Welcome Message from the Secretary-General

It is not too late to wish everyone a Happy New Year 2015. Here, at the IFSB Secretariat, we concluded 2014 with the 25th Meeting of the IFSB Council and 10th Islamic Financial Stability Forum on 11 December, and are currently in the midst of preparing for the upcoming IFSB Annual Meetings and Side Events 2015 which will be held from 31 March – 2 April 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia, hosted by Bank Indonesia. I would like to take this opportunity to thank His Excellency Yusof Abd Rahman, Managing Director, Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam for helming the Chairmanship of the IFSB for the year 2014. We deeply appreciate Your Excellency’s and AMBD’s support and guidance towards the IFSB work and activities. I would also like to welcome the Chairman for 2015, His Excellency Agus D.W. Martowardojo, Governor of Bank Indonesia (see page 3), and look forward to working with our colleagues at Bank Indonesia, as well as our Full Member, Indonesian Financial Services Agency, in the coming year.

A recap of the last few months of 2014: The year saw the IFSB collaboration with the Financial Stability Institute (FSI) in organising the IFSB-FSI Seminar on Liquidity Risk in Islamic and Conventional Banks, hosted by Qatar Central Bank on 28 and 29 October 2014. The IFSB continued its work on standards development by issuing Exposure Drafts on Core Principles for Islamic Finance Regulation (ED-17), and Guidance Note for Liquidity Risk Management (GN-6). We introduced two new activities. First, the Meet the Members & Industry Engagement Session in Dubai, U.A.E. on 28 September 2014, which is a platform for interaction and information sharing on the work and activities of the IFSB, with both member and non-member organisations of key jurisdictions within the IFSB membership. Secondly, we introduced the IFSB-BIBF Islamic Finance Executive Programme in October 2015, a joint cooperation with our strategic partner, the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance.

What’s in the line-up for 2015: The IFSB will be organising the Facilitating Implementation of the IFSB Standards (FIS) Workshops in Khartoum, Sudan and Cairo, Egypt scheduled to be held in February and March 2015 respectively. We are looking forward to welcoming our members to Almaty, Kazakhstan for the upcoming 12th IFSB Summit from 19 - 21 May 2015, hosted by the National Bank of Kazakhstan. We are also in the final stages of launching an Arabic version of the IFSB website (www.ifsb.org), in our aim to reach out more effectively to our Arabic members and the industry stakeholders.

Do visit the IFSB website to see the details of all these activities, and mark them in your 2015 Calendar. I look forward to more engagement with our members in the coming year.

Jaseem Ahmed
IFSB-BIBF Islamic Finance Executive Programme (IFEP)

The IFSB and the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) jointly organised the debut of the IFSB-BIBF Islamic Finance Executive Programme (IFEP) series, themed, “Building Robust Risk Management Infrastructure: Growth Driver for Islamic Finance,” on 15 – 16 October 2014 in Manama, Bahrain.

This inaugural IFEP saw senior industry practitioners, regulators and academics share their thoughts on the management of a wide array of risks inherent in Islamic banking institutions. During the two-day Executive Programme, participants received a high level view on risk governance and Enterprise Risk Management as well as discussed the latest developments in the management of the unique aspects of risks faced by Islamic banks, such as Shari‘ah non-compliance, credit and liquidity risks.

Eight speakers were invited from various backgrounds and expertise within the banking sector to discuss the following issues:

- Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Framework for Islamic Banks
- Credit Risk Management in Islamic Banking and Risk Mitigation Approaches
- Global Developments in Liquidity Management
- Risk Sharing: Enhancing Potentials and Confronting Issues
- Managing Shari‘ah Non-Compliance Risk
- Regulating Minimum Capital Requirements from Bail-out to Bail-in

This Executive Programme saw the attendance of 31 participants, consisting of senior and top management personnel ranging from chief officers to head of departments to directors. The IFSB and BIBF plan to organise the second Executive Programme in the second half of 2015.

Facilitating the Implementation of the IFSB Standards (FIS) Workshops

Four “Facilitating the Implementation of the IFSB Standards (FIS)” Workshops were conducted in the second half of 2014. The first Workshop was tailored for the banking regulatory and supervisory authorities and focused on the Revised Capital Adequacy Standard for Institutions offering Islamic Financial Services (IFSB-15) on 16 – 22 August 2014 at Sasana Kijang, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Other than IFSB-15, the Workshop also discussed the Guidance Note in Connection with the IFSB Capital Adequacy Standard: The Determination of Alpha in the Capital Adequacy Ratio (GN-4). It was attended by 32 participants from among the IFSB member regulatory and supervisory authorities (RSAs).

Two further FIS Workshops for RSAs on Islamic Capital Market and Takaful were also held concurrently on 3 – 5 November 2014. These Workshops served as a Train-The-Trainer programme on the IFSB Standards for the staff of the RSAs and were aimed at:

- enhancing the participants’ understanding of the respective Standards and Guiding Principles thereby facilitating further training and implementation of these standards in their respective jurisdictions;
- assisting the participants in the practical application of issues addressed in the particular standards through case studies, group exercises and other interactive tools; and
- promoting the sharing of experiences among regulators and supervisors on the implementation of respective IFSB Standards and Guiding Principles.

The Workshop on Islamic Capital Market focused on deepening the discussions on various regulatory issues and challenges facing the capital market regulators and included practical examples and case studies on the supervision of Sukuk and Islamic Collective Investment Schemes (ICIS).

The Workshop on Takaful, for its part, aimed to help the RSAs implementing the IFSB Guiding Principles on Governance for Takaful Undertakings by reinforcing international best practices while addressing the specificities of governance for Takaful undertakings. Nine participants attended the Workshop.

The final FIS Workshop in 2014 was held in Dakar, Senegal on 17-19 November, hosted by the Banque Centrale Des Etats de L’Afrique de L’Ouest (BCEO) and supported by the Islamic Development Bank (IDB). The 31 participants who attended the Workshop consisted of representatives from Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Togo, BCEAO Headquarters and the IDB Dakar Office.

The Workshop was tailored for the RSAs for the banking sector and covered the following IFSB Standards:

- IFSB-1: Guiding Principles of Risk Management for IFS
- IFSB-10: Guiding Principles on Shari‘ah Governance Systems for IFS
- IFSB-16: Revised Guidance on Key Elements in the Supervisory Review Process of IFS

The IFSB was very pleased to have received positive feedback from the participants and look forward to more interaction and participation in the IFSB activities with BCEAO, and other members in Africa.
Bank Indonesia to Assume 2015 IFSB Chairmanship

The IFSB is pleased to announce that H.E. Agus D.W. Martowardojo, Governor, Bank Indonesia has been appointed as Chairman of the IFSB Council for the year 2015. The appointment takes effect on 1 January to 31 December 2015. Bank Indonesia (BI) will take over from Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam (AMBD), under the governance of H.E. Yusof Abd Rahman, Managing Director, Autoriti Monetari Brunei Darussalam.

In light of this, the IFSB Annual Meetings 2015 will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 31 March to 2 April 2015.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Malaysia Deposit Insurance Corporation Participate in the 10th Islamic Financial Stability Forum

The 10th Islamic Financial Stability Forum was held on 11 December 2014. The theme of the Forum was Preserving the Soundness and Stability of the Islamic Financial Services Industry: The Development of a Financial Safety Net Infrastructure. The opening remarks were delivered by the Council Chairperson H.E. Yusof Abd Rahman, Managing Director, AMBD. The speakers were Mr. Jaseem Ahmed, Secretary-General, and Mr. Zahid ur Rahman Khojha, Assistant Secretary-General of the IFSB, who presented on “The Development of A Financial Safety Net Infrastructure for the Islamic Financial Services Industry.” The discussants were Mr. Greg Cavanaugh, Counsel and Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York and Mr. Raffiz A. Abdullah, Executive General Manager Malaysia Deposit Insurance Corporation.

13th General Assembly of the IFSB

Article 15 of the Articles of the Agreement (amended March 2012) states: The General Assembly shall meet annually at such time and place as the Secretariat (after consultation with the Chairman of the Council) shall determine by not less than 3 months’ notice provided that no such notice shall be required in respect of the first meeting of the General Assembly which shall take place promptly after this Agreement have come into effect in accordance with Article 63.

The Council has resolved to convene the 13th General Assembly on 2 April 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia. Therefore, the IFSB Annual Meetings will be hosted by Bank Indonesia on 31 March – 2 April 2015. The Meetings will consist of the 26th Meeting of the IFSB Council, 13th General Assembly, 11th Islamic Financial Stability Forum, as well as an IFSB Seminar on Enhancing Financial Inclusion through Islamic Finance, Public Lecture on Financial Policy and Stability and a Meet the Members and Industry Engagement Session.

The IFSB Admits Five Organisations Into Its Membership

The Council of the IFSB resolved to approve the applications of five financial institutions as Observer Members of the IFSB. The newly admitted Observer Members are:
1. Bank Muamalat Indonesia, Indonesia
2. Melat Investment Bank, The Islamic Republic of Iran
3. Qatar First Bank, Qatar
4. Turkey Finans Kastım Bankası, Turkey
5. Al Masraf – Arab Bank for Investment & Foreign Trade, United Arab Emirates

This brings the IFSB membership (as at December 2014), to 184 members comprising of 59 regulatory and supervisory authorities, eight international inter-governmental organisations, 112 financial institutions and professional firms as well as five self-regulatory organisations (Industry Associations and Stock Exchanges) operating in 44 jurisdictions.

The full list of the IFSB members is available on the IFSB website www.ifsb.org.

13th Islamic Financial Stability Forum, Kuala Lumpur
34th Technical Committee Meeting

The 34th Technical Committee (TC) Meeting was held on 20 October 2014 in Amman, Jordan hosted by Central Bank of Jordan. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Ahmed Abulkarim Alkholifey, TC Chairman. Deputy Chairman of the TC, Mr. Mu’jib Turki Al Turki also participated. Key deliberations focused on the following:

Standard on Core Principles for Islamic Finance Regulation (ED-17)

The 5th Core Principles for Islamic Finance Regulation (CPIFR) Working Group Meeting was held on 29 May 2014 in Kuala Lumpur. The Working Group (WG) members discussed and finalised the revised Preliminary Exposure Draft (PED) before it was presented to the TC and subsequently to the Sharī`ah Board of the Islamic Development Bank for Sharī`ah deliberation in June 2014 and September 2014, respectively.

The main objective of the Core Principles for Islamic Finance Regulation (CPIFR) is to provide a set of Core Principles – along with associated assessment methodology – for the regulation and supervision of the Islamic financial services industry (IFS), taking into consideration the specificities of the institutions offering Islamic financial services (IFS) in the banking segment, the lessons learned from the financial crisis, and complementing the existing international standards, principally the Core Principles for Effective Banking Supervision issued by Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.

The IFSB submitted the document after Sharī`ah Board review for deliberation of the WG in its meeting on 30 September 2014 in Dubai, U.A.E. The revised PED was then submitted to the 34th TC meeting for issuance as an Exposure Draft (ED-17) in October 2014. The TC approved the issuance of the ED for public consultation at the 34th TC meeting, held on 20 October 2014. The public consultation period started on 31 October 2014 and ended on 9 January 2015.

Guidance Note on Quantitative Measures for Liquidity Risk Management (GN-6)

The PED of the Guidance Note on Quantitative Measures for Liquidity Risk Management in Institutions offering only IIFS was presented and discussed in the Sharī`ah Board Meeting on 15 September 2014 in Kuala Lumpur. The meeting on 1 October 2014 in Dubai, U.A.E. discussed the revised PED after deliberation by the Sharī`ah Board and to recommend to the TC for its issuance as an ED.

GN-6 aims to complement global liquidity standards such as Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) and Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) and other developments on liquidity risk management for the IFSI. It will help the regulatory and supervisory authorities to provide a level-playing field to the IIFS in the application of liquidity standards vis-a-vis their conventional counterparts, and thus will promote the sound management of liquidity risk in IIFS. The TC approved the issuance as an ED for public consultation from 31 October 2014 to 9 January 2015, at the 34th TC meeting held on 20 October 2014.

Working Paper on the Evaluation of Core Principles Relevant to Islamic Finance Regulation (WP-02)

The WG research paper is based on the Initial Study Report on Core Principles for Islamic Finance Regulation, which was deliberated by the WG on 16 September 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. The draft Working Paper (WP) was deliberated by the WG in its meeting held in UAE on 30 September 2014 with incorporation of feedback from the IMF and other international standards-setting bodies such as the BCBS and IAIS. The Paper was submitted and approved by the TC in its 34th meeting held on 20 October 2014 and was issued as a Working Paper on 10 November 2014. The WP is available online at www.ifsb.org (For details, refer to page 7)

Guiding Principles for Retakāful (Islamic Reinsurance) Undertakings

The IFSB has established the Guiding Principles for Retakāful Undertakings Working Group (GPRTUWG) for the preparation of a draft of a standard on Retakāful Undertakings. In order to support this project, and in accordance with the due process for standards, the IFSB conducted a survey on the existing practices of Retakāful undertakings, the practices of Takāful undertakings in relation to Retakāful, and the practices of supervisory authorities. The objective of the survey is to collect background information on the Retakāful sector that will be used by the GPRTUWG in drafting the proposed GPRTU Standard. The survey seeks to achieve the following:

a. provide information to the GPRTUWG on current approaches to the practice of Retakāful in selected IFSB member countries; and
b. explore the challenges and limitations that are specific to Takāful/Retakāful undertakings in arranging for Retakāful contracts.

The survey ended on 5 August 2014 and the Secretariat received feedback from 67 institutions comprising 14 Retakāful Operators (RTOs), 38 Takāful Operators (T0s) and 15 Regulatory and Supervisory Authorities (R0As).

The PED is being prepared to be tabled at the TC Meeting which will be held in March 2015.

Sharī`ah-compliant Deposit Insurance Coverage as a Safety Net

Following a focused discussion at the 4th Islamic Financial Stability Forum held on 17 November 2011 in Kuala Lumpur, the Council of the IFSB on 29 March 2012 approved, as part of the IFSB Strategic Performance Plan 2012–2015, the Secretariat to conduct studies on both a Sharī`ah-compliant lender of last resort (SLOLR) and a Sharī`ah-compliant deposit insurance scheme (SCDIS). The study on SLOLR has been undertaken and the Working Paper (WP-01) was published by the IFSB in April 2014. The WP is available on the IFSB website.

The survey findings and the first draft of the paper on SCDIS was submitted in the 34th TC meeting held on 20 October 2014. The draft is now being finalised and will be submitted to the TC in the next meeting scheduled in March 2015.

Consumer Protection in Islamic Finance

The Council of the IFSB, in its 21st meeting held on 12 December 2012 in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, approved the IFSB Secretariat to conduct a study on Consumer Protection in IIFS.

As a part of this study, the Secretariat has conducted a survey of member regulatory and supervisory authorities to collect information on legal and regulatory frameworks and best practices on consumer protection in Islamic financial services industry. The project commenced in the second quarter of 2014. A Survey Questionnaire was prepared and distributed to member supervisory authorities in banking, Takāful and Islamic capital market sectors in June 2014.

The survey findings and the first draft of the paper was submitted in the 34th TC meeting held on 20 October 2014. The final draft is currently prepared, and is planned to be submitted to the TC in the next meeting scheduled in March 2015.
Prudential and Structural Indicators for Islamic Financial Institutions (PSIFIs)

The IFSB has embarked on Phase III of the PSIFIs project. The earlier phases of the project have focused on the development of indicators and preparation of a detailed Compilation Guide for the PSIFIs. The new phase of this project aims to collect, compile and disseminate the data on a selected set of macro-level indicators for the Islamic banking industry. To start this phase of the project, the IFSB prepared a Medium-Term Plan (MTP) for the period of 2014-2016. In line with MTP, the IFSB has invited the participation of regulatory and supervisory authorities (RSAs), which include existing and new PSFI participants, who are seen as priority countries in terms of significant share of Islamic finance. A total of 16 jurisdictions have already confirmed their participation in the project.

For this project, a revised set of indicators was agreed taking into account the existing set of PSIFIs, Basel III related adjustments, modification in the IMF’s Financial Soundness Indicators (FSIs), and analytical needs of the Islamic financial services industry (IFS). A Supplement to the 2011 PSFI Compilation Guide was prepared describing changes to the indicators, their formulas, and statistical methodologies. Excel forms have been constructed for reporting PSIFIs and their underlying data and metadata.

Public Hearings on Core Principles for Islamic Finance Regulation (Banking Segment) (ED-17) and Guidance Note on Quantitative Measures for Liquidity Risk Management in Institutions Offering Islamic Financial Services (GN-6)

These Public Hearings on ED-17 and GN-6 were held within the Public Consultation period of the documents and were part of the IFSB due process for the development of standards and guiding principles as outlined in the IFSB Guidelines and Procedures for the Preparation of Standards/Guidelines. The first Public Hearing was held on 30 November 2014 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain and the second was held on 16 December 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where the participating countries have agreed to compile data for the year end 2013 and submit them to the IFSB for review and on-line posting.

A second meeting of the Task Force was held in Denpasar, Indonesia as a follow up to the first meeting to review the preliminary data submitted by member countries. This meeting was hosted by Bank Indonesia. The second meeting agreed that separate data will be collected for stand-alone Islamic banks and Islamic windows of conventional banks for both prudential and structural indicators. Apart from this, some updates were made in the list of indicators and their sequence to make them better organised in order to enhance their logical flow and comprehension.

Following the completion of end-2013 data gathering, the Task Force members agreed that the participating countries will focus on setting up compilation systems for the submission of data, preferably on a quarterly basis. The IFSB will then start the data collection exercise for the first three quarters of 2014, and plan for the dissemination of data on the IFSB website on a periodic basis.

Guiding Principles for Disclosure of Islamic Capital Market Products (New Standard)

The Council of the IFSB approved this project in its 21st meeting, held on 12 December 2012 in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In 2013, the IFSB collaborated with the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) on a joint publication, a compilation of papers and commentaries presented at the IFSB-IOSCO-SC Roundtable on Disclosure Requirements for Islamic Capital Market (ICM) Products, held in Kuala Lumpur in September 2012. This publication titled, “Disclosure Requirements for Islamic Capital Market Products” was released at the IOSCO AGM in Luxembourg in September 2013 (and is available on the IFSB website). Subsequently, the Secretariat started work on the preparation of an Issues Paper that provides an overview on set of issues to be addressed in the new Guiding Principles. This Issues Paper was deliberated by the Technical Committee in its 34th Meeting held in Amman, Jordan on 20 October 2014. The TC agreed to the framework presented in the Issues Paper and approved the Secretariat to commence the project in early 2015.

In March 2012, the IFSB Council approved for adoption the IFSB-13, Guiding Principles on Stress Testing for IIFS. The guiding principles are intended to complement the existing international stress testing May 2010 framework taking into consideration the specificities of IIFS as well as the lessons learned from the financial crisis so as to contribute to the soundness and stability of IIFS, in particular, as well as the IRS as a whole. During the development and the public consultation of the IFSB-13, the need for developing a detailed guidance for the operationalisation of IFSB-13 was highlighted. In view of the challenges, it was proposed to address technical details through a separate Technical Note to be issued by the IFSB in due course taking into account feedback from public consultation period and public hearing and/or seminars.

The proposed Technical Note was incorporated within the work plan outlined in the IFSB Strategic Performance Plan 2012-2015. The TC deliberated on the issues and proposed scope of the work for the Technical Note on Stress Testing for IIFS, and recommended the proposed Technical Note to be submitted to the Council for approval on its 31st meeting held on 24 October 2013 in Kuala Lumpur. In the light of the above considerations, the Council approved the preparation of a Technical Note on Stress Testing for IIFS and the setting up of an Expert Group for this purpose in its 23rd meeting on 10 December 2013.

The Task Force in charge of drafting the Technical Note, together with the Secretariat, has been established and its first meeting was held on 16 December 2014.

New Projects
The IFSB participates in the IMF Interdepartmental Working Group on Islamic Finance (IDWGIT)

The IFSB participated in the IMF-WB Annual Meetings 2014 which was held in October 2014 and was invited to be part of the External Advisory Group (EAG) for The Interdepartmental Working Group on Islamic Finance (IDWGIF) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The EAG was established by the IMF to help identify policy challenges facing the Islamic finance industry and facilitate coordination with those international institutions involved in establishing standards for the industry. The IFSB, represented by its Secretary-General, attended its first meeting on 9 October 2014 in Washington, D.C. to discuss issues related to Islamic banking and the development of Sukuk markets. Other meetings also included discussions with the IMF on collaboration with IMF Institute for Capacity Development (ICDI) on capacity building of IMF staff and with Statistics Department on the IFSB’s PSIFIs project. The IMF issued a press release on its consultations which can be accessed at http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2014/pr14468.htm.

The IFSB IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA

In meetings with the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), the IFSB agreed to support the launch of its Global Knowledge Gateway, in December 2014, which include information on the IFSB and Islamic finance in general and an inaugural article by the Secretary-General, titled, Islamic Finance: A Trend Too Significant to Ignore which was published on 8 December 2014. The paper can be accessed at http://www.ifac.org/global-knowledge-gateway/viewpoints/islamic-finance-trend-too-significant-ignore#.

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Collaboration with International Standard-Setting Bodies and Mutilaters

As a part of global policy dialogue, the IFSB has been engaging with other international standard-setting bodies for conventional finance such as the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS), the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS).

These interactions have resulted in better understanding and recognition of the issues faced by the Islamic financial services industry at the global level.

The IFSB participates formally in the Consultative Group of the BCBS as well as in the Consultative Advisory Groups of International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) and International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA).

The IFSB IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA

The Secretary-General of the IFSB, Mr. Jaseem Ahmed with the Secretary-General Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIF), Dr. Hamed Hassan Merah at the Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank Fifth Fiqh Symposium -The Islamic Financial Industry: Realities, Aspirations & Innovation which was held on 25 September 2014.
Participants attending the Seminar... The theme of this 2015 Summit is “Core Principles for Islamic Finance: Integrating with the Global Regulatory Framework”. The proposed Core Principles for Islamic Finance Regulation represent an advanced approach to the assessment of supervisory and stability regimes, one that is benchmarked against the new global regulatory architecture. The need for Core Principles arises in the context of the sustained growth of Islamic finance, and its increasing integration into the global economic system. These developments present a set of opportunities and challenges to its further prospects requiring a consistent, cross-national framework for its stability and resilience. While there are significant benefits to Islamic finance from the process of growth and international integration that is underway, there are corresponding challenges in building up the regulatory, supervisory and surveillance capabilities in order to contain vulnerability to cross border volatility, and contagion.

Among the topics to be discussed in the 12th Summit are:
- Global Overview of the Islamic Financial Services Industry (IFSI): Trends and Policy Developments
- New Regulatory Developments and the Impact on the IFSI
- Role of the Core Principles for Islamic Finance in Enhancing Regulatory Consistency and Resilience of the Industry
- Enabling Framework for the Assessment of Regulatory and Supervisory Regimes
- Panel Discussion on “The New Silk Road: The Importance of Regulatory Cooperation for Cross-Border Integration”

Register your participation at www.ifsb.org. Enquiries on participation and sponsorship opportunities can be forwarded to ifsb_sec@ifsb.org.
Meet the Members and Industry Engagement Session in Dubai

The debut of the Meet the Members and Industry Engagement (MTM&IE) Session, organised by the IFSB and hosted by the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates was held on 28 September 2014 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

This session provided an interactive platform for communication between the key players of the Islamic financial services industry (IFSI) among the IFSB member and non-members organisations, and the IFSB Secretariat.

The Session was attended by 54 guests from 39 member and non-member organisations. Mr. Khalid Al Kharji, Chief Manager Banking Supervision Department, Central Bank of United Arab Emirates in his welcoming remark, highlighted the importance of the session as an opportunity for the IFSB members and other market players to interact and exchange views with the management of the IFSB on its work programme, its interaction with the regional and global stakeholders and other pertinent issues facing the Islamic financial services industry.

Mr. Jaseem Ahmed, in his opening remarks, spoke on the contributions that the IFSB is making to facilitate and promote the soundness and stability of the Islamic financial services industry in carrying out its mandate as a global standard setting organisation. The session then saw a presentation by Mr. Zahid Ur Rehman Khokher, who shared the findings of the 2014 IFSB Standard Implementation and Membership Satisfaction Surveys. The presentation was followed by an interactive session between the guests and the IFSB management.

Participants attending the MTM & IE session.

Mr. Khalid Al Kharji delivering the welcoming remarks.
تنبذة عن المجلة
تعد مسلسل الخدمات المالية الإسلامية هيئة دولية واعدة للملايين، التي تهدف إلى تطوير وتعزيز قواعد واستقرار سوق الخدمات المالية الإسلامية، وإعداد معايير متخصصة لهذه الصناعة التي تضع بصفة عامة قواعد الصناعة، والضمانة للمواطنين والمؤسسات المالية الإسلامية بالشريعة، وتحقيق المقاييس المتعلقة بمجال هذه الصناعة، فضلاً عن تقديم معلومات تفصيلية، وتوافر وتوفر الرعاية، للشرعية والتنظيم في هذا المجال.

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About the IFSB
The IFSB is an international standard-setting organisation that promotes and enhances the soundness and stability of the Islamic financial services industry by issuing global prudential standards and guiding principles for the industry, broadly defined to include banking, capital markets and insurance sectors. The IFSB also conducts research and coordinates initiatives on industry-related issues, as well as organises roundtables, seminars and conferences for regulators and industry stakeholders. Towards this end, the IFSB works closely with relevant international, regional and national organisations, research/educational institutions and market players.

As of January 2015, the IFSB has published twenty-four Standards, Guiding Principles, Guidance and Technical Notes and Working Papers as follows:

IFSB-1 Guiding Principles of Risk Management for Institutions (Other Than Insurance Institutions) Offering Only Islamic Financial Services (IIFS)
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IFSB-12 Guiding Principles on Liquidity Risk Management
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IFSB Launches the Arabic Website
The IFSB is pleased to announce the launching of the IFSB Website in Arabic. The Arabic website was initially proposed by members in 2011 Membership Satisfaction Survey, and the proposal was taken up by the Secretariat and approved by the IFSB Council as part of the IFSB Work plan. The translation of the English content and development of the Arabic website started in mid-2014, and the final Arabic website will be launched by end January 2015. The IFSB Arabic website aims to, among other objectives:

• Reach out to Arabic speaking members.
• Build greater understanding of the role of the IFSB, and ultimately lead to greater understanding and adoption of standards and guidelines.
• Enhance the IFSB public relations, communication and information channels for the Secretariat.
• Encourage greater participation among Arabic speaking members in the IFSB activities and events.

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The members of the IFSB comprise regulatory and supervisory authorities, international inter-governmental organisations and market players, professional firms and industry associations. For more information about the IFSB and to download the IFSB Standards, reports, research papers and other publications, please visit www.ifsb.org.
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