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Foreword

It is my honour and privilege to be asked to write this *Foreword*. We are at a critical juncture where climate change poses an existential threat to our planet and requires massive new investments. Recent analyses warn that vulnerable countries may need up to half a trillion dollars each year by 2030 for mitigation and adaptation. This gap underscores the urgent need for innovative finance. An Islamic finance that understands its genuine foundations to be rooted in the pillars of *khilafah* (vicegerency/stewardship), justice and well-being for all, offers a path to channel investment into sustainable projects.

Islamic finance – grounded in the *Shariah* – explicitly forbids exploitative or harmful investments and promotes justice and public welfare. Under its rules, *riba* (that includes financial interest) and uncertainty (*gharar*) are prohibited, while wealth must be circulated for the common good. Tools like obligatory charity (*zakat*) and endowments (*waqf*) further ensure that funds are channelled to uplift communities and support socially beneficial initiatives. Islamic finance's fundamental objectives, aligned to the *Maqasid al-Shariah* (higher objectives of the *Shari'ah*), include preserving life, property, and the natural environment – hence protecting creation as a whole. Today, Islamic finance is a large and growing global industry, on the order of several trillion dollars in size. This scale means that even partial realignment of Islamic capital towards green and climate initiative investments could make a significant impact.

I congratulate the editors and authors for this remarkable compilation. Their interdisciplinary effort, which spans economics, ethics, law, environmental science, and social finance, is evident of the editors' realization that Islamic finance has a bigger role to play than just shareholders' wealth. Drawing on international case studies and rigorous analysis, the book demonstrates how Islamic finance can help fill the climate finance gap. Their scholarship succeeds in framing climate action as an opportunity to fulfil the higher objectives of Islamic economics and finance. This book shows how Islamic ethics can inform cutting-edge climate solutions and stands as a guide for students, industry experts, and policymakers.

In closing, I thank all those who brought this work to fruition. *Mobilizing Islamic Finance for Climate Action* is a timely and important contribution. It exemplifies how financial innovation, which is guided by faith-based values, can advance global sustainability. I hope readers will draw on its insights and join the effort to

harness Islamic finance in service of the planet. May we see a future where preserving the environment is recognized as central to developing a sustainable, humane economy.

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Preface

In an era marked by increasing environmental challenges, climate action is a focal topic. It deals with a broad range of issues that relate to the urgent threats posed by climate change and how those threats are to be mitigated. Moreover, Islamic finance, a financial system that adheres to principles under *Shariah* law, offers financial innovation solutions for climate change mitigation. In Islamic finance, the goal is to address and foster socio-economic development and growth that is inclusive and environmentally sustainable. Specifically for climate action, the objective of Islamic finance is to achieve the *Maqasid al-Shariah* as Man was entrusted with *Amanah* (Trust) by the Creator as *Khalifah* of the Earth. Islamic finance includes a variety of financial services and products to support projects and initiatives with a positive environmental impact. By channelling capital towards such projects, Islamic finance plays an important role in mitigating the effects of climate change and advancing global sustainability. This highlights the nexus between Islamic finance and climate action, emphasizing the fundamental principles of risk sharing, ethics, good governance and sustainability. Therefore, Islamic finance is an essential and effective approach to climate action to address the impact of climate change. This includes investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable agriculture, conservation efforts, and climate change adaptation. These efforts can range from policy changes to individual actions and involve various sectors.

Based on the importance of Islamic finance in dealing with climate change problems facing mankind, this book attempts to discuss how Islamic finance can be mobilized for climate mitigation. This book, titled "*Mobilizing Islamic Finance for Climate Action*," is organized into **Six** Parts with **Twenty-One** important chapters, while having a specific introduction and index at the end.

Part I focuses on the world view of the Islamic finance mind-set for climate action. In this part, the chapters are divided into four important chapters. *Chapter 1* provides the discussion relating to the world view of the Islamic finance mind-set for climate action. *Chapter 2* discusses the Islamic world view towards a green economy. *Chapter 3* evaluates the inter-play between *Maqasid al-Shariah*, Islamic finance and climate action. *Chapter 4* explains environmental *Waqf* for climate action from the perspective of *Maqasid al-'Imran*.

Part II discusses the Islamic financial law and policies for climate action. This part has three chapters. *Chapter 5* evaluates climate change through regulatory and

Shariah frameworks. *Chapter 6* discusses green financing policies and the response from Islamic finance in Malaysia. *Chapter 7* presents the role of Islamic ethics in combating corruption and its implication on climate action.

Part III discusses the strategic action plan of Islamic finance for climate action. *Chapter 8* explains the Islamic finance initiative for climate action. *Chapter 9* discusses Islamic finance and its action plan for climate mitigation. *Chapter 10* analyses how environmental *Waqf* is to be strategized for climate action. *Chapter 11* elaborates Islamic finance and climate change resilience.

Part IV highlights the role of Muslim governments towards climate action based on regional case studies. In this part, the chapters are divided into four important chapters. *Chapter 12* features the role of green Sukuk towards climate sustainability. *Chapter 13* explains Islamic finance for climate action and sustainability. *Chapter 14* discusses projects towards climate action in BRICS. *Chapter 15* examines initiatives for climate action undertaken by the GCC countries.

Part V explains the mobilization of Islamic finance for climate action. *Chapter 16* provides empirical evidence on Islamic bank financing and renewable electricity production. *Chapter 17* discusses how Islamic finance can promote the blue economy. *Chapter 18* elaborates the instruments available in Islamic finance for climate actions.

Part VI is about the impact analysis of Islamic finance for climate action. This part has three chapters. *Chapter 19* discusses Islamic finance risk analysis and climate change. *Chapter 20* highlights the role of *microtakaful* in building climate resilience for MSMEs. *Chapter 21* performs an impact analysis of Islamic bank financing for climate action.

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Introduction

The climate crisis today represents one of the greatest challenges to human civilization. Rising temperatures, extreme weather events, and environmental degradation threaten not only ecosystems but also the economic, social, and political stability of nations. While the urgency of mobilizing financial resources for climate action is widely recognized, the efforts to date have been fragmented and insufficient. Financial flows continue to fall short of the levels needed to address the climate emergency, particularly in developing countries and among vulnerable populations.

At the same time, the Islamic finance industry has demonstrated significant growth. Over the past four decades, it has expanded into a comprehensive financial ecosystem covering banking, capital markets, Islamic insurance (*Takaful*), and philanthropy-based financing (*Zakat* and *Waqf*). However, despite this progress, the industry has faced persistent criticisms. Observers argue that Islamic finance has become preoccupied with legal compliance and financial performance, while neglecting its higher objectives (*Maqasid al-Shariah*) and the social and environmental impacts of its activities.

This critique has given rise to increasing calls for the industry to reassess its role and purpose. There is now a growing recognition that Islamic finance must move beyond formalist interpretations and embrace value-based approaches that can contribute to sustainable development. Yet, the sector's engagement with climate action remains in its infancy. While innovations such as green Islamic bonds (*Sukuk*) and Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) *Sukuk* have emerged, their scale and impact remain limited. There is an urgent need for broader strategies and deeper integration of Islamic finance with climate action imperatives.

This book responds to that need. It proposes that the ethical principles and instruments of Islamic finance are not only compatible with climate objectives but that they can also offer transformative solutions. The foundations of Islamic finance, which include the prohibition of harm (*Dharar*) and excessive uncertainty (*Gharar*), the promotion of risk sharing, and the concept of stewardship of the earth (*Khalifah*), align strongly with environmental ethics and sustainable development goals.

Furthermore, Islamic finance possesses a unique architecture that blends market-based finance with philanthropy. Instruments such as *Sukuk*, profit-sharing contracts (*Mudarabah*), *Zakat*, and *Waqf* can be mobilized to finance climate

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Introduction

As humanity confronts the multifaceted challenges posed by climate change, the financial sector finds itself at a crucial moment. The increasing occurrence of severe weather events, rising sea levels, and shifting climatic patterns not only jeopardize natural environments but also threaten the stability of financial systems worldwide. Recent studies indicate that climate change may cost global economies up to USD 23 trillion annually by 2050 if proactive measures are not implemented (Jacobson et al., 2022). This situation is particularly acute in developing regions, where economies often rely heavily on climate-sensitive sectors like agriculture and natural resources. Within this landscape, Islamic finance presents a compelling opportunity to address the dual challenges of financial integrity and environmental responsibility, due to its ethical foundations and commitment to fair economic practices (Sharofiddin et al., 2024). Despite the growing recognition of climate change's significance, there exists a notable gap in understanding how Islamic finance can efficiently navigate the related risks. Islamic financial institutions face the dual challenge of aligning their operations with Shariah principles, while also incorporating climate-related risks into their analytical frameworks (Abdullahi et al., 2024). If these institutions do not develop adequate strategies for managing these risks, they may miss crucial opportunities to contribute to sustainable growth and climate resilience (Ashurov et al., 2022).

The aims of this research are to explore the convergence of Islamic finance and climate change by analysing how Islamic financial institutions can effectively manage climate-related risks through ethical investment practices. It includes looking into how these institutions can effectively integrate climate risk analysis within their existing risk management procedures, and recommend practical strategies for enhancing risk management in Islamic finance, focusing on the development of financial products that support climate resilience and sustainable growth.

This research contributes to the growing conversation surrounding sustainable finance by positioning Islamic finance within the global dialogue on climate adaptation and mitigation. Moreover, by sharing insights into both established and promising practices in risk management, this research will serve as a useful resource for financial practitioners, policymakers, and academics dedicated to fostering a more

ethical and sustainable financial landscape. Besides, this research seeks to close the existing gap between the Islamic finance sector and the urgent global need to tackle climate change challenges.

Overview of climate change

Climate change refers to long-term alterations in temperature, precipitation patterns, and other atmospheric conditions on Earth, primarily driven by human activities such as the burning of fossil fuels and deforestation (Chien et al., 2023). Climate change represents a critical global challenge today, posing significant threats to our universal financial systems. Issues like increasing temperatures, more frequent severe weather events, and rising sea levels have the potential to severely disrupt economies, force migration, and damage natural resources (Fatima et al., 2024). Financial markets are starting to acknowledge these risks, as both the direct effects of climate change and the shift to a low-carbon economy can influence asset values and credit ratings. The role of sustainable finance is increasingly important in managing these climate-related risks (Sa'ad et al., 2022).

Financial institutions are working to align their operations with environmental goals, emphasizing the importance of integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors into investment processes (Saleh & Muayyad, 2024). Sustainable finance aims to direct investment towards initiatives and technologies that reduce climate impact, support renewable energy, and boost resilience. This approach not only meets ethical environmental standards but also establishes the financial sector as a crucial player in the global pursuit of sustainability. Additionally, the combination of Islamic finance principles and climate change strategies presents a distinct chance to merge ethical finance with sustainability goals (Al-Shaghhdari et al., 2024a). By harmonizing Islamic finance with sustainable practices, there is considerable potential to create financial solutions that align with Shariah and support enduring climate resilience and economic steadiness.

Economic risks posed by climate change

Climate change is becoming a key factor in economic risk, with significant effects on investment portfolios in sectors such as real estate, agriculture, and energy (Nsa-biyeze et al., 2024). As extreme weather events increase in frequency and intensity, assets in these industries are experiencing greater vulnerabilities (Fatica et al., 2024). For instance, agricultural yield might be reduced due to changing climate conditions, affecting food supply and prices. Similarly, real estate investments could decrease in value in regions susceptible to flooding or other climate-related threats.

In the Islamic finance sector, climate change introduces both notable challenges and opportunities. Rooted in principles of ethical investment and social responsibility, Islamic finance encourages institutions to consider not just financial returns, but also the broader environmental and social impacts of their investments (Al-Shaghhdari et al., 2024b). This ethical framework can direct Islamic finance

towards addressing climate risks by allocating resources to sustainable and renewable energy projects that bolster environmental resilience.

Furthermore, Islamic finance has the potential to utilize innovative financing methods to back climate adaptation and mitigation efforts (Abdullahi et al., 2024). Instruments like green Sukuk can finance eco-friendly initiatives, while risk-sharing models such as Mudarabah can support sustainable agricultural projects (Marwan et al., 2024). This unique role enables Islamic finance to advance sustainability, fostering investments that are both economically sound and environmentally conscious (Musse et al., 2024). Besides, by actively engaging with climate-related challenges, Islamic finance not only protects its own portfolios but also plays a significant role in global efforts to combat climate change, reflecting a commitment to financial ethics alongside sustainable development.

The convergence of Islamic finance and climate risk

Islamic finance holds considerable promise for promoting sustainable development by channelling investments into green initiatives, renewable energy projects, and strategies to improve climate resilience. Its foundation in ethical financing principles encourages investment strategies that achieve both financial returns and positive social and environmental impacts (Megat et al., 2024; Rehan et al., 2024). Within this framework, financing for green projects can take numerous forms. For example, green Sukuk can be issued to secure funding specifically for renewable energy advancements, energy efficiency initiatives, and sustainable infrastructure development (Marwan et al., 2024). These financial instruments resonate with investors' ethical values, while addressing the critical necessity for innovative climate change solutions (Al-Refaei et al., 2024).

Furthermore, Islamic finance can actively support climate mitigation and adaptation strategies through specialized financial products (Saleh & Alswaidan, 2024). Instruments such as Mudarabah and Musharakah facilitate collaborative efforts aimed at creating technologies and practices designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance sustainability in both agricultural and urban settings (Muhammad & Al-Shaghdari, 2024). Additionally, aligning Islamic finance with the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDGs) provides a structured method to evaluate the impact of investments in relation to important societal objectives, including clean energy (SDG 7), climate action (SDG 13), and sustainable cities (SDG 11). By incorporating these goals into their investment strategies, Islamic financial entities can play a vital role in global sustainability efforts, while remaining true to their ethical commitments.

Overall, the convergence of Islamic finance and climate risk presents a significant opportunity to foster sustainable development. By utilizing innovative financial instruments and aligning their portfolios with environmental objectives, Islamic finance can address climate-linked risks and contribute to the transition towards a more sustainable economic model. Figure 19.1 depicts the Islamic Finance and Climate Resilience Cycle.

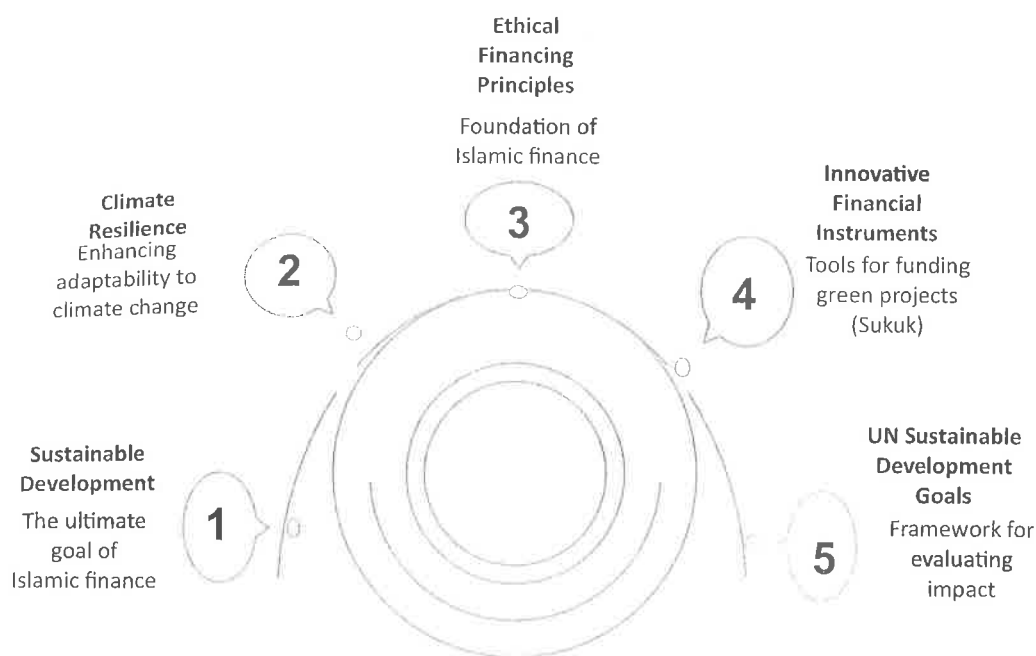


Figure 19.1 Islamic Finance and Climate Resilience Cycle.

Islamic finance addressing climate risks: innovative analysis

These case analyses, elucidated in Figure 19.2, highlight how Islamic financial frameworks can reduce risks while encouraging environmentally responsible investments. One notable instance is the issuance of green Sukuk, particularly illustrated by the green Sukuk launched by the Malaysian government in 2017. This initiative aimed to raise funds for renewable energy projects, especially in solar energy. By directing investments towards green initiatives, such Sukuk not only address climate risks related to energy use and environmental harm but also align with the ethical principles of Islamic finance. Risk analysis in this context involves evaluating the environmental benefits along with the potential financial returns linked to renewable energy assets, showcasing how Islamic finance can strategically allocate resources to enhance climate resilience.

In a similar vein, Dubai Islamic Bank has made significant advances in incorporating climate risk considerations into its financing strategy. The bank offers specific products designed to support renewable energy and sustainable agricultural initiatives, assessing these products based on their environmental impact. This approach helps identify risks stemming from climate variability and resource limitations. By investing in projects that promote energy efficiency and sustainability, Dubai Islamic Bank not only mitigates potential economic risks but also seizes emerging opportunities, thereby bolstering the resilience of its investment portfolio.

Additionally, Qatar Islamic Bank's strategy towards climate-oriented financing further demonstrates how Islamic finance can effectively confront climate change. The bank provides customized financing solutions targeted at energy-efficient technologies, employing risk assessment techniques that prioritize long-term

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sustainability. Focusing on financing greener operations helps to mitigate risks associated with regulatory changes and shifting consumer preferences, highlighting the foresight necessary to navigate climate challenges.

Moreover, the integration of Islamic microfinance into community-based initiatives enriches the conversation surrounding climate adaptation (Fenton, 2017). These programs empower low-income communities by facilitating access to capital for sustainable practices, thus enhancing their resilience to climate impacts. The risk evaluation in this context involves analysing the socio-economic advantages of supporting vulnerable groups, ultimately contributing to the reduction of broader systemic risks linked to climate change.

Overall, Islamic finance, with its distinctive structures and ethical frameworks, is well equipped to tackle the complex risks posed by climate change. Through emphasizing sustainable investments and implementing in-depth risk analysis, Islamic financial institutions can achieve a dual impact: mitigating climate-related risks while fulfilling their ethical obligation to promote social and environmental well-being.

Implementing robust risk management techniques, Islamic finance not only protects its investments from climate-related risks but also significantly contributes to the promotion of sustainability. As these financial institutions advance their approaches to address climate-related challenges, they play an essential role in global initiatives aimed at mitigating and adapting to climate change, while also furthering the overarching goals of sustainable development.

Discussion of findings

The analysis of the relationship between Islamic finance and climate change, as explained, reveals important insights into the role of Islamic finance in addressing modern climate risk. First, the integration of ethical principles is a fundamental aspect of Islamic finance, as it adheres to Shariah principles, which prohibit activities like interest (Riba) and excessive uncertainty (Gharar). This ethical principle supports alignment with SDGs via promoting investments that are socially responsible. Consequently, the analysis shows that Islamic financial institutions are well positioned to manage climate change-related risks by focusing on projects that offer financial returns while ensuring environmental protection and promoting social equity. This alignment fosters an investment strategy that balances profitability with a commitment to sustainability.

Second, the introduction of innovative financial instruments demonstrates Islamic finance's potential in funding climate mitigation and adaptation efforts. Instruments such as green Sukuk, Mudarabah, and Musharakah exemplify Shariah-compliant solutions that mobilize critical funding. Specifically, green Sukuk are designed to finance environmentally sustainable projects, thus tapping into the growing sector of sustainable investments. Mudarabah arrangements support risk-sharing in ventures focused on renewable energy, while Musharakah facilitates collaborative investments in projects enhancing environmental resilience. These instruments effectively channel significant capital towards essential

sectors for combating climate change, thereby affirming the crucial role of Islamic finance in promoting sustainable development.

Third, Islamic financial institutions employ advanced risk management strategies that incorporate environmental and socio-economic factors, boosting their adaptability to climate-induced uncertainties. These strategies involve comprehensive assessments of investment opportunities, considering their environmental sustainability and social impact. By including climate risk in their decision-making processes, these institutions can anticipate and mitigate potential risks, leading to more stable and sustainable investment outcomes. This proactive approach highlights a commitment to responsible financial management in accordance with Islamic finance principles.

Furthermore, real-world case studies underscore the successful implementation of climate risk management within Islamic finance. Examples from the Malaysian government, Dubai Islamic Bank, and Qatar Islamic Bank show effective use of Islamic finance principles in addressing climate challenges. The Malaysian government's green Sukuk initiative funds renewable energy projects, demonstrating Islamic finance's practical application. Similarly, Dubai Islamic Bank's support for sustainable agricultural practices illustrates the environmental benefits and economic growth achieved through targeted investments. These cases provide concrete evidence of Islamic financial institutions' capacity to operationalize their ethical frameworks in mitigating climate risks.

Finally, as revealed in Figure 19.2, Islamic finance contributes significantly to global sustainability efforts by channelling investments towards climate-resilient projects. These investments support the broader sustainability agenda through technologies and practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance ecological resilience. Also, the ethical investment practices of Islamic finance foster a culture of responsibility and accountability, potentially encouraging other financial sectors to adopt similar strategies. Thus, Islamic finance emerges as a crucial facilitator of sustainable development, harmonizing economic progress with environmental stewardship.

All in all, from Figure 19.2, the discussion illuminates the integral role of Islamic finance in intertwining ethical principles with sustainable investment strategies, employing innovative financial mechanisms to tackle climate-related challenges. Through effective risk management and showcasing real-world successes, Islamic finance institutions not only navigate financial uncertainties but also significantly advance global sustainability initiatives. This positions Islamic finance institutions as essential agents in driving an inclusive and environmentally sustainable future.

Conclusion

This chapter carries important implications for the Islamic finance sector and its potential to address climate change challenges. By demonstrating the effectiveness of ethical investment practices and innovative financial instruments, the findings encourage Islamic financial institutions to enhance their commitment

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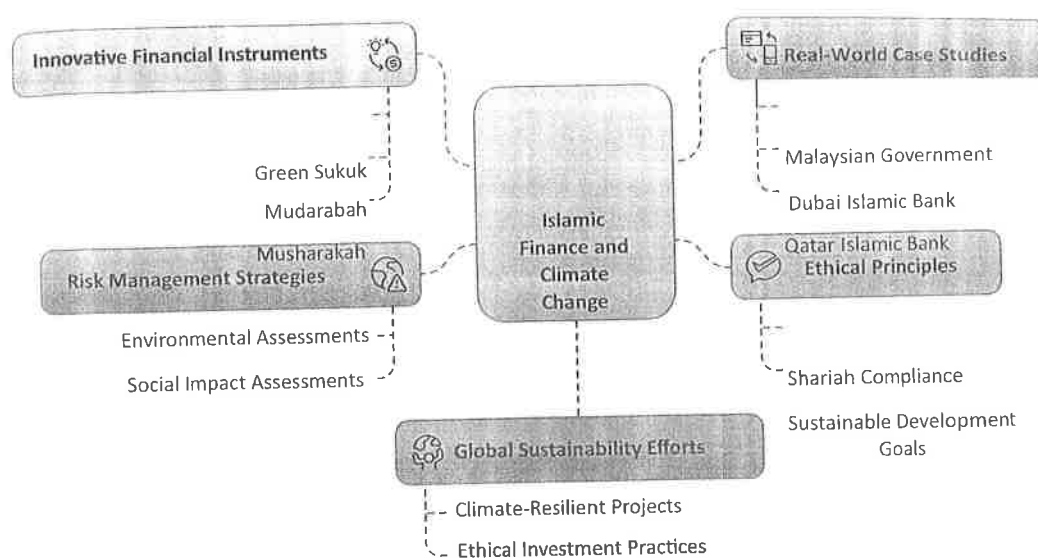


Figure 19.2 Islamic Finance Role in Climate Change Mitigation: A Sustainable Approach.

to sustainability. Furthermore, the integration of climate risk assessments into decision-making processes can influence policy and regulatory frameworks, promoting resilience and accountability in financial practices. Ultimately, this study highlights the crucial role of Islamic finance in advancing global sustainability initiatives and contributing to a more environmentally responsible economic landscape.

Looking ahead, Islamic finance has the potential to expand its impact on climate change mitigation and adaptation. Key future directions include the development of more comprehensive green financial products that cater to emerging sustainability trends, such as biodiversity conservation and climate resilience. Financial institutions should enhance their collaboration with environmental organizations and policymakers to align investment strategies with global sustainability frameworks, such as the Paris Agreement and the SDGs. In addition, increasing awareness and education among stakeholders about the benefits of Shariah-compliant sustainable investments will be critical to fostering greater participation in this sector.

In conclusion, this research demonstrates that Islamic finance plays a pivotal role in addressing the pressing challenges of climate change through its ethical investment principles and innovative financial instruments. The successful case studies illustrate the practical application of these principles, showcasing its ability to contribute to global sustainability efforts. As the world grapples with climate-related challenges, the Islamic finance industry is uniquely positioned to lead initiatives that not only mitigate financial risks but also promote a sustainable and environmentally responsible economic future. Embracing these opportunities will further solidify the role of Islamic finance in fostering a more sustainable global economy.

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