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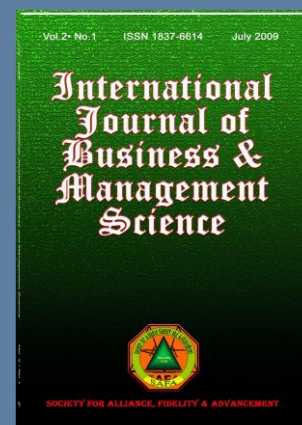
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SPECIAL ISSUE On Islamic Finance in Africa

1. Title

Special issue on "Islamic Finance in Africa"

2. Description [aims/objectives/content/readership/etc]

Modern Islamic finance originated in the mid-1970s, and for more than three decades remained focused on two core markets, the Middle East (especially in the oil-exporting Gulf countries) and Southeast Asia (with Malaysia as the unchallenged leader in this industry).

In recent years, the expansion of Islamic banking and finance has accelerated, with the industry diversifying into new territories beyond the natural borders. Interest in Islamic finance and banking is grown considerably on the African continent. Provided that the continent continues to grow at its current pace, incremental wealth creation will make it easier for the Islamic finance sector, including Islamic commercial banking, Shari'ah-compliant products and services, investment and microfinance, to develop (Hassoune, 2008).

3. Subject coverage

The purpose of this special issue is to develop the key trends driving the increasing emergence of Islamic finance in Africa and to provide a platform and communication channel for researcher, academics, business leaders, and policymakers relating to Islamic finance. Any topics that link between Islamic banking in Malaysia and Africa would be also of interest of this issue. Particularly the case studies that can shed light on the inside of bridging between Islamic Banking system in Malaysia and Africa are equally appreciated as contribution. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Risk, Profitability, performance and efficiency in Islamic banking
- Islamic versus Conventional finance and banking
- Conventional, Islamic institutions and central bank Co-operation
- Central Banking in an Interest-Free Banking System
- Islamic microfinance and poverty reduction
- Opportunities of *Takaful* in Africa
- Islamic finance and crisis
- Risks vs. returns: compliant vs. Conventional
- Progress and Challenges of Islamic finance and Banking

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4. Deadlines for submission

The submission deadline is **30 July 2010**. All accepted papers must be ready by **30 August 2010**. Authors are requested to be aware that after this date the paper (even it is accepted) would be considered for the regular issues. We will be strictly maintaining the quality of revision keeping time restriction in mind.

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