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# CALL FOR PAPERS

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## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

*“Thinking Innovative Solutions to Persistent Development Challenges”*

October/November 2018, Istanbul, TURKEY

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### The Symposium at a Glance

Many developing countries, including some OIC Member Countries, continue to face considerable developmental challenges, and some have fallen further behind over the last decades. The global level initiatives, regional solution mechanisms and national level efforts fell short in meeting the growing needs of developing countries to finance their development and enable them to graduate from the developing country status.

The global financial crisis in 2008 and its long-lasting impacts have just deteriorated the outlook of financing for development. Increasing number of donor countries started to allocate limited amounts of sources to finance development and decided to use these sources more carefully in targeted projects. As a result inequalities within many countries as well as across developing countries have increased. This necessitated development a new global agenda on development.

OIC Member Countries have specific challenges as well as unique solution mechanisms in financing development that could help them avoid solely relying on a classical donor-recipient relation. A growing number of OIC Member Countries are actively contributing to financing developmental efforts in other OIC as well as non-OIC countries.

To highlight some and more of these issues, the *International Symposium on Financing for Development* will be jointly organized by the Statistical, Economic & Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), a subsidiary organ of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), in cooperation with its partners. The Symposium will be held for two days in October/November 2018, in Istanbul, Turkey, under the theme “Thinking Innovative Solutions to Persistent Development Challenges in OIC Countries”. Exact dates will be announced later.

### Focus Areas

The Symposium will provide a platform for dialogue and discussions between policy-makers, policy-advisors, practitioners and academicians to address the problems related to financing for development in OIC countries. A special session will be allocated to academicians to share the outcomes and policy implications of their research during the Symposium.

In this context, theoretical and empirical research papers are invited for submission to the Symposium in the following and other related areas:

- Availability and effectiveness of current instruments for financing development
- International capital flows, including foreign direct investments, and their role on financing development
- Means and instruments for effectively mobilizing available domestic resources
- Specific challenges faced by OIC countries on financing for development
- Alternative mechanisms for financing sustainable and inclusive development

- Regulatory and legislative infrastructure for alternative financing mechanisms, including Islamic finance instruments
- Measures for improving development aid effectiveness and reducing aid dependency.
- Effective use of humanitarian aids and development assistance for building resilience;
- Issues related to indebtedness and debt sustainability in financing development
- Resources and alternative approaches for regional cooperation on financing for development
- Measures to mobilize and improve the effective allocation of available resources for financing national development projects

The authors of the high quality papers will be invited to present their research during the Symposium. The selection of the papers will be made by an academic committee comprising the members of editorial board of the Journal of Economic Cooperation and Development. Selected high quality papers will also be published in a special issue of the Journal.

### Important Dates

Submission of abstracts with author biographies	28 June 2018
Decision of academic committee	5 July 2018
Submission of preliminary drafts	16 August 2018
Decision of academic committee	31 August 2018
Submission of final drafts	27 September 2018
Submission of presentation material	4 October 2018

### Requirements and Submission Guidelines

Abstract submissions must comply with the following guidelines. All of the following must be included in a single Microsoft Word file.

- Full tentative title of the manuscript
- All authors' names
- All authors' current affiliations and positions
- Abstract is recommended to be between 100-200 words with a maximum of 300 words
- Keywords for the article
- Corresponding author clearly specified
- Corresponding author's email address and telephone number
- Maximum 100 word biography of the corresponding author with educational background and relevant work experience

Academicians and researchers with a PhD degree can send their manuscript. Manuscripts must be submitted only in English.

Only authors whose abstracts have been submitted before the deadline and accepted will be invited to submit first drafts of their research papers. The style requirements of the draft papers will be communicated through e-mail at a future date.

### Contacts

Kindly e-mail your submissions as described above to the following contacts by putting "ISFD2018 Paper Submission" in the subject line:

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