% in Turkey.

Smoking

Smoking indoors is prohibited in Turkey.

Electricity

Turkey operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets. Limited number of adaptors will be available at the meeting venue.

Visa

Regarding the Visit Visa / Entry Permit Requirements for Turkey, please visit:

<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

<https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>

If you need a visa to travel to Turkey, please contact with the relevant Turkish Consulate to ensure that the necessary formalities are completed on time.

Contact Information

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