

Profile

Professor Dr. Aishath Muneeza is a globally recognised expert in Islamic finance and currently serves as the Associate Dean for Students and Internationalization at INCEIF University, the world's only postgraduate university specialised in Islamic finance, established by the Central Bank of Malaysia. She has held several senior leadership positions in the Maldives, including Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Islamic Affairs (the first female to hold the position) and Deputy Minister of Finance and Treasury, and has played a key role in the development of Islamic finance in the country, serving as Head of Islamic Finance at the Capital Market Development Authority, Chairman of Maldives Hajj Corporation Limited, and Chairman of the Maldives Center for Islamic Finance.

She also serves as Senior Islamic Finance Adviser to UNFPA Malaysia, where she has pioneered initiatives to align UNFPA's mandate with Islamic finance solutions. She has extensive experience in Shariah advisory, including structuring corporate Sukuk and Islamic treasury instruments for public and private entities, and serves on various Shariah advisory boards internationally.

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