

# WEBINAR ON ISLAMIC FINANCE - GROWTH, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Global Landscape for Islamic Finance & Trends
- Islamic Banking & Finance in Pakistan
- Understanding the dynamics and basis of Islamic finance
- Overview of Islamic Finance solutions for Investment and Financing
- Challenges and Road ahead

## Chief Guest



**Dr. Syed Amir Ali**  
President & CEO  
Meezan Bank Limited

## Guest Speaker



**Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui**  
Group Head Consumer Finance  
Meezan Bank Limited

## Closing Remarks



**Mr. Bashir Ahmed**  
Chairman, SRC

## Opening Remarks



**Ms. Rizwana Abdul Karim**  
CPD Convener, SRC

 **Wednesday, March 04, 2026** |  **10:00 AM – 11:30 AM** |  **Via Zoom**

## Chief Guest



**Dr. Syed Amir Ali**  
President & CEO  
Meezan Bank Limited

Dr. Syed Amir Ali is an experienced Islamic banking professional holding qualifications in finance, accounting, business, and law. With over 20 years of experience in Finance, Treasury, Investment, and Corporate Banking, he has worked with domestic and international organizations including A.F Ferguson & Co, Shell, BankIslami Pakistan Limited, and Meezan Bank. He is a qualified Chartered Financial Analyst from The CFA Institute, USA, a Chartered Certified Accountant from The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, UK, and a Chartered Accountant (Gold Medallist) from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan. He is also an MBA (Gold Medallist) from Hamdard University, Karachi and LL.B. from University of Karachi. Mr. Ali first joined Meezan Bank in 2006, spearheading the corporate and investment group, before transitioning to BankIslami in 2018 as President & CEO. He rejoined as the Deputy CEO of Meezan Bank in 2023. Currently he serves as President & CEO of Meezan Bank.

Ahmed Ali Siddiqui serves as Group Head Consumer Finance at Meezan Bank. He holds Bachelor's & Master's degrees in Business Administration from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi with six gold medals. Mr. Siddiqui has over 23 years of Islamic banking experience and has been involved in pioneering Islamic finance initiatives in Pakistan, with expertise in Shariah-compliant product development, sovereign Sukuk structuring, banking solutions, policy, training, Shariah audit, research, and advisory.

Before assuming his current role, Mr. Siddiqui served as a Secretary to the Shariah Supervisory Board and as Group Head Shariah Compliance at Meezan Bank, where he led one of the world's largest Islamic banking research functions. He is also the Founding Director of the Institute of Business Administration Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance (IBA CEIF), a global hub for Islamic finance research, education, and training.

Mr. Siddiqui is part of the Joint Financial Advisors team to the Government of Pakistan for the issuance of local currency sovereign Sukuk and other Islamic financing transactions. He also led the consortium of Islamic banks in Pakistan for the Pakistan Energy Sukuk I & II issued by the Ministry of Energy, Government of Pakistan, and led the team for the issuance of Pakistan's first listed Sovereign Green Sukuk. Mr. Siddiqui has served on and is a member of State Bank-level task force on Islamic banking products, regulations, governance, accounting disclosures, and the adoption of Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) Shariah Standards. He was named in the Islamica 500 in 2017 and 2019, and is a Founding Trustee of Ihsan Trust, where he served as Managing Trustee until 2022.

## Guest Speaker



**Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui**  
Group Head Consumer Finance  
Meezan Bank Limited



## Closing Remarks



**Mr. Bashir Ahmed**  
Chairman, SRC

Bashir Ahmed is an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) with a distinguished professional background in public sector finance and financial governance. He has contributed to the accounting profession through his service on several ICAP committees, including the Professional Accountants in Business Committee, Education & Training Committee, and Fiscal Law Committees, where he supported policy development, regulatory strengthening, and professional capacity-building initiatives.

He commenced his professional career with one of the Big Four accounting firms in Pakistan, where he developed strong foundations in auditing, financial advisory, and regulatory compliance. His core areas of specialization include Public Financial Management, with particular emphasis on budgeting and fiscal planning, taxation policy, public debt management, and investment strategy. Currently, he serves as Head of the Debt, Risk & Investment Management Unit in the Finance Department, Government of Balochistan.

Rizwana is an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) and a seasoned tax and finance professional with over 15 years of experience across KPMG, PwC, and EY. Currently serving as Director in the Tax Services department at KPMG in Pakistan, she brings deep expertise in taxation, advisory, and cross-border structuring for both corporate and individual clients. She is also member of Southern Regional Committee of ICAP for the term 2026-30.

Her work spans diverse sectors including banking, insurance, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, healthcare, and aviation. She has extensive experience representing clients before the Federal Board of Revenue and higher appellate forums and advising on complex local and international tax matters.

Beyond her professional role, Rizwana contributes actively to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) through its Fiscal Law, Economic Advisory, CPD, and CA Women Committees. She is also a member of the Karachi Tax Bar Association and serves on the Executive Committee of the CA Toastmasters Club.

## Opening Remarks



**Ms. Rizwana Abdul Karim**  
CPD Convener, SRC

### PROGRAMME

Timing	Remarks
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Opening Remarks by CPD Convener
10:10 AM – 11:10 AM	Keynote Presentation by Guest Speaker
11:10 AM – 11:20 AM	Address by Chief Guest
11:20 AM – 11:30 AM	Closing Remarks by Chairman, SRC