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Waqf as a Mechanism for Sustainable Development Financing in Algeria: Digitalization Requirements

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Preamble

Endowments (Awqaf) are among the oldest financing mechanisms with a social and economic dimension. They have represented a fundamental form of financing sustainable development in many Islamic countries for many years, and throughout history have formed a key lever for achieving social

solidarity and supporting sustainable development.

In light of the current economic and financial transformations witnessed in Algeria, through which efforts are being made to create wealth and attract development financing, along with increasing pressure on public resources, Awqaf emerges as one of the mechanisms capable of contributing effectively in this direction. It is regarded as a strategic alternative financing instrument capable of supporting the financing of development projects and achieving sustainable social impact.

Despite the considerable potential of endowments (Awqaf) in Algeria, their developmental role remains contingent on a number of challenges. Foremost among these are governance issues, weak transparency, limited administrative efficiency, and the delayed adoption of digital solutions in managing and investing endowments. Even with the ongoing efforts of numerous state institutions in the digital transformation that keeps pace with the evolving endowment system, performance remains below desired levels. In this context, digitalization is becoming an imperative for modernizing the endowment system, improving its management efficiency, enhancing trust, and ensuring financial sustainability.

Based on the above, the scientific forum entitled: "Endowment (Waqf) as a mechanism

for sustainable development financing in Algeria, between the challenges of governance and the requirements of digitalization" provides a platform for academic and research discussion among the various parties, by presenting international experiences and exploring the possibility of Algeria benefiting from these experiences.

Conference Problem Statement

Endowments (waqf) hold significant social and economic importance, serving as a mechanism for sustainable development financing. However, this role has not yet been fully realized in Algeria. Perhaps the most significant obstacles to realizing the role of endowments as a sustainable financing mechanism are limited governance and the slow pace of digital transformation. Therefore, we can frame the central theme of this forum as follows:

How can the role of Waqf be activated as a mechanism for financing sustainable development in Algeria, given the challenges related to governance and digitalization?

Conference Themes

- The conceptual framework for Waqf governance and sustainable development finance..
- The reality of waqf in Algeria: legal and institutional framework issues, advantages, and proposed solutions.

- Waqf governance and the challenges of transparency and accountability.
- Digital transformation and modern technologies in the waqf system: opportunities and challenges.
- The role of digital tools in enhancing waqf governance.
- Presentation of leading local and international experiences in digital waqf.
- Future prospects and strategies for developing waqf in Algeria under governance and digitalization imperatives.

Conference Objectives

This national scientific forum aims to achieve a number of objectives, the most important of which are:

- Highlighting the importance of Awqaf as a sustainable development financing mechanism, and its role in supporting the economic and social development path in Algeria. It also explores ways to enhance their role as a tool for sustainable development financing.
- Diagnosing the reality of the Awqaf system in Algeria, and analyzing its role as a sustainable development financing mechanism, with a focus on the stakes of good governance and the requirements of digital transformation, through an analysis of the legal and institutional framework that regulates it, and focusing on the most prominent problems that limit its effectiveness.

- Examining the requirements of digital transformation in the waqf sector, including waqf information systems, digital databases, and the use of financial technology (FinTech) in waqf, while clarifying the impact of digitalization on the development of waqf management and investment methods.
- Discussing the technical, legal and human challenges associated with the digitization of Awqaf in Algeria, and attempting to propose ways to address them..
- Exchanging scientific visions and benefiting from research experiences between academics and specialists, regarding the prospects for developing endowments in light of digital transformations.
- foresighting horizons for developing the Waqf system in line with the requirements of the modern economy.

Invited Participants

Participation in the conference activities is open to:

- Academics and researchers interested in sector-related issues.
- Professionals working in the sector.
- Doctoral students.

Organizing Committees

- Honorary President of the Conference: University Rector, Prof. Abdelbaki Nour Edline
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Submission Guidelines

Submitted papers must align with one of the conference themes.

Papers must follow recognized scientific research methodology.

Submissions are accepted in Arabic, French, and English.

Papers written in Arabic must use Traditional Arabic font, size 14, while papers written in foreign languages must use Times New Roman, size 12, and must not exceed 15 pages, including references and appendices, in accordance with the template below.

The conference paper template can be downloaded via the following link:

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Authors must declare that their paper has not been previously published or submitted to any other entity.

Important Dates

Full paper submission deadline **October 09, 2026**