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A New Business Process and Outcome Oriented Corporate Social Responsibility Index for Islamic Banking

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ABSTRACT

This article has answered on two questions; what the process-outcome weight ratio for oriented outcome should be? The second question is: What are the items would be reflected elements under dimensions of both sides? In logic thinking, the used corporate social responsibility (CSR) dimensions of Islamic banks (IBs) have different impacts on the society as result for that these dimensions should be different. There still is very lack in using appropriate weights of dimensions to measure of CSR in IB. By redistribution of the dimensions to two types; business process dimensions (BPDs) and oriented outcome dimensions (OODs) then give each type specific weight to suit their consequence on the CSR's level in IBs. From 115 items, 23 sub-dimensions, and 7 dimensions that have taken from 18 articles since 2005 until 2013, this article has selected 16 items, 9 sub-dimensions, and 5 dimensions. Only Mohammed et al. (2008) built an index has different weights of the CSR's dimensions based on several academic experts in IB. The dimensions' weights has been calculated based on weights of Mohammed et al (2008) in which ratio of BPDs and OODs has been 54 and 46 respectively.

Keywords: Corporate Social Responsibility, Business Process, Oriented Outcome Dimensions

JEL Classifications: K40

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Index Development Illustrated

The discussion of the previous units gives us the understanding that, from an Islamic argument of view, how ethically and responsibly an organization performs its corporate functions is more important than how it employs its earning. This being so, corporate social responsibility (CSR) measures relating to essential business practices warrant more weight than the outcome-oriented measures or the measures not related to the essential processes. While it is conceptually justified that more weight be given to the process measures, at least two important questions need answers for illustrating the index development. The first question is: How much more? Should the process-outcome weight ratio be 80/20, 70/30, 60/40, or something else? How is it decided? The second question is: What are the elements would be reflected items

under dimensions of business process? Before continuing to addressing these questions, we need to clarify that what follows is an illustration of how we do to develop a differentially weighted CSR index for Islamic banks (IBs).

1.2. Weights Ratio of Processes and Outcomes Dimensions

Although in a span of almost one decade (2005-2013), many researchers studied social responsibility of IBs using many measures, effort to assign different weights to dimension and items of CSR measures is originate only in one case. Out of 18 sources listed, 11 sources used Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI's) index, the ethical identity index (EII), or variants of these, where all items of measurement established equal weight. Based on literature review and in-depth expert interviews, Yusuf and Bahari (2011) and

Nazir et al. (2014) recognized 34 CSR measurement items under six basic criteria. It looks their items have different weights, but actually they do not. Items were rated on a 10-point scale from five experts and an average score was calculated for each item to decide whether the item was important enough to be included under a particular standard for CSR measurement. Based on Maqasid framework, Mohammed et al. (2008) and Rasli et al. (2014) developed performance measures of IBs. Their Maqasid index is created on 10 elements under three objectives that were allocated differential weights as shown in Table 1.

The distribution of weights to 3 objectives and 10 elements suggest us significant clues to ascertaining a preliminary process-outcome weights ratio of 54:46. The Table 2 shows how we arrived at this preliminary ratio. The calculation in it shows a process-outcome ratio of 53.85:46.15 that has been rounded to 54:46.

1.3. Items Selection and Their Weights Allocation

As mentioned earlier, the second question for the development of the index is what items are to be included in the index. For this purpose, from the 18 articles stated, a compilation of 110 items belonging to 9 dimensions and 28 sub-dimensions has been made (all measurements of CSR in IBs from related published literature are attached in Appendix A). As a technique of illustration, nine items have been chosen under business process dimensions (BPDs) which fall under three dimensions and four sub-dimensions. Similarly, seven items have been selected under oriented outcome

dimensions (OODs) that belong to two dimensions and five subdimensions. All these selections are shown in Table 3. The notes below Table 3 temporarily describe how actual selection will be made and various weights will be allocated.

2. DISCUSSION

Some authors (e.g., Sairally, 2005; Farook et al. 2011) recognized expectations of the stakeholders of IBs based on the experience of the conventional literature of CSR, in spite of Wood's (2010) recommendation of deliberate incorporation of research and delving into other domains of CSR literature. Others (Mohammed et al., 2008; Yusuf and Bahari, 2011) have collected CSR dimensions from IBs' literature through studying Islamic principles and law without paying more attention to the source of action. The CSR actions come from the core business of IBs or from external activities. Usmani (2002) stated that, according to Islamic principles, business transactions could never be separated from the moral targets of a society. Woermann (2013) argued that increasing emphasis on entering CSR into the core business approach is a tool for companies to meet their CSR obligations. As a result, this paper is relevant and a worthy contribution because it uses dimensions divided into two parts, that is, dimensions from core business transactions and from oriented activities. The structure of the index is like the structure of a real business, in which there are two parts: The business process and the oriented outcomes.

Table 1: Average weights for three objectives/10 elements given by Shari'ah experts

Objectives	Average weight (out of 100%)	Elements	Average weight (out of 100%)
O1. Education (Tahdhib al-Fard)	30	E1. Education grants/donations	24
		E2. Research	27
		E3. Training	26
		E4. Publicity	23
		Total	100
O2. Justice (Al-Adl)	41	E5. Fair returns	30
		E6. Fair price	32
		E7. Interest-free product	38
		Total	100
O3. Welfare (Al-Maslahah)	29	E8. Bank's profit ratios	33
		E9. Personal income transfers	30
		E10. Investment ratios in real sector	37
Total	100	Total	100

Source: Mohammed et al. (2008)

Table 2: Ascertaining preliminary weights ratio for process measures/outcome measures

Objectives	Elements classified								
(average weights)	Process-based	Calculation	Output-oriented	Calculation					
		of weights*		of weights*					
O1. Education (30)	E1. Education grants/donations	30×0.24=7.2							
	E2. Research	$30 \times 0.27 = 8.1$							
	E3. Training	$30 \times 0.26 = 7.8$							
	E4. Publicity	$30 \times 0.23 = 6.9$							
O2. Justice (41)	•		E5. Fair returns	$41 \times 0.30 = 12.3$					
	E6. Fair price	$41 \times 0.32 = 13.12$							
			E7. Interest-free product	41×0.38=15.58					
O3. Welfare (29)			E8. Bank's profit ratios	29×0.33=9.57					
			E9. Personal income transfers	$29 \times 0.30 = 8.7$					
	E10. Investment ratios in real sector	29×0.37=10.73							
	Process total	53.85	Outcome total	46.15					

^{*}Weight of objective ×% weight of element

Table 3: Developed index for differentiated dimensions to measure CSR of IBs

Weights	Dimensions**	Weights*	Sub-dimension	Weights*	Measurements items**	Weights*
Process (54)	Investment	50	Empowerment of communities	100	M1: Equity investment/total investment	20
					M2: Musharakah investment/total investment	20
					M3: Financing to poor families and small	20
					businesses	
					M4: Investment in deprived areas	20
					M5: Selecting companies that represent	20
					industries of the future	
	R&D	25	Advancement of knowledge	100	M6: Research expense/total expense	100
	HR	25	Investing in education and	50	M7: Educational grant/total income ratio	50
			training		M8: Training expense/total expense	50
			Justice	50	M9: Fairness in terms of wages, working hours	100
Process total		100				
Outcome (46)	Social	70	Supporting charities	50	M10: Zakat/net income	50
	activities and				M11: Amount of Sadaqah	50
	sharing		Playing the role of welfare	25	M12: Amount of Qardh Hassan	50
	28		without looking for profitability		M13: Interest-free income/total income	50
			Fair returns	25	M14: Net profit/total asset	100
	Environment	30	In work place	50	M15: Energy conservation	100
			Protecting the environment	50	M16: Undertake initiative to promote	100
					environmental responsibility	
Outcome total						
Overall						

^{*}These weights are arbitrarily assigned for illustrative purposes. For actual development of the index, preliminary weights will be decided and justified based on literature review, which will then be validated through a panel of experts using online Delphi techniques. **Measurement items and dimensions will be judiciously selected to reflect and capture the notion of process and outcome and the selection will be subsequently validated by the same procedure as mentioned above. CSR: Corporate social responsibility, IB: Islamic Bank

This structure of the measures index is considered a contribution to CSR and the IB field.

One should see to the long-term impacts through IB products and investments by using macroeconomic and MS, and incorporate that in measuring CSR in IBs. Siddiqi (2006) argued that IBs should not look at the microeconomic targets of their investments to arrive at current targeted profits. Instead, they must look at the long-term benefits and the positive consequences for the community and economy. Farook et al. (2011) and Yusof et al. (2010) stated that equity finance is in line with goals of Islam Maqasid Shari'ah, specifically justice, good economic impacts and social equality. However, Farook et al. (2011) and Yusof et al. (2010) argued that using debt as an investment tool has failed and is one of the major causes of the global financial crisis. They and other researchers stated that IBs should increase their share in equity finance. Malik et al. (2011) concluded that it is crucial to remember that the purpose of Islamic finance practitioners is not to "replicate" conventional finance products in an Islamic way at all times, but rather to create new financial ideas or products which appeal to IBs and investors, even if this means slower growth than Islamisation. Musharakah financing and equity investment are included as new measurements in the index to measure CSR in IBs (Table 3).

The major contribution of this paper is its use of different weights based on the impact and importance of every dimension. Indexes are used to measure the CSR disclosure in IBs, including AAOIFI's index, the EII (Haniffa and Hudaib, 2007; Hassan and Harahap, 2010; Zubairu et al., 2012; Rashid et al., 2013; and Kamla and Rammal, 2013). Maali et al. (2006); Aribi and Gao (2010); Abbasi et al. (2012); and Farook et al. (2011) used a disclosure index approach.

3. CONCLUSION

The paper attempted to explain the need for having an IB CSR measurement index, which allocates more weight to the process-based measures than to outcome-oriented measures.

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Appendix A: All measurements of CSR in IBs are from the related published literature (18 articles)

					re from the related published liter		
No.	Dimension	No.	Sub-dimension	No.	Measurements	Sources	Author/s
1	Human	1	Protecting health and	1	Insurance and welfare for employees	Interviews/	Yusuf and Bahari (2011)
	resource		safety			respondents	and Musa (2011)
				2	Remuneration and benefits/reward	Annual reports/	Rahman et al. (2010) and
					for ethical behavior	respondents	Musa (2011)
				3	Place of work safe and comfortable	Interviews/annual	Yusuf and Bahari (2011);
						reports	Nor and Asutay (2011)
				4	The standards include provisions for	Respondents	Dusuki and Dar (2005) and
					health and safety regulations. Adhere		Musa (2011)
					to outlined procedures		
		•	*	5	Work does not exceed limits and time		Yusuf and Bahari, 2011
		2	Investing in education	6	Training expense/total expense	Annual reports	Mohammed et al., 2008
			and training	7	Education and the telling and	A1	M.1 1 . 2000
				7 8	Education grant/total income Policy on education and training	Annual reports Annual reports	Mohammed et al., 2008 Farook et al., 2011;
				0	-	Ailluai reports	
					of employees. Trained on Shari'ah		Maali et al., (2006)
					principles for Islamic banking		Rahman et al. (2010) and
				9	Appropriately trained	Respondents	Musa (2011) Musa (2011)
					Facilities for personal Shari'ah	Respondents	Musa (2011)
				10	obligations	1100pondonto	(2011)
				11	Disclosure of employee including	Annual reports	The Ethical Identity
					number of employees and training:	Timidai Topotto	Index (EII). (1)
					Shariah awareness		maex (EII). (1)
		3	Responsible in work	12	Fulfill every contract demand	Interviews/	Yusuf and Bahari, (2011)
						respondents	and Musa (2011)
				13	Employee appreciation	Annual reports	(1) +
					1 7 11	1	Aribi and Gao (2010)
				14	Optimal for using time and expertise	Interviews	Yusuf and Bahari, 2011
					Free will	Interviews	Yusuf and Bahari, 2011
					Fair competition	Interview	Yusuf and Bahari, 2011
				17	Integrity in the work. Gifts in return	Interview/	Yusuf and Bahari (2011)
				1.0	for favor is normal	respondents	and Musa (2011)
				18	Transparency. Advise one another	Respondents/	Sairally (2005); Yusuf
						interviews	and Bahari (2011) and
				19	Working in accordance with the	Interviews/	Musa (2011) Yusuf and Bahari (2011)
				19	limitations and responsibilities.	respondents	and Musa (2011)
					-	respondents	and Musa (2011)
				20	Avoid hurting each other Accountability	Interviews	Yusuf and Bahari (2011)
				20 21	Trust	Interviews/	Yusuf and Bahari, 2011;
						respondents	Musa (2011)
		4	Justice	22	The existence values of brotherhood	Interviews/	Yusuf and Bahari (2011)
					and religious motivation	respondents	and Musa (2011)
				23	Fair in terms of wages, working	Respondents	Dusuki and Dar (2005) and
					hours		Musa (2011)
				24	Eligible for wages	Interviews	Yusuf and Bahari, 2011
				25	Promoting human rights. False	Respondents	(Dusuki and Dar, 2005;
					expenses claims are normal		Abbasi et al., 2012) and
				_		_	Musa (2011).
				26	Ensuring that the operation respects	Respondents	Dusuki and Dar (2005)
					human rights		
				27	Equal opportunity	Annual reports	Aribi and Gao, (2010)
				28	Emphasize on ethical values and	Respondents	Nor and Asutay (2011);
				20	moral behavior	Annual remember end	Musa (2011)
				29	Improve the socio-economic	Annual reports and	Samina (2012)
2	Good	5	Vision and mission	30	condition of employees Commitments in operating, serving	other publications Annual reports	The Ethical Identity
4	governance	3	statement	50	the needs of community	minual reports	Index (EII). (1)
	50 vernance		Statement	31	CSR should be embedded in Islamic	Respondents	Nor and Asutay (2011)
				J.1	banks' policy	p-0	with 120 mm j (2011)
					r J		

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- 1	Dimension	No.	Sub-dimension	No.	Measurements	Sources	Author/s
				32	CSR relevant to Islamic banking concept	Respondents	Nor and Asutay (2011)
				33	Engage only in permissible	Annual reports/	The Ethical Identity
					investment within Shariah principles	respondents	Index (EII) (1) and Nor and
				34	Regulations essential to avoid exploitation	Respondents	Asutay (2011) Musa (2011)
				35	Whistle-blowers not victimized and	Respondents	Musa (2011)
				36	encouragement to report breach CSR upholds the social justice dimension of Islamic Economics	Respondents	Nor and Asutay (2011)
		6	Board members and top management	37	Disclosure of names, positions	Websites	Farook et al., 2011
			top management	38	Limited multiple directorships and shareholdings	Website	The Ethical Identity Index (EII). (1)
				39	Balanced board, no role duality	Annual reports	The Ethical Identity
		7	Fair dealings	40	Building long-lasting relationships with customers	Annual reports	Index (EII). (1) Hassan and Harahap (2010
				41	with customers To give due importance to the SSB's opinions	Annual reports	Hassan and Harahap (2010
				42	Having an audit committee	Annual reports	The Ethical Identity
				43	Reducing the adverse impact of the investment	Interviews	Index (EII). (1) Yusuf and Bahari, 2011
				44	Bank's assets often used for personal gain	Respondents	Musa (2011)
				45	To maintain good relations with employees	Annual reports/ respondents	Hassan and Harahap (2010 Sairally (2005)
				46 47	Good relations with shareholders Code of ethical conduct clearly	Annual reports Respondents	Hassan and Harahap (2010 Musa (2011)
i	SSB: Shariah Supervisory Board	8	SSB members and their role	48	communicated Names	Websites	The Ethical Identity Index (EII). (1)
	Board			49 50	Remuneration Number of meetings held	Annual reports Annual reports	Rashid et al., 2013 The Ethical Identity
				51	Basis of examination of the	Annual reports	Index (EII). (1) The Ethical Identity
				52	documents Attestation that profits is gained	Annual reports	Index (EII). (1) The Ethical Identity
				53	lawfully Their recommendations to rectify	Annual reports and	Index (EII). (1) The Ethical Identity
					the defects products and the actions taken by management	websites	Index (EII). (1)
				54		Website	Farook et al., 2011
				55 56	Reputable scholars and background Shariah Supervisory Council	Websites Annual reports	Farook et al., 2011 Rahman et al., (2010)
				57	Number of SSB members	Websites	Farook et al. 2011
		9	Compliance with	58	Instrument selection/industry	Interviews/annual	Yusuf and Bahari, (2011),
			Shari'ah		selection	reports and other publications	Samina (2012)
				59	Ex-ante and Ex-post approved for new products	Annual reports	Maali et al. (2006); Mosai and Boutti (2012)
				60	IBI's investment in halal products	Interviews/annual reports	Yusuf and Bahari (2011); Rahman et al. (2010)
					54.4		
				61	Not investing in impermissible activities	Respondents	Sairally (2005) & AAOIFI

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No.	Dimension	No.	Sub-dimension		Measurements	Sources	Author/s
				63	Calculation of Zakat	Annual reports	Maali et al. (2006); Hassan
							and Harahap (2010);
							Mosaid and Boutti 2012
				64	Revenues	Annual reports	Maali et al. (2006); Hassan
							and Harahap (2010)
				65	Operations	Annual reports	Rashid et al., 2013;
							Musa (2011)
				66	Distribution of profit-loss, method of	Annual reports	Hassan and
					allocating PLS with (IAH)		Harahap (2010); Mosaid
							and Boutti (2012); AAOIFI
				67	Selections of customers according to	Interviews	Yusuf and Bahari, 2011
					Shariah		
				68	Unusual supervisory restrictions	Annual reports	Rahman et al. (2010)
				69	Screening clients and contractors	Annual reports and	Samina (2012)
						other publications	
4	Environment	10	Investment and finance	70	No investment in any projects that	Use of all sources	All authors except
					may harm the environment		Mohammed et al., 2008
		11	In work place	71	Educating employees to care for and	Interviews	Yusuf and Bahari, 2011
					treat the environment		
				72	The use of recycled materials	Annual reports	Yusuf and Bahari, 2011
				73	Good waste and recycle policy	Respondents	Dusuki and Dar (2005)
				74	Energy conservation	Respondents:	Dusuki and Dar (2005);
						annual reports	Mosaid and Boutti (2012);
							Nor and Asutay (2011)
		12	Protecting the	75	Undertake initiatives to promote	Respondents/	Dusuki and Dar (2005);
			environment		environmental responsibility	annual reports,	Samina (2012); Rahman
						websites and other	et al. (2010)
						publications	
5	R & D	13	Advancement of	76	Research expense/total expense	Annual reports	Mohammed et al., 2008
			Knowledge				
				77	Supporting the R&D, training	Annual reports or	Hassan and
					conducted by academics, changes in	websites	Harahap (2010); AAOIFI
					restricted investment		
		14	Innovative	78	Introduce new products based on	Annual reports	Hassan and Harahap (2010);
					R&D of Islamic concepts		Aribi and Gao, (2010);
							Rahman et al. (2010)
6	Investment	15	Affordable products	79	Bad debt/total investment	Annual reports	Mohammed et al., 2008
			and services				
		16	Empowerment of	80	IAH funds/shareholder funds	Annual reports	Farook et al., 2011
			communities			_	
				81	Amount of financing to poor families	Interviews	Yusuf and Bahari, (2011),
				0.0	and small businesses		Samina (2012)
				82	Financing housing construction	Respondents	Sairally (2005)
				83	Financing of health services	Respondents	Sairally (2005)
				84	Selecting companies that represent	Respondents/	Sairally (2005);
					industries of the future	annual reports and	Samina (2012)
7	Casial and 10	17	Allaminta accidel	0.5	Disalasses of Johnson in 1 disa	other publications	(1) and Mass (2011)
7	Social activities	1 /		85	Disclosure of debtors including	Annual reports	(1) and Musa (2011)
	and sharing		problems	0/	amount of debts written off	D	Marca (2011)
				86 87	Without ulterior motive Help solve social problems	Respondents Respondents	Musa (2011) Dusuki and Dar (2005)
		18	Support and help fund	88	Participating in social activities	Websites/	All authors except
		10	welfare	00	i articipating in social activities		Mohammed et al., 2008 and
			WEIIAIE			annual reports/	· ·
				89	Alliance and support with charitable	respondents Respondents	Yusuf and Bahari, 2011 Nor and Asutay (2011) and
				09		respondents	- · · · ·
				00	organizations Wasf management:	Annual remarks and	Musa (2011)
				90	Waqf management:	Annual reports and other publications	Saiillia (2012)
						omer publications	

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No. Dimension	No.	Sub-dimension	No.	Measurements	Sources	Author/s
			91	The selection of investors to support	Interviews/annual	Yusuf and Bahari (2011),
				the activities for social welfare	reports and other	Samina (2012)
					publications	
			92	Education, social donations	Interviews	Yusuf and Bahari (2011)
			93	Sponsoring Islamic educational and	Annual reports/	The Ethical Identity
				social events	respondents	Index (EII). (1), Nor
					respondents	and Asutay (2011) and
						• ' '
	19	Supporting charities	94	Sources of Zakat funds	Annual raparts/	Musa (2011) Maali et al., 2006; Mosaid
	19	Supporting charmes	74	Sources of Zakat fullus	Annual reports/	
					respondents	and Boutti (2012); Nor and
			0.5		** "	Asutay (2011)
			95	Amount of Zakat	Use all sources	All authors except
						Samina (2012)
			96	Zakat/net income	Annual reports	Mohammed et al., 2008
			97	Amount of Sadaqah	Annual reports	(2)
			98	Zakat obligation	Annual reports	Rahman et al. (2010)
			99	The uses of the Zakat fund	Annual reports/	Maali et al., 2006; Mosaid
					respondents	and Boutti 2012; Nor and
						Asutay (2011)
	20	Playing the role	100	Interest free income/total income	Annual reports	Mohammed et al., 2008
		of welfare without				
		looking solely for				
		profitability				
			101	Prevalence of ethics over profits	Respondents	Musa (2011)
			102	Participate in management of	Respondents	Dusuki and Dar (2005) an
				public affairs and Participates in		Musa (2011)
				government social activities		
			103	Play a role in society, goes beyond	Respondents	Dusuki and Dar, 2005
				profit maximization	1	,
			104	Policy of Qardh Hassan	Annual reports	(1)
				Amount of Qardh Hassan: Its source	Use all sources	All authors
				and use		
	21	Fair Returns	106	Net profit/total asset	Annual reports	Mohammed, 2008
				Numbers of female branches	Annual reports	(1)
		social goals			1	
		Sovial Bould	108	Creating job opportunities	Annual reports	(1)
				The existence values of brotherhood	Interview	Yusuf and Bahari, 2011
				Have the same opportunity	Interview	Yusuf and Bahari, 2011
				Refrain lending to oppressive regime	Respondents	Dusuki and Dar, 2005
				or companies violating human rights	•	
			112	Providing grant for educational	Annual reports	Sairally, 2005
				purposes or scholarship to students	1	**
			113	Services excellent	Interview	Yusuf and Bahari (2011),
						Samina (2012)
			114	Avoid discrimination	Interview	Yusuf and Bahari, 2011
	23	Make awareness of IRs		Public expense/total expense	Annual reports	Mohammed et al., 2008
	23	Trianc awaichess of IDS	113	i done expense, total expense	1 milian reports	1710Hallillica et al., 2006

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