



Training of Incubator Managers of the OIC Countries **30th September – 1st October 2010, Ankara, Turkey**

Recommendations

As part of the COMCEC projects the Training of Incubator Managers of the OIC Countries was successfully held in Ankara, Republic of Turkey on 30th September 1st October 2010. The Training Programme was organized jointly by Islamic Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI) and the Small & Medium Enterprises Development Organization (KOSGEB).

The Training Programme was attended by around 15 participants from 8 countries. The two day Training Programme covered sessions dealing with the Concept of Incubation centers, Incubation Management Centres, Formulation of Strategic Plan and Country Presentations.

Based on the discussions, question answers and the country presentations, the Training Programme put forward the following recommendations for the consideration of Member Countries.

1. Underlined the role of Incubation Centres as an important tool to promote and support Micro and Small Enterprises and thereby contribute to the GNP and economic growth of member countries.
2. Call upon SME enterprises in Member States, to adopt best practices as used by other successful incubator centers, for a smooth transfer from University to the Industry, to close the existing gap and generate employment for the increasing number of graduates.
3. To call upon governments, private sectors, banks, universities of OIC member states, to provide the necessary financial and technical support for setting up incubation centers as well as enhance the existing incubators.
4. Member States are called to give more consideration in areas related to incubation, particularly of policy making, bench marking and networking with the successful incubators.

5. Called upon ICCI to look into the possibility to create a website by the Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC) as part of the existing OIC Network of SME Associations (ONSA) on incubators of OIC countries that will highlight developments, accomplishments, new technologies and innovative ideas and also market the same. In addition, ICRIC may also develop an international standard for managing the incubators.
6. To call upon the employers to encourage and support incubators as a source of new ideas, that could be an important chain in their value addition endeavors.
7. Encourage the private sector to set-up Incubators, techno-parks for the development of women entrepreneurs.
8. To call upon the SME Organizations of the Member Countries to facilitate the establishment of Incubation Center in the rural areas, hence this would help in reducing poverty and transfer of knowledge from the center to the rural areas.
9. To call upon the Private Sector to own and run *the incubator as a business*, with the perspective of becoming self supporting when operations are fully established and reduce the financial dependency on the government budget.
10. Call upon the SME Organizations / relevant Ministers of the Member Countries to encourage foreign sponsors and international collaborations, both financial and technological, to facilitate the entry of small foreign businesses, into local markets, so as to contribute in enhancing the export of local manufactures.
11. To call upon IDB and its affiliates to consider providing financial support for the sustainable development of incubation centers in the member countries. .
12. To strengthen capacity building of incubation centers managers of the member countries by regularly organizing similar programs such as this of Ankara, wherein experiences could be shared and inspiring success stories be told.
13. In view of the significance of the micro, small and medium size enterprises, the Iran Chamber of Commerce Industries and Mines, has offered to host a training programme on the accession to WTO and its impact on the private sector of the OIC member states.
