WEBINAR ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON TRADE FINANCING AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIES FOR STRENGTHENING INTRA-OIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT
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BRIEFING NOTE

CONTEXT:

The COVID-19 pandemic has contributed to the disruption of the international financial system and in particular trade finance activities which play a major role in boosting regional and international trade.

Within this framework, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) in collaboration with the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), the African Export-Import Bank (AFREXIMBANK) and the West African Bank for Development (BOAD) will organize a webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on Trade Financing and the Development of Strategies for Strengthening intra-OIC Trade and Investment.

Panelists will address the obstacles that hinder the development of trade and investment flows and will propose comprehensive responses from these institutions perspectives in collaboration with the private sector of the OIC Member States.

PANELISTS:

This Webinar will be hosted by:

- Mrs. Latifa Elbouabdellaoui, Director General of ICDT, will present the state of trade between the OIC Member States and related obstacles;
- Eng. Hani Salem Sonbol, Chief Executive Officer of ITFC, will address the role of ITFC in financing trade between Arab and African States and the inherent challenges within this region;
- Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, Director General of BADEA, will tackle the situation of trade financing in African countries from the Arab countries and the prospects for Afro-Arab cooperation in boosting investment flows in this area;
- Pr. Benedict Okey Oramah, President of AFREXIMBANK, will focus on the issue of intra-African trade finance and intra-community trade development strategies;

Mr. Mustapha Ben Barka, Vice-President of BOAD, will highlight the financial services of his Institution for the benefit of West African Economic Operators along with their trading partners and the impact of COVID-19 on the Bank international trade transactions.
MODERATOR:
This webinar will be moderated by Mr. Mohamed H'Midouche, Vice-Chairman of the Moroccan Association of Exporters (ASMEX).

MAIN AREAS OF DISCUSSION

- Impact of COVID-19 on the financing of Commerce.
- Trade between African and Arab countries and obstacles to its development.
- Trade financing between Arab and African countries.
- Support for African businesses by the Arab countries funding.
- Financing of intra-African trade and the obstacles to its development.
- Strategies for the development and improvement of business relations between Arab and African countries.