



ETHIOPIA INTEREST-FREE BANKING & DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FORUM

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08:30	Registration and coffee
09:15	Welcome remarks Joanne Fitzgerald , Regional Sales Head - East Africa, Finastra
09:30	<p>Interest-Free Banking Reality Check</p> <p>Islamic Banking or rather Interest-Free Banking has witnessed a tremendous growth rate globally and is widely accepted not only by the Muslim community but others as well. Africa is the new frontier for interest-free banking. Several markets across Africa are striving to become the continent's hub for Interest-Free Banking. Ethiopia has over 40% Muslim population. This session features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key lessons for Ethiopian banks to learn from globally established Islamic Banking markets? • What methods can be adopted to increase the deposit savings levels? • What changes are required in the regulatory framework to promote Interest-Free Banking and make it simpler for commercial banks to implement? <p>Samir Safa, Global Head of Islamic Banking Transformation, Finastra Marwan Abouzeid, Head of Solutions – Core Banking & Digital Channels, Finastra</p>
10:30	<p>FEATURED DISCUSSION: Transforming Banking to adapt Interest-Free Banking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing the Ethiopian Interest-Free Banking Segment – Opportunities & Challenges • How will Interest-Free Banking boost Access to Finance and Financial Inclusion? • The mechanics behind transforming your banking model to become Shari'ah compliant – Building the right brand • Designing an integrated core banking system that caters the fundamentals of Shari'ah Structuring and Principles <p>MODERATOR: Samir Safa, Global Head of Islamic Banking Transformation, Finastra</p> <p>GUESTS: Mesfin Bezu Yimam, Director, Interest Free Banking Department, Dashen Bank Ibrahim Dawd, Islamic Banking Specialist, Management Consultant</p>
11:00	Networking refreshment break
11:30	<p>Easing Life in Ethiopia with an Impactful Digital Transformation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banking in Ethiopia – an overview • Assessing your customers' needs, desires and wants • Digital financial services – enabling access to a range of quality financial services such as credit, savings, payments and remittances • Best practice and key learnings <p>Robel Alemayehu, Director, eBanking Services, Dashen Bank S.C.</p>
12:00	<p>FINASTRA EXCLUSIVE: Driving the Digital Trade Finance Revolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Digital Refresh – adopting new technologies with digital at the fore, human and core • Exploring new revenues via supply chain finance solutions • Digitalizing the documentary trade flow to simplify, automate and streamline transactions • Bringing an array of value added services and downstream benefits for customers • FusionBanking Trade Innovation – Bringing Greater Connectivity to systems, enable faster development of innovative new offerings while shifting to paperless transactions and achieving operational excellence <p>Mahmood Hadi, Solution Consultant - MEA, Finastra</p>
12:30	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION: Going Digital to Boost Ethiopia's Trade Finance Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the foreign capital attraction benefiting Ethiopia's trade finance industry? • What is the current transaction banking model in place for Ethiopian banks? • What opportunity does Blockchain / DLT bring to Ethiopian banks to ensure secured transactional banking services for customers and what are regulatory implications? • What measures should the Ethiopian Banking industry take forward to fulfill a digital trade finance roadmap to present Ethiopia as a regional commercial hub? <p>MODERATOR: Mahmood Hadi, Solution Consultant - MEA, Finastra</p> <p>PANELISTS: Melaku Kebede, Vice President - Systems & E-Banking, United Bank S.C. Mulugeta Beza, Director - International Banking Operations, Bank of Abyssinia S.C. Hiruy Zemichael, Head of System Development Division, Lion International Bank S.C.</p>
13:15	Closing remarks and end of Finastra Ethiopia Interest-Free Banking & Digital Transformation Forum
13:30	Networking lunch reception

