



THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ZAKAT, TAX, WAQF AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ZAWED 2024)

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“Harnessing Islamic Social Finance for Future Sustainability”

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Alhamdulillah, with the permission of Allah swt, the 3rd International Conference on Zakat, Tax, Waqf and Economic Development (ZAWED 2024) has been successfully held. The ZAWED 2024 conference in Melaka, this historic land has made another history because this is the 3rd time that the Kedah State Zakat Board (LZNK) has collaborated with the Institute of Zakat Research and Innovation (IPIZ), Universiti Utara Malaysia in highlighting issues of economic development of the ummah and the results of research to the community. On behalf of the ZAWED 2024 secretariat, I take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thousands of thanks for the contributions and support of all the ladies and gentlemen who have contributed directly or indirectly.

Themed “Harnessing Islamic Social Finance for Future Sustainability”, ZAWED 2024 focuses on finding methods and innovations on how to empower Islamic Social Finance to achieve the development of the ummah, especially communities that have been marginalized and excluded from financial inclusion.

As a result of the discussions and presentations over the past 2 days, ZAWED 2024 reached the following resolutions:

Resolution 1: Integrate the “heavenly” framework in the research framework

Zakat, Waqf, Sedaqah are the main instruments of Islamic Social Finance. Empowering these three instruments as outlined in the Quran will create a sustainable Islamic economy. Accordingly, new research to empower zakat, waqf and sedaqah needs to embed the “heavenly” framework in the research framework so that these researches remain fresh, relevant and can be applied across time. The “heavenly” framework will help develop an Islamic social financial ecosystem that is closer to the ummah and returns to the Islamic demands of sharing wealth and living a life of justice and mercy and blessing.

Resolution 2: Sustainable Economic Development Strategy through Waqf and Sedaqah

The economic development of the Ummah requires efficient flow of funds and large capital. Innovation injections in Waqf are urgently needed to release “Unlocked funds” or funds and assets that are still frozen that can be used cost-efficiently and effectively for the long-term development of the ummah. 4 Innovation Strategies are outlined to achieve this goal:

- 1) Scalable Innovation
- 2) Sustainable Innovation
- 3) Inclusive Innovation
- 4) Collaborative Innovation

Governance, legal and regulatory systems, and taxation systems in Waqf administration require careful research and study to determine the excellence of Waqf Institutions' performance as a pillar of the ummah's economy.

Resolution 3: Penta Helix Model for Zakat, Waqf and Sedaqah

Islamic Social and Financial Institutions are advised to implement the Penta Helix Model through a more dynamic "smart partnership" with various parties in the communication and information technology industry, Islamic financial institutions, educational institutions and also communities within and outside the country. This 'smart partnership' network with the power of technology and protected digital media should be used optimally in empowering zakat, waqf and sedaqah as high-impact instruments to increase income and strengthen the ummah's economy.

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