

for Market Education in organising a webinar on ethical finance and the green economy. The webinar sought to explore the latest business practices in ethical finance, introduce the role of corporate diplomacy, and encourage a rethinking of policy recommendations for accelerating the shift towards a green economy, both from a general economics and specific Islamic finance perspective.

The webinar featured two distinguished speakers, namely Professor Dr Maria Alejandra Madi, Academic Director at Green Economics Institute (UK) and a fellow of the Center for Market Education, and Dr Mohammad Mahbubi Ali, Head of Economics, Finance, *Awqaf* and *Zakat* at IAIS Malaysia. Professor Maria shared her views on climate change and the global shift towards ethical finance and a green economy. Dr Mahbubi, on the other hand, presented on shariah-compliant green *sukuk* as an Islamic finance instrument that promotes ecological sustainability. The event received introductory remarks from Dr Carmelo Ferlio, the CEO of the Center for Market Education, and Assoc. Professor Dr Mohamed Azam Mohamed Adil, Deputy CEO of IAIS Malaysia.

**Webinar: Biden's Presidency: The Future of US Foreign Policies in  
the Middle East and the Muslim World  
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IAIS Malaysia, in collaboration with the International Movement for a Just World (JUST), Maqasid Institute Global (MI), and the Malaysian Consultative Council for Islamic Organisation (MAPIM), hosted a timely online forum on US politics. The forum featured renowned Muslim figures Dr Chandra Muzaffar (President of JUST), Dr Zaid Barzinji (Executive Director of Maqasid Institute Global, USA), and Tuan Haji Azmi Abdul Hamid (President of MAPIM). During the forum, Dr Chandra stressed that there would never be a significant change in US hegemony, whether in terms of military power, economic domination through the US dollar, or international relations with other countries. According to Dr Barzinji, Muslim communities in the US now have a more substantial presence in the democratic process. He highlighted that US Muslims need to join hands with other communities to resolve common issues; offer intellectual and moral leadership on those issues; and be part of the solution rather than just a complainant. Tuan Haji Azmi opined that no single US foreign policy decision has so far benefitted the Muslim world. The nature of those policies are primarily dependent on US interests, such as controlling oil resources and other geopolitical benefits.