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GEFC 2026

2nd Global Ethical Finance Conference

Ethical Finance for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Economies

CONFERENCE POLICIES

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1. Introduction

This document sets out the policies governing participation in the 2nd Global Ethical Finance Conference (GEFC 2026), organised by Islamic Finance Review (IFR). It applies to all delegates, presenting authors, session chairs, sponsors, and exhibitors. By registering for, submitting to, or otherwise participating in the conference, participants agree to the terms set out below.

GEFC 2026 takes place on 24–25 November 2026 in London, United Kingdom, with both in-person and virtual attendance available.

2. Registration and Payment

Category	Early Bird	Standard
Presenting Author	£200	£250
Delegate (Non-presenting)	£180	£220
Student	£100	£150
Virtual / Hybrid Attendance	£80	£80

- Registration is confirmed only once payment has been received in full.
- Student rates require a valid student ID or institutional email address at the point of registration.
- Presenting authors must complete registration by the camera-ready submission deadline (25 October 2026) to remain on the conference programme.
- All fees are quoted in GBP and are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

3. Cancellation and Refund Policy

- Cancellations received more than 60 days before the conference (by 25 September 2026): full refund, less a 10% administration fee.
- Cancellations received 30–59 days before the conference (26 September – 25 October 2026): 50% refund.
- Cancellations received fewer than 30 days before the conference: no refund.
- Registrations may be transferred to another delegate at any time before the event, free of charge, by notifying events@islamicfinancereview.co.uk.
- If IFR cancels or postpones the conference, delegates will be offered a full refund or the option to transfer their registration to a rescheduled date.

4. Abstract Submission, Peer Review and Publication

GEFC 2026 invites abstracts of 300–500 words on the conference's core themes.

Key dates

- Abstract submission deadline: 15 September 2026
- Notification of acceptance: 30 September 2026
- Camera-ready submission: 25 October 2026

Review standards

- All submissions are reviewed by the conference organising committee for relevance, originality, and academic rigour.
- Authors may only submit original, unpublished work that is not under review elsewhere.
- Submissions found to contain plagiarised or previously published material will be withdrawn from consideration.
- Selected authors may be invited to submit extended versions of their papers to the Journal of Islamic Banking, Economics and Policy (JIBEP), subject to a separate, independent peer review process. Presentation at GEFC 2026 does not guarantee publication in JIBEP.

5. Presentation Policy

- Presenting authors must register and confirm attendance by the camera-ready deadline.
- Both in-person and virtual presentation slots are available; authors should indicate their preferred format at the time of submission.
- Standard presentation slots are followed by a moderated question and answer session.
- Presenters unable to attend in either format will have their paper withdrawn from the programme, unless alternative arrangements are agreed with the organising committee in advance.

6. Session Chair Policy

- Session Chairs are appointed by IFR based on subject expertise and alignment with a conference track.
- Chairs may propose and shape their own session theme, subject to approval by the organising committee.
- Chairs are encouraged to help identify potential presenters through their own academic and professional networks. All such submissions go through the same standard peer review as any other submission.
- On the day, Chairs are responsible for introducing speakers, keeping time, and moderating audience questions.
- Session Chairs are eligible for CPD recognition (pending confirmation of accreditation), consideration for the Outstanding Session Chair Award, and accommodation support of a

sponsored two-night stay in London, where their session attracts five or more accepted paper submissions generated through their own outreach.

7. Sponsorship and Exhibition Policy

Tier	Investment
Platinum	£2,750
Gold	£1,400
Silver	£650
Exhibitor	£300

- Sponsorship packages include benefits such as branding, delegate passes, and speaking opportunities, as set out in the GEFC 2026 Sponsorship Prospectus.
- Sponsorship does not extend to influence over the academic programme, peer review outcomes, or the editorial content of JIBEP.
- Payment is required in full prior to the conference to activate sponsorship and exhibition benefits.

8. Code of Conduct

GEFC 2026 is committed to providing a respectful, inclusive, and harassment-free environment for all participants, regardless of background, gender, religion, nationality, or career stage.

- Participants are expected to engage in respectful academic discourse and to refrain from discriminatory, threatening, or disruptive behaviour, whether in person or online.
- Concerns or complaints may be raised in confidence with the organising committee at admin@islamicfinancereview.co.uk.
- IFR reserves the right to remove any participant from the conference, without refund, for serious or repeated breaches of this Code of Conduct.

9. Visa Invitation Letters

- International delegates requiring a visa invitation letter should contact events@islamicfinancereview.co.uk, ideally at least eight weeks before the conference.
- An invitation letter confirms conference registration only and does not guarantee visa approval. Visa applications, associated costs, and outcomes remain the responsibility of the delegate.
- IFR is not able to offer refunds where a delegate's visa application is unsuccessful, though a transfer to a future GEFC conference may be considered on request.

10. Intellectual Property and Copyright

- Authors retain copyright in their submitted abstracts and papers.
- By submitting, authors grant IFR a non-exclusive licence to include their abstract and presentation materials in the conference programme, website, and any published proceedings.
- Any subsequent submission to JIBEP is governed separately by JIBEP's own author agreement and peer review process.

11. Photography, Recording and Media Consent

- Conference sessions may be photographed or recorded for archival, promotional, and educational purposes, including use on IFR's website and social media channels.
- Participants who do not wish to be photographed or recorded should notify the organising committee in advance at events@islamicfinancereview.co.uk.

12. Data Protection and Privacy

- Personal data collected during registration is processed in accordance with UK GDPR and is used solely for conference administration, communication, and, where consented to, future IFR updates.
- Data is not shared with third parties beyond what is necessary to deliver the conference, for example payment processing.
- Full details are set out in IFR's Privacy Policy, available at islamicfinancereview.co.uk.

13. Accessibility and Special Requirements

- IFR is committed to making GEFC 2026 accessible to all participants. Delegates with accessibility requirements, dietary restrictions, or other special requirements are asked to notify the organising committee at the time of registration, or by contacting events@islamicfinancereview.co.uk.
- Reasonable adjustments will be made wherever possible; early notice allows the organising committee to arrange these effectively.

14. Best Paper Award and Charitable Contribution

- A Best Paper Award, with special mentions across each conference theme, will be presented at the closing ceremony.
- In line with IFR's commitment to ethical practice, 10% of conference profits will be donated to charity.

15. Force Majeure and Changes to the Programme

- IFR reserves the right to make reasonable changes to the conference programme, speakers, format, or venue where necessary.
- In circumstances beyond IFR's reasonable control, including but not limited to illness, extreme weather, or government restrictions, the conference may be moved to a fully virtual format, postponed, or, as a last resort, cancelled. Delegates will be notified as promptly as possible, and the Cancellation and Refund Policy above will apply.

16. Contact Information

- General enquiries: admin@islamicfinancereview.co.uk
- Conference enquiries, visa letters, and accessibility requests: events@islamicfinancereview.co.uk
- Website: islamicfinancereview.co.uk