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1. Introduction

1.1 The IsDB Group Annual Meetings

The Annual Meetings of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group serve as a premier platform for the members of the Group, the member countries and various stakeholders to deliberate on critical development policy and strategic matters, share experience and expertise, build networks, and forge partnerships.

The 2026 Annual Meetings are scheduled to take place from 16 to 19 June 2026 in Baku, the capital city of Azerbaijan, at the Baku Convention Center. This year's Annual Meetings theme, "Regional Integration for Sustainable Prosperity", highlights the strategic pillars of regional integration and connectivity, aimed at fostering economic cooperation, enhancing competitiveness, and building resilience across member countries.

1.2 The IsDB Group Annual Meetings Participants Guide

The Annual Meetings participants guide contains practical information about the host country, the program of the Annual Meetings, and the services and facilities offered to participants before and during the event. Participants can access the electronic version of this guide on the Annual Meetings website: am.isdb.org.

1.3 Welcome to Baku!

We are honored to hold the 2026 Annual Meetings in Baku, the dynamic capital city of Azerbaijan. Known as the "City of Winds," Baku is a fascinating blend of ancient heritage and modern innovation, where medieval architecture stands alongside contemporary

landmarks. As a cultural and economic hub of the Caucasus region, Baku offers a unique setting for our discussions on sustainable development and international cooperation.

Azerbaijan, a member country of the IsDB since 1992, has demonstrated remarkable economic transformation and development progress. The country's strategic location at the crossroads of Eastern Europe and Western Asia makes it an ideal venue for bringing together our diverse membership.

2. Registration and Accreditation

All participants are kindly requested to complete their online registration no later than 1 June 2026. Early registration will allow timely accreditation and processing of, inter alia, steps related to entry visa to Azerbaijan.

2.1 Badge Collection

- All participants must collect their identification badge from the Registration Desk at the venue of the Annual Meetings.
- Badges are issued only to registered participants and require the presentation of a valid ID.
- Participants are requested to wear their badge visibly inside the venue at all times.
- Lost badges must be reported immediately to the Registration Desk.

2.2 Registration Desk Working Hours

- Monday, 15 June: 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 16 June, to Friday, 19 June: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2.3 Participants' Code of Conduct

To ensure a respectful and professional environment, all participants are kindly requested to read and adhere to the following Code of Conduct throughout the Annual Meetings:

- Refrain from political advocacy or campaigning, including the use of slogans, materials, or statements of a political nature within the venue.
- Follow photography, filming, and media rules, including restrictions on recording in meetings or secure areas.
- Comply with the rules of accreditation and badge usage, ensuring badges remain visible at all times and are not misused or shared.
- Refrain from distributing promotional materials unless allowed in designated areas and ensure they do not contain political, offensive, or inappropriate content.
- Refrain from obstructing sessions or movement within the venue or interfering with scheduled events.
- Use official digital platforms responsibly without spreading misinformation or harming individuals or institutions.
- Respect the laws and cultural norms of the host country.

3. Venue Overview

The Baku Convention Center, and Heydar Aliyev Center, will host the 2026 Annual Meetings. Together, these venues reflect Azerbaijan's forward-looking approach to innovation, culture, and global cooperation.

3.1 Venue Map

- A detailed map of the Annual Meetings venue is available online.
- Participants can access the map through QR codes placed around the venue, as well as the Annual Meetings website and mobile application.

3.2 Venue Amenities

3.2.1 Prayer Area

A prayer area is available at the venue of the Annual Meetings. Its location is clearly marked on the map of the venue.

3.2.2 Internet/Wi-Fi

Internet is available at the venue of the Annual Meetings participants are provided with access credentials at the Registration and Information Desks.

3.2.3 Banking Services

Limited banking services are available at the venue.

3.2.4 Travel Services

A travel desk is set up at the venue of the Annual Meetings to assist with travel-related matters (flight availability, booking and change).

3.2.5 Lost & Found

For any lost or found items, please visit the Information Desk at the venue of the Annual Meetings.

4. Program Overview

The Annual Meetings are held over four days (16–19 June). Alongside the statutory meetings, the program includes important gatherings and activities.

4.1 Main Components of the Program

- Statutory meetings: Boards of Directors, Boards of Governors and General Assemblies.
- Governors' roundtable and dialogues: high-level discussions on important topical questions.
- Knowledge sessions: knowledge sharing events on topics aligned with the theme of the Annual Meetings.
- Private sector forum: platform for business to government and business to business networking, investment-generating, partnering, etc.
- Exhibition: space for showcasing development solutions, results, innovations, etc.
- The full program is posted on the Annual Meetings website (am.isdb.org). Participants are encouraged to check regularly the website or the application for updates.

4.2 Meeting Room Booking

Participants requiring a meeting space to hold bilateral or group discussions are kindly requested to use the link provided in the Annual Meetings website to book in advance the required space. For last-minute booking requests, participants may visit the Information Desk.

4.3 Annual Meetings Mobile App

The Annual Meetings mobile application provides participants with live updates and services as a repository where essential materials and practical information such as the schedule of the meetings and the map of the venue can be found and retrieved. Once available at the iOS/ Android app stores, registered participants will be prompted by email to install and log into the application.

5. Language Services

Simultaneous interpretation is available in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Azerbaijani.

6. Media & Communications

6.1 Social Media & Hashtags

- The IsDB Group official social media channels allow all participants to stay connected, follow, interact, engage, share their experience and insights, and contribute to enriching the virtual contents of the Annual Meetings.
- **X (Twitter):** @isdb_group
- **LinkedIn:** Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
- **Facebook:** Islamic Development Bank Group - isdb.org @isdbgroup
- **Instagram:** isdb_stories
- **YouTube:** @IslamicDevelopmentBankGroup

The official hashtag for the 2026 Annual Meetings is #2026IsDBGGroupAMs. All participants are kindly requested to use this hashtag when posting about the event to join the larger conversation and connect with others. Also, all participants are kindly requested to comply with the policies of the platforms above and to adhere to their professional use.

6.2 Media Center

The Media Center at the venue of the Annual Meetings provides accredited journalists and media representatives with necessary facilities and support. Journalists and media representatives are encouraged to contact the media coordinator at the Media Center for information on all Annual Meetings activities and requests for interviews.

6.2.1 Media Accreditation

Journalists and media representatives are kindly requested to visit the Annual Meetings website to complete the accreditation process.

6.2.2 Assistance and Working Hours

The Media Center is open during the effective days of the Annual Meetings (16 to 19 June), from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On request and for special media coverage, these hours may be extended. **Access to the Media Center is limited to accredited journalists and media representatives.**

- Dedicated staff at the Media Center support journalists and media representatives with their queries, coordinate their interview requests, and provide additional information as needed.



- For specific assistance, journalists and media representatives may also contact the Media Center team (media@isdb.org).

6.2.3 Available Services

- **Workstations:** Workstations with high-speed Internet, and printing facilities
- **Press kits:** Digital press kits containing essential materials, background information, and session highlights
- **Interview spaces:** Areas designed for conducting interviews
- **Live feeds:** Live feeds on key sessions and press conferences

6.2.4 Media Gallery

The Media Gallery provides official photos, videos, and press releases from the 2026 Annual Meetings. These materials may be used for editorial and non-commercial purposes with proper attribution to the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB). The Annual Meetings website will have an online Media Gallery, where the latest content will be updated throughout the event.

7. Information for International Participants

7.1 Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining the necessary visa to enter Azerbaijan. Please visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan website (www.mfa.gov.az) for the latest visa requirements and process.



7.2 Prohibited Items/Customs

All participants are kindly requested to refer to the official website of the Azerbaijan Customs Service (<https://www.customs.gov.az>) for information on the import of duty- and tax-free items, goods requiring declaration, applicable allowances and exemptions, and the list of prohibited goods.

7.3 Airport Reception and Assistance

A dedicated reception service will be available for Annual Meetings participants. Clearly marked IsDB Group Annual Meetings welcome desks will be set up at Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD) arrivals area from 15 to 19 June 2026.

7.4 Transportation

Regular shuttle buses will operate between the airport, official hotels, and the Annual Meetings venue. For the full schedule, participants are encouraged to visit the Annual Meetings website (am.isdb.org).

7.5 Accommodation

The Annual Meetings Organizing Committee has negotiated special rates with selected hotels close to the venue of the Annual Meetings. Participants are encouraged to refer to the Annual Meetings website for information on hotels and make their own bookings as early as possible.

7.6 Know the Host Country

7.6.1 Climate

- During the month of June:
- Average temperature: 22-30°C (72-86°F).
- **Humidity:** Moderate to high due to proximity to the Caspian Sea.
- **Rainfall:** Low probability.
- **Daylight:** Long days with sunrise around 05:30 and sunset around 20:30.

7.6.2 Language

- **Official Language:** Azerbaijani.
- **Other Languages:** Russian is widely spoken, especially in Baku. English is increasingly common in tourist areas, hotels, and restaurants.

7.6.3 Currency

- **Currency:** Azerbaijani Manat (AZN ₼).
- Currency exchange services are available at airports, banks, and hotels.

7.6.4 Local Time

The time zone for Azerbaijan is 4 hours ahead of GMT (GMT+4).

7.6.5 Working Hours and Weekends

- **Working days:** Monday to Friday.
- Typical working hours:
 - Government institutions: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
 - Banks: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.



- Markets and stores: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. (open seven days a week).
- **Weekend:** Saturday and Sunday.

7.6.6 Electricity and Plug Types

- **Standard voltage in Azerbaijan:** 220V.
- **Plug types used:** Type C (2 round pins) and Type F (2 round pins + 2 grounding clips).
- A travel adapter may be needed, depending on your device.

7.6.7 Safety, Health, and Emergencies

The IsDB is committed to ensuring the safety of all participants who are encouraged to observe all necessary health precautions and immediately report any potential safety or health issues to the Clinic at the Annual Meetings venue.

First Aid and Medical Assistance

A dedicated Medical Clinic is available at the venue of the Annual Meetings to provide medical advice and assistance. All participants are encouraged to identify the exact location of the Medical Clinic at the venue of the Annual Meetings. In addition, local medical facilities offer both general and specialist services.

Insurance Coverage

The IsDB accepts no liability in the event of injury or illness of any participant. It is the responsibility of every participant to take out, at their own expense, before traveling to Baku, any adequate insurance for the risks above.

Emergency Contacts

In case of an emergency during your stay in Azerbaijan, the following services can be contacted directly:

- **Police Department:** 102
- **Fire Department:** 101
- **Ambulance / Medical Emergency:** 103

7.7 Social Program

A vibrant social program, including receptions and guided tours to attractions worth visiting, is offered to the spouses of the Annual Meetings participants. For detailed activities and continuous updates, participants are encouraged to refer to the Annual Meetings website.

8. Contact Information

For questions or assistance, please contact:

- IsDB Group General Secretariat: generalsecretariat@isdb.org
- Annual Meetings Organizing Committee: annualmeeting@isdb.org