About Wakaf Research Seminar 2026 **Annex A**

The Wakaf Research Seminar 2026 was held on 25 November 2026 at Crowne Plaza Changi Airport. Jointly organised by MUIS's Office of the Mufti and Financial Transformation & Regulatory Administration (FTRA), the closed-door seminar brought together international scholars, researchers and local practitioners.

Themed *"The Objectives of Wakaf in Addressing Contemporary Challenges: Towards Sustainable Jurisprudential and Institutional Solutions"*, the seminar explored how Islamic jurisprudence can guide the sustainable management of wakaf assets while preserving their religious and social purposes.

The programme opened with a welcome address by the Mufti of Singapore, Dr Nazirudin Mohd Nasir, followed by opening remarks from Dr Elsayed Hussein Abdelbary Soliman, Chief of Sector, Ministry of Awqaf, Egypt. Warees Investments and MUIS's Director of Finance, Procurement & Regulatory, Ms Norhayati Haron, provided an overview of Singapore's wakaf landscape.

Three research presentations were featured:

- **Foundational Principles in Contemporary Wakaf** – Dr Salman Samadi, Lecturer, Dar al-Hadith al-Hassaniah, Morocco.
- **Istibdāl, Management and Development of Wakaf Assets** – Mr Galaleldin Mohamed Abdelaty, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Awqaf, Egypt.
- **Fulfilling the Maqāṣid of Wakaf: Addressing the Modern Needs of Beneficiaries** – Dr Khawla Alnobani, Member, International Islamic Fiqh Academy, Saudi Arabia.

The seminar concluded with a panel discussion and reflections by the Deputy Mufti of Singapore, Dr Izal Mustafa Kamar.

Learning Journey

On 24 November 2026, Warees Investments hosted the international scholars on a learning journey to selected wakaf properties in Singapore.

The visit provided insights into local wakaf management and redevelopment practices, with stops at 245 Jalan Besar, Kampong Glam, 11 Beach Road, Jamae Chulia and lyf Chinatown.