



# AGENDA

## Monday, April 14, 2025

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

SESSION 1: OPENING SESSION

Quran Recitation

Welcome Address

**Muhammad Munir Chaudry – President & CEO, Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®), USA**

Opening Remarks

**Ahmad Haikal Hasan – Chairman of the Halal Product Assurance Organizing Agency (BPJPH), Indonesia**

**Hamza Yusuf Hanson – President, Zaytuna College, USA**

**Rafi-uddin Shikoh – CEO & Managing Partner, DinarStandard, USA**

9:45 AM – 11:00 AM

SESSION 2: UNDERSTANDING HALAL REGULATIONS: A LOOK AT KEY REGIONS

Speakers

**Ihsan Övüt – Secretary General, Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), Turkey**

**Zafer Soylu – Chairman of the Board of Directors, Halal Accreditation Authority (HAK), Turkey**

**Yousif Alharbi – Deputy CEO for Corporate Services, Saudi Halal Center, Saudi Arabia**

**Akhtar A. Bughio – Director General, Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA), Pakistan**

**Abdulla Mohammed Almarzooqi – Director of Certification Bodies Accreditation Department, Emirates International Accreditation Centre (EIAC), UAE**

Moderator

**Saeed Hayek – Quality Manager, Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®), USA**

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM

MORNING BREAK

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

SESSION 3: THE ROLE OF LABORATORY TESTING IN HALAL CERTIFICATION

Speakers

**Faridah Hj. Hassan – President, World Academy of Islamic Management, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia**

**Muti Arintawati – President Director, The Assessment Institute for Food, Drugs, and Cosmetics (LPPOM MUI), Indonesia**

**Winai Dahlan – Founder, The Halal Science Center Chulalongkorn University, Thailand**

Moderator

**Javed Rashid – Technical Director, Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®), USA**

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

LUNCH AND PRAYER BREAK

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1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

### SESSION 4: GLOBAL HALAL CERTIFICATION: ALIGNING STANDARDS AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Speakers

**Laura LaCourse** – Director of Flavor Regulatory, The Coca-Cola Company, USA  
**David Woods** – Senior Manager of Quality Assurance, USANA Health Sciences, USA  
**Liliana Totoiu** – Senior Quality Engineer, Amway – Nutrilite, USA  
**Angela Thibedeau** – Regulatory Senior Scientist, Kerry, USA  
**Mahmood Baig** – Director of Customer Service, Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®), USA

Moderator

**Mark Overland** – Former Director, Global Certification, Cargill Incorporated, USA

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

### AFTERNOON BREAK

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### SESSION 5: HALAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH AMERICA

Speakers

**Rafi-uddin Shikoh** – CEO & Managing Partner, DinarStandard, USA  
**Hamza Yusuf Hanson** – President, Zaytuna College, USA  
**Faridah Hj. Hassan** – President, World Academy of Islamic Management, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia

Moderator

**Asma Ahad** – Director of Halal Market Development, Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®), USA

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

### CLOSING – END OF DAY 1

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## Tuesday, April 15, 2025

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM BREAKFAST

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM SESSION 6: EXPLORING INDONESIA'S HALAL REQUIREMENTS: INSIGHTS FOR THE GLOBAL INDUSTRY

Speakers

Ahmad Haikal Hasan – Chairman of the Halal Product Assurance Organizing Agency (BPJPH), Indonesia  
Nina Sutrisno – Secretary of Deputy for Partnership and Halal Standardization, Halal Product Assurance Organization Agency (BPJPH), Indonesia

Moderator

Mian Nadeem Riaz – IFANCA Professorship in Food Diversity, Texas A&M University, USA

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM SESSION 7: HALAL STANDARDS IN ASIAN COUNTRIES

Speakers

Ateeq-ur-Rehman Memon – Director General, Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC), Pakistan  
Muhammad Faizal bin Othman – Director, Halal Development, Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (MUIS), Singapore  
Mohamad Samir bin Sulaiman – Senior Assistant Director, Auditor (Policy and Standard Unit) Secretariat of Malaysia Halal Council, Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM), Malaysia  
Khathawut Lohmud (Murad) – Head of International and Public Relations, Halal Affairs Department, The Central Islamic Council of Thailand (CICOT), Thailand

Moderator

Mark Overland – Former Director, Global Certification, Cargill Incorporated, USA

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM MORNING BREAK

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM SESSION 8: UNDERSTANDING HALAL CRITICAL INGREDIENTS: A TECHNICAL DEEP DIVE

Speakers

Angela Thibedeau – Regulatory Senior Scientist, Kerry, USA  
Alex Brewer – Scientific and Regulatory Affairs Director at McCormick & Company, USA

Moderator and Speaker

Mian Nadeem Riaz – IFANCA Professorship in Food Diversity, Texas A&M University, USA

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM LUNCH AND PRAYER BREAK

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1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

**SESSION 9: THE JOURNEY OF IFANCA'S HALAL CERTIFICATION: FROM CHICAGO TO SPACE**

Speakers

**Muhammad Munir Chaudry – President & CEO, Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®), USA**

**Mary Anne Jackson – President and Founder, My Own Meals, Inc./ J&M Food Products Co.**

**Chris Swimm – Director of Supply Chain Quality, McCain Foods, Canada**

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM

**AFTERNOON BREAK**

2:30 PM – 3:50 PM

**SESSION 10: OPEN DIALOGUE AND Q&A**

Moderator

**Laura LaCourse – Director of Flavor Regulatory, The Coca-Cola Company, USA**

3:50 PM – 4:00 PM

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Speaker

**Muhammad Munir Chaudry – President & CEO, Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA®), USA**

4:00 PM

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