

Report on the Activities of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce & Development (ICCD) 41st COMCEC Ministerial Meeting

In line with its Strategic Pillars, ICCD continues to foster trade, investment, entrepreneurship, and digital transformation across OIC Member States. This report highlights ICCD's key activities and achievements in implementing economic resolutions of the 40th COMCEC Session and the 51st CFM, emphasizing trade facilitation, SME development, Halal industry growth, sustainable development, and private sector empowerment. ICCD's initiatives strengthen intra-OIC cooperation, enhance regional connectivity, and provide platforms for collaboration between public and private stakeholders.

ICCD Mega Forums & Events

1. **Sustainable Tourism Forum (STF):** The inaugural STF was held on 30–31 January 2025 in Karachi, Pakistan under the theme "*Transforming Tourism for Community Development.*" The forum attracted over 500 participants, including policymakers, industry leaders, international organizations, and 12 exhibitors from more than ten countries. It facilitated high-level discussions on sustainable tourism, community development, and cross-border cooperation in the OIC region. The second edition is scheduled for January 2026 in Pakistan.
2. **Invest in Digital Economy Forum (IDEF):** The second edition is scheduled on 21–22 September 2025 in Amman, Jordan under the theme "*Digital Transformation for Global Prosperity.*" The forum brings together policymakers, technology leaders, innovators, and investors to advance digital economy initiatives, enhance cross-border digital trade, and build networks among OIC private sectors. The inaugural forum laid the foundation for regional digital transformation initiatives, and the 2025 edition aims to expand participation and influence.

ICCD Events & Forums (Hosted, Participated & Partnered) – 16

1. Best Of Entrepreneurship (BOE):

- **Egypt:** Successfully held on 17 September 2024 in Cairo under the theme "*Entrepreneurship in Digital Transformation,*" bringing together ambassadors, government officials, international organizations, and entrepreneurs from 10+ countries. The forum highlighted innovation, digital strategies, and entrepreneurial success stories. Next edition: December 2025, Cairo.

- **Asia:** 2nd BOE Asia Event was held on 24 September 2025 in Karachi, Pakistan on the theme "*Techpreneurship: Strategy, Leadership & Innovation.*" The forum emphasized leadership, innovation, and technology-driven entrepreneurship for the OIC private sector.

2. ICCD Reception: Held on 14 September 2025 in Cairo, Egypt, gathering high-level participation from government representatives and 30+ embassies. The reception facilitated strategic discussions, partnership-building, and private sector empowerment at both local and international levels.

3. Al Baraka Regional Conference (Pakistan, Jan 2025): Strategic Partner under MANAFEIA Initiative; highlighted ICCD's role in investment facilitation and private sector development across the OIC region.

4. Future Growth Forum (Kenya, Feb 2025): International Partner under MANAFEIA Initiative; showcased ICCD's efforts to strengthen OIC–Africa investment linkages and cross-border business cooperation.

5. Makkah Halal Forum (2nd Edition, KSA, 25–27 Feb 2025): Strategic Partner under MANAFEIA Initiative; themed "*Sustainable Development through Halal,*" with participation from 120 countries, 50+ speakers, 150 exhibitors, and 14 agreements signed. The forum promoted Halal trade, certification harmonization, and international investment partnerships.

6. Sarajevo Business Forum (May 2025) & 3rd European Halal Congress & Sarajevo Halal Expo (16–20 June 2025, Bosnia & Herzegovina)

7. E-Business International Summit (Senegal, June 2025): International Partner under MANAFEIA Initiative; promoted digital entrepreneurship, e-commerce, and cross-border digital trade solutions.

8. Tea for Tourism Series – Medical Tourism Conference: 15 July 2025, ICCD Headquarters, Karachi; emphasized growth of medical tourism within OIC countries and collaboration with healthcare stakeholders.

9. Kazan Global Youth Summit (Aug 2025) & BigTech Africa (Tunisia, Sept 2025): International Partner under MANAFEIA Initiative; focused on technology innovation, youth leadership, and entrepreneurship development.

10. Halal Fashion Conference: 25 Sept 2025, ICCD Headquarters, Karachi; highlighted Halal industry diversification into lifestyle and fashion sectors.

11. GTR Egypt 2025 (Oct 2025): Institutional Partner under MANAFEIA Initiative; connected global trade, finance, and investment stakeholders, facilitating OIC-wide trade linkages.

12. Makkah Entrepreneurship Forum (Nov 2025) & Additional Q4 Participation: Albaraka Forum (London) & BOE Africa (Cairo).

13. Halal Awareness Series: 14 sessions across 9 cities, Q4 2025; enhanced public and industry awareness on Halal standards and compliance.

ICCD MOUs & Strategic Partnerships

1. **ICCD & ICCD Kenya (ICCDK):** Strategic partnership to advance global Halal trade (14 Aug 2025).
2. **ICCD & CPCCAF:** Connects French-speaking African consular chambers with OIC private sector.
3. **ICCD & ICESCO:** Youth and women empowerment initiatives across OIC countries.
4. **ICCD & Union of OIC News Agency**

ICCD Trainings for Member Chambers

- **5 Core Modules:** Sustainable Chamber Model, Strategic Communication & Digital Marketing, Developing Chambers & Maximizing Services, Organizational Culture, Digital Transformation.
- **Completed:** Indonesian Chamber (KADIN), Oct 2024.
- **Scheduled:** TMTA (Thailand, 25–27 Sept 2025); Minara Chamber (South Africa, 2026).

ICCD Projects & Digital Platforms

1. **Green Waqf Project – Pakistan:** Launch Sept 2025; 6,500 sq. yards of Waqf land for a Shariah-compliant green initiative addressing climate change and generating employment opportunities.
2. **ICCD Talent Gate:** Phase 1; launch Nov 2025; supports dignified remote work for Palestinians, integrating freelancer/client dashboards, secure payments, and scalable digital infrastructure.
3. **Digital Transformation of Chambers:** Implementation phase includes unified contacts repository, synchronized digital calendar, and preparation for broader chamber-wide digital transformation.
4. **Generative AI – Halal Chatbot:** Shariah-compliant digital assistant providing accessible guidance for consumers and industry stakeholders.

5. **Chamber Accreditation Program:** Promotion ongoing; currently on hold, mobilizing support from development partners.
6. **Microfinance Institution – Sahel Region:** Feasibility study completed; Feb 2025 workshop in Chad engaged OIC stakeholders from five countries to strengthen financial inclusion.

Achievements & Platforms:

- **Top OIC Investment Events Platform:** Consolidates high-value investment opportunities for global investors.
- **Official Governmental Reports Platform:** Centralized access to economic policies and data from 57 OIC countries.

Publications:

- Key Trade Agreements in OIC Countries
- Top OIC Countries in International Reports & Indexes 2025
- Digital Transformation in Family Businesses
- Family Businesses in Numbers: Global Reports & Indicators

ICCD Entities Updates

Saleh Kamel Sustainable Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development (SKSEED):

The Saleh Kamel Sustainable Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development (SKSEED) is an entity affiliated with the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD), dedicated to empowering entrepreneurial ecosystems across OIC countries. The initiative was first proposed during the 3rd Meeting of the ICCD Executive Committee and was finally approved by the ICCD General Assembly at its 40th Meeting, as formalized in Resolution No. (40-4-02).

In 2025, SKSEED finalized its 5-Year Strategic Plan (2026–2030). A candidate list for the Founding Board of Trustees was developed with diverse representation. The OIC Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Analysis report was completed, clustering ecosystems into *Advanced*, *Emerging*, *Nascent*, and *Diaspora*. The brand identity was finalized, and social media and website development were initiated.

SKSEED continued to gain visibility at international events despite the registration procedures being underway.

Key Engagements 2025:

1. Future Fest – Pakistan
2. Makkah Halal Forum – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
3. Arab Sustainability Expo – Egypt
4. Core Angels Investment Meeting – Egypt
5. 2nd Global Islamic Economy Summit – Türkiye
6. EU–South MED Matchmaking Event – Egypt
7. Kazan Global Youth Summit – Russia
8. Ripple Meetups – Tunisia & Indonesia
9. Ripple Summit – Cairo, Egypt (October 2025)
10. Best of Entrepreneurship (BOE Asia) – Karachi, Pakistan (September 2025)
11. Makkah Entrepreneurship Forum – Saudi Arabia (November 2025)
12. Best of Entrepreneurship (BOE Africa) – Cairo, Egypt (December 2025)

Planned Engagements (2026):

1. Participation in the 3rd Global Islamic Economy Summit – Türkiye (2026)
2. OIC Entrepreneurship Roundtable – Morocco (Q2 2026)
3. Arab-Africa Business Forum – Egypt (Q3 2026)
4. Ripple Summit – Indonesia (2026)
5. Annual BOE Asia Series – Pakistan (2026)
6. Annual BOE Africa Series – Egypt (2026)

ISLAMIC CHAMBER TRAINING ACADEMY (ICTA):

The Islamic Chamber Training Academy (ICTA) continued to expand tailored programs for the chambers and private sector. These initiatives focused on family business sustainability, Shariah-compliant financial operations, agribusiness innovation, and international cooperation.

Completed Trainings (2025):

1. *Lifetime Journey Across Generations* – Amman, Jordan (July 2025): Focused on family business sustainability and succession planning.
2. *Transformation Journey from Conventional to Islamic Banking* – Cairo, Egypt (July 2025): Provided in-depth understanding of transitioning financial institutions to Shariah-compliant models.
3. *Agri-Tech: The Way to Achieve Sustainable Agriculture* – Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina (May 2025): Explored innovation and efficiency in agriculture through technology-driven solutions.
4. *International Relations in Business Sectors* – Cairo, Egypt (September 2025): Trained chambers on strategies for cross-border cooperation and partnerships.

Planned Trainings (Q4 2025 & 2026):

1. *Halal Awareness Series* – 14 sessions across 9 cities in Pakistan (Q4 2025): Aimed at enhancing public and industry awareness on Halal standards and compliance.
2. *Sustainable Chamber Model* – Thailand Muslim Trade Association (TMTA), Thailand (September 2025).
3. *Strategic Communication & Digital Marketing* – Minara Chamber of Commerce, South Africa (2026).
4. *Developing Chambers & Maximizing Services* – OIC Member States (2026).
5. *Organizational Culture & Digital Transformation* – Regional roll-out across selected chambers (2026).

ICCIA Holding Company – Project Updates

The ICCIA Holding Company has continued to implement its strategic projects aimed at strengthening private sector development, promoting Islamic finance, and enhancing regional trade and investment within OIC countries.

1. Creation of Microfinance Institutions in the Sahel Region

The full scope of the feasibility study has been successfully completed, covering all five phases. In February 2025, a follow-up meeting and workshop was convened in Chad, jointly organized with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD), and the Chambers of Commerce of Chad, Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali. The workshop served as a platform to present the study outcomes and chart the next phase of implementation. It was agreed that a quarterly follow-up press release would be issued in coordination with the OIC and the participating Sahel countries to monitor progress and ensure transparency.

2. Creation of the E-Commerce Platform

The ICCIA e-commerce platform has been completed and is now ready for use. Designed with advanced technology and user-centric architecture, the platform provides businesses and vendors across OIC markets with the tools to thrive in today's digital economy. It offers a seamless and versatile online shopping experience, while creating tangible value for users, vendors, and investors alike. The platform is positioned not only as a trading hub but also as a strategic driver of growth, innovation, and customer satisfaction.

3. Business Support Unit

The ICCIA Holding Company has further strengthened its Business Support Unit to facilitate market entry, investment, financing, and advisory services for enterprises across the OIC region.

- **Business Networking and Partnerships:** ICCIA Holding has played a key role in fostering long-term partnerships by connecting enterprises with strategic partners in 57 OIC countries. Notably, ICCIA

facilitated the entry of IORTA TECHNXT, a Malaysian ERP solutions provider, into the Gulf region by linking the company with leading Takaful and insurance institutions, thereby supporting its market expansion.

- **Promotion of Investment Opportunities:** Several high-potential projects have been advanced, including:
 - *Ummah Fund* – a Shariah-compliant digital savings and investment application.
 - *Arabiati Platform* – an innovative platform for teaching Arabic to non-native speakers.
 - *Company B (Thailand)* – a halal food and restaurant chain, supported with strategic expansion plans to increase market penetration.
- **Shariah-Compliant Financing Solutions:** ICCIA Holding has successfully facilitated access to Islamic finance for businesses. A key example is the arrangement of USD 1.6 million in financing from Al Baraka Bank – Egypt for ACME, supporting Egypt’s smart transport transformation via a digital ticketing system. This USD 10 million phased project, covering Alexandria and Cairo, is directly aligned with Egypt’s Vision 2030 by promoting financial inclusion, digital transformation, and smart infrastructure.
- **Specialized Business Consulting Services:** ICCIA Holding continues to deliver expert advisory services in market research, feasibility studies, and financial analysis. Major achievements include:
 - Completion of a comprehensive feasibility study for the *Arabiati* educational platform, ensuring its operational and financial sustainability.
 - Market study and financial analysis for *Company B (Thailand)*, providing actionable insights to expand into non-traditional sales channels and maximize profitability.
- **Enhancing Regional Trade and Publications:** ICCIA Holding has expanded its knowledge and publication services, providing businesses with access to detailed trade reports and market intelligence covering all 57 OIC countries, thus empowering enterprises with the information required to expand regionally.

4. Other Projects

Updates regarding the *Business Management Center (BMC)* and the *Islamic Chamber Halal Services (ICHS)* will be provided in the subsequent report.