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# Winning the hearts and minds: how to build consumers' trust in halal certification

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#### WE LIVE IN A WORLD....



- Immediacy
- Fake news and conflicting information
- Health uncertainties & food insecurity
- Fragile and weakened value & logistic chains
- Overwhelming digital impacts
- Opportunistic businesspeople....
  - TRUST (RE)emerges as a KEY VALUE

#### A **VUCA** WORLD....



- Volatile
- Uncertain
- Complex
- Ambiguous



• ...is a WORLD OF 'NOISE'

• SIMPLICITY, TRUST & FLEXIBILITY

## And Muslim population is evolving



- More global and diverse
- Younger
- More digitally connected & impacted
- More cosmopolitan
- More Urban
- More concerned about global values (environment respect....)
- More assertive in their identity & demands

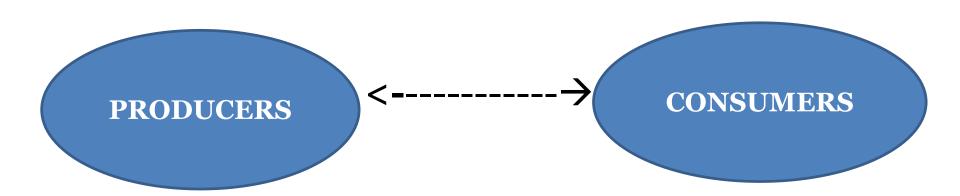
Thus, more challenging and complex to reach and to build trust





A context of growing need & demand for TRUST in food products and the food system as a whole

• TRUST requires **both** extremes of the relations:





## BUT it is not the same building TRUST...

Muslim consumers living in Muslim majority society.

Muslim consumers being social minorities.

The halal certification has different connotations: belonging, collective self-identity, care, security, confidence and adds value to the product.



## With globalization of trade and consumption of halal products...

- It is an urgent need to have a **recognized halal certificate** that generates trust among the consumers.
  - And this certificate generates **loyalty** towards that brand.
  - This is specially true among the Muslim Millennial: Modernity + access to massive global info + M. identity

## Building trust is a comprehensive and complex process



• TRUST is a total factor, a comprehensive perception.

- BUILDING TRUST:
  - Objective
  - Subjective



### Winning the minds



- Objective (producers side):
  - Clear & honest halal production process (ingredients, production, values...)
  - Laboratories: key factor of reliability
  - Well **skilled professionals** (professionalism, rigour...)
    - Updated tailor-made training of the professionals

## Winning the minds



- Objective (producers side):
  - Reputed **high common standards: SMIIC** since August 2010.
  - Reliable, verifiable and simplified certificate.
  - Rigorous and consistent commercialization.



#### Winning the minds

- Objective (producers side):
  - Promoting TRANSPARENCY & ACCESSIBILITY to all the sources of information, to the production processes...
    - Involve ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS OF THE VALUE CHAIN in this transparency
    - This generates CREDIBILITY, INTEGRITY & TREACEABILITY.....**Brand reputation**



- Subjective (addressed to the Muslim consumer side):
  - The brand has to be near the Muslim consumer, to respond, clarify, verify and update their concerns & demands, and in a quick time.

In a DIGITAL world, technology enables this as never before: digital identities, blockchain, apps, big data...



- Subjective (addressed to the Muslim consumer side):
  - Creating a brand identity embedded in Muslim values
  - BUT listening to these Muslim consumers, because they are changing and becoming more complex
  - Do not create a second type product, adapt THE ORIGINAL
     ONE to the Muslim consumers: BE HONEST



- Subjective (addressed to the Muslim consumer side):
  - Specially relevant is the DIGITAL IDENTITY of the brand. MUST be sincere and adapting to the needs & narrative
  - Fluent and **active** interaction 'brand consumer'
  - **BUT** without being simplistic and naïf in the approach (*specially brands from none-Muslim countries*): the are prone to question details of what they buy, not following blindly because 'it is hala!'

#### AN ADAPTED DIGITAL IDENTITY

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- In the framework of the global consciousness of the Muslim consumers, brands must have a **COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY & SIMPLICITY** (ethical values embedded in Islam):
  - Environmental (respect, awareness...)
  - Social (commitment, inclusion...)
  - Economic (honest, fair, balanced...)
  - Responsible (with all around you...)

ESSENTIAL: Consistency between the narrative and the real facts is critical.





un Halal CERTIFIÉ



un Halal RESPONSABLE



un **Halal** QUALITATIF



un Halal ACCESSIBLE



un **Flatat** DIVERSIFIÉ



un Flatat CONNECTÉ



#### a point of honor & pride since 1985



#### **QUALITY**

Isla Mondial ensures its production in its own factory located in Brittany to guarantee the manufacture of its products from selected meats and poultry.



#### **COMMUNITY**

The entire Isla
Mondial team is at
your disposal and
supports you daily in
the consumption of
products in order to
best meet your needs.



#### TRACEABILITY

All the products
offered by Isla
Mondial are
halal certified by AVS
in order to guarantee
respect for the
religious rites
necessary for
slaughter.



#### RESPECT

Isla Mondial is committed to respecting the values shared with its consumers by constantly pursuing the improvement of its products.



## 'Associations of Muslim consumers': part of a strong M ecosystem

- In non-Muslim societies, it also helps to build trust in all the system: as *external critical supervisors*
- They have to be inclusive, really representative, open and accountable.
- They **bring light to the whole ecosystem**, questioning the system to improve it, and opening the halal concept to a broader part of the societies (*something always needed*).



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