

lessons in the ethics of environmental protection and thus, religious institutions should be at the forefront of the campaign in reducing carbon footprint. Yusaimi called to preserve the forest, protect soil, and improve the farming system to maintain ecological sustainability. From the Australian side, the webinar continued with presentations by Dr Daud Batchelor (Ambassador, Better Futures Australia), Mrs Philippa Rowland (President, Multifaith Association of South Australia) and Mr Mark Delaney (Australia Religious Response for Climate Change). Daud stated that excessive consumerism in wealthy and developed countries has greatly contributed to carbon emission and advised them to return to spiritual teachings and self-training to avoid detrimental desires. Philippa Rowland urged the need to start looking at nature-based solutions and ecosystem service, including respecting indigenous and First Nations' Wisdom in managing their country sustainably. Mark Delaney listed down several actions that can be taken by both individuals and policymakers to reduce wasteful consumption in goods production, transportation, diet, and energy usage. The webinar proceeded with a discussion session by Associate Professor Dr Zul Ilham Zulkiflee Lubes (Institute of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, Universiti Malaya), Mr Fauzy Omar Basheer Othman (Head of Facilities of the Future, Group Research and Technology, Petronas) and Dr Ahmad Badri Abdullah (Head of Science, Technology, Environment & Ethics Unit, IAIS Malaysia), Dr Habib Jamal (President, Islamic Council of Queensland), Lisa Cliff (Programme Manager, Better Futures Australia, Climate Action Network Australia), Professor Dr Shahjahan Khan (President, Islamic Society of Toowoomba, also a Professor of Statistics, University of Southern Queensland), Dr Kuntal Goswami (Founder, Australian Centre for Sustainable Development Research & Innovation), and Imam Ahmed Naffa (Imam, Masjid Al Farouq, Kuraby Queensland). The webinar ends with resolutions from both Malaysian and Australian representatives.

**Online Islamic Finance Training Series:
 Waqf and Waqf-Based Islamic Financial Products
 (11 & 12 November 2021)**

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Waqf has a long history in Islam. It has played — and, in many cases, continues to play — a pivotal role in the advancement of the socio-economic well-being of the Muslim community. Throughout the centuries, *waqf* has funded many magnificent architectural monuments and public infrastructures all over the

world. Al-Azhar University in Egypt, the University of Cordova in Spain, and Al-Noori Hospital in Damascus, to name a few, are among the public projects financed by *waqf* funds. Some *waqf* institutions have survived for more than a millennium.

Realising the potentials of *waqf* as a catalyst for economic advancement and empowerment, IAIS Malaysia organised a two-day online training on *waqf* and *waqf*-based Islamic financial products on 11 and 12 November 2021. This course was designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of *waqf*, its practices and its development in modern times. In particular, the two days training discussed the *fiqh* of *waqf* and examined the various emerging *waqf* structures and models, as well as their integration with Islamic financial products. It also highlighted the issues and challenges surrounding the practice and institution of *waqf*.

The training comprises seven sessions. The first session introduced the participants to the concept of *sadaqah* and its relation to the concept of utility. The second session discussed the application of *waqf* in the Islamic capital market sector. The shariah aspects of *waqf* were discussed in the third session, followed by the examination of various *waqf* models applied in Islamic financial institutions such as Islamic cooperatives, Islamic banks, *takaful*, and the capital market, which was discussed in the fourth session. The proceeding session provided insight to the participants on the implementation of *waqf* in the education and health sectors. Various innovations in the modern development of *waqf* such as *waqf* blockchain were presented in the sixth session. The last session highlighted some pressing issues and challenges surrounding the practice of *waqf*.

The two-day training was conducted by three trainers, namely Prof Raditya Sukmana from the University of Airlangga Indonesia, and Dr M Mahbubi Ali and Dr M Fakhurrazi Ahmad, both from IAIS Malaysia. Participants from different backgrounds and countries attended this training session.

**Virtual Conference: 1st International Conference on Islam,
Sustainability and Resilience (ICISR 2021)
(16 & 17 November 2021)**

Shahino Mah Abdullah

The International Conference on Islam, Sustainability and Resilience (ICISR 2021) was organised by IAIS Malaysia to explore the roles of shariah