

## Report on the Activities of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce & Development (ICCD) 41<sup>st</sup> 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 trade, collaboration between public and private stakeholders and global market share from the OIC member states.

### ICCD Statutory Meetings

**ICCD 40<sup>th</sup> General Assembly:** Held in **Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye**, on **October 16–17, 2024**, with the participation of **member chambers' presidents and representatives from 25 countries**.

### The 38th Board of Directors' Meeting of ICCD

The 38th Board of Directors Meeting of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development took place in Al Madinah Chamber of Commerce, Saudi Arabia, on 13th March 2025, fostering fruitful discussions on economic growth and private sector development.

### ICCD Mega Forums delivered (2)

- 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.
- Invest in Digital Economy Forum (IDEF):** The second edition is scheduled for **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 (Hosted, Participated & Partnered) 2025: 16

### 1. Regional Series - Best Of Entrepreneurship (BOE):

- **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.
- **BOE, Asia:** 2nd BOE Asia Event scheduled for **24 September 2025** in Karachi, Pakistan on the theme "*Techpreneurship: Strategy, Leadership & Innovation*." The forum emphasizes 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. **Family Business Reception:** (Lahore, Pakistan June 18, 2025)
4. **Halal Reception:** Lahore, Pakistan (Lahore Pakistan, June 17, 2025)
5. **Al Baraka Regional Conference (Pakistan, Jan 2025):** highlighted ICCD's role in investment facilitation and private sector development across the OIC region.
6. **Future Growth Forum (Kenya, Feb 2025):** showcased ICCD's efforts to strengthen OIC-Africa investment linkages and cross-border business cooperation.
7. **Makkah Halal Forum (2nd Edition, KSA, 25–27 Feb 2025):** Strategic Partner under MANAFEA 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.
8. **Sarajevo Business Forum (May 2025) & 3rd European Halal Congress & Sarajevo Halal Expo (16–20 June 2025, Bosnia & Herzegovina)**
9. **E-Business International Summit (Senegal, June 2025):** promoted digital entrepreneurship, e-commerce, and cross-border digital trade solutions.
10. **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.

11. **Kazan Global Youth Summit (Aug 2025) & BigTech Africa (Tunisia, Sept 2025):** focused on technology innovation, youth leadership, and entrepreneurship development.
12. **Halal Fashion Conference: 25 Sept 2025**, ICCD Headquarters, Karachi; highlighted Halal industry diversification into lifestyle and fashion sectors.
13. **GTR Egypt 2025 (Oct 2025):** Institutional Partner
14. **Makkah Entrepreneurship Forum (Nov 2025)**
15. **4th Albaraka Summit, London (18-19 November 2025)**
16. **London Halal Forum – (20-21st November 2025)**

#### MOUs & Strategic Partnerships: 4

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

#### ICCD Projects & Digital Platforms Update

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 (Digital):** Phase 1; launch Nov 2025; supports dignified remote work for Palestinians, integrating freelancer/client dashboards, secure payments, and scalable digital infrastructure.
3. **Top OIC Investment Events Platform (Digital):** Consolidates high-value investment opportunities for global investors.

4. **Official Governmental Reports Platform (Digital):** Centralized access to economic policies and data from 57 OIC countries.

#### **ICCD Publications:**

1. Key Trade Agreements in OIC Countries (to be launched in Sept 2025)
2. Top OIC Countries in International Reports & Indexes 2025
3. Digital Transformation in Family Businesses
4. Family Businesses in Numbers: Global Reports & Indicators

#### **ICCD Subsidiary Entities Updates**

##### **Saleh Kamel Sustainable Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development (SKSEED):**

- Completed 5-Year Strategic Plan (2026–2030), research on potential Founding Board of Trustees, OIC Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Analysis.
- International visibility: Future Fest (Pakistan), Makkah Halal Forum (KSA), Arab Sustainability Expo (Egypt), Core Angels Investment Meeting (Egypt), 2nd Global Islamic Economy Summit (Turkey), EU–South MED Matchmaking Event (Egypt), Kazan Global Youth Summit (Russia), Ripple Meetups (Tunisia, Indonesia), Ripple Summit (Cairo), BOE Asia (Karachi), Makkah Entrepreneurship Forum, BOE Africa (Cairo).

##### **ISLAMIC CHAMBER TRAINING ACADEMY (ICTA):**

###### **4 Trainings conducted**

1. **Lifetime Journey Across Generations (Amman, July 2025):** Family business sustainability.
2. **Transformation Journey from Conventional to Islamic Banking (Cairo, July 2025):** Shariah-compliant operations.
3. **Agri-Tech: The Way to Achieve Sustainable Agriculture (Sarajevo, May 2025):** Agribusiness innovation and efficiency.
4. **International Relations in Business Sectors (Cairo, Sept 2025):** Strategies for cross-border cooperation and partnerships.
5. **Halal Awareness Series:** 14 sessions across 9 cities in Pakistan scheduled for Q4 2025; enhanced public and industry awareness on Halal standards and compliance.

## ICCIA Holding Company Project Updates:

The ICCIA Holding Company advanced several strategic initiatives in 2025:

- **Creation of Microfinance Institutions in the Sahel Region:** Feasibility study delivered (completed five phases). Follow-up workshop held in Chad (Feb 2025) with OIC, ICCD, and Chambers of Chad, Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali. Agreed on quarterly press releases.
- **Creation of E-Commerce Platform:** ICCIA e-commerce platform launched; built with cutting-edge technology, offering smooth shopping experience and creating value for users, vendors, investors and businesses across OIC markets.
- **Business Support Unit:**
  - **Business Networking and Partnerships:** Supported IORTA TECHNXT in accessing Takaful and insurance networks in the Gulf.
  - **Promotion of Investment Opportunities:** Projects include **Ummah Fund, Arabiati Platform, and Company B (Thailand halal food chain).**
  - **Shariah-Compliant Financing Solutions:** Facilitated **\$1.6 million financing** from Al Baraka Bank – Egypt for ACME; part of **\$10 million smart transport project** aligned with Egypt's Vision 2030.
  - **Specialized Business Consulting Services:** Feasibility study for Arabiati; market and financial analysis for Company B.
  - **Enhancing Regional Trade & Publications:** Trade reports and publications across 57 OIC countries.