

SESRIC 3 Mandated Areas

A subsidiary Organ of the OIC since 1978

1. Statistics

2. Economic & Social Research

3. Training

Support and contribute to the development efforts of OIC MCs in various socio-economic fields and areas through different south-south cooperation modalities

Statistics & Information

Ensuring the availability of the necessary needed statistical data and information that would make the MCs better informed of each other's capacities, potentials and needs and, thus, facilitate their elaboration of cooperation projects and integration schemes.

Statistics & Information

- ❑ OIC Stat Database**
- ❑ Statistical Capacity Building Program (Stat-CaB)**
- ❑ OIC Statistical Commission (OIC Stat-Com)**
- ❑ Annual SDGs Reports (COMCEC)**

Economic & Social Research

Study and evaluate the economic and social developments in the OIC member countries in order to generate proposals that will initiate and enhance cooperation among them.

Economic & Social Research

Mainly

**Technical Background Reports & Studies for OIC
socio-economic Sectoral Ministerial
Conferences & Standing Committees**

Other Research

In-house SESRIC OIC Outlook Reports Series

Joint/Commissioned Research

Add Hoc Research upon requests by OIC GS

Training

SESRIC plays a significant role in enhancing the south-south cooperation within the OIC community by initiating and implementing various capacity building training activities on a wide range of socio-economic fields of interest to the OIC MCs.

SESRIC has currently 24 sector-specific capacity building programmes realized through different implementation modalities, including training courses, training workshops and study visits.

Training

1- capacity Building Programmes

- **Training Courses: matching needs & capacities**
 - **Study Visits**
 - **Training Workshops**

Training

2- Technical Cooperation

- Reverse Linkages
- -Activities/projects with other partners
 - Networks
 - Portals
 - OIC-VET Programme
 - OIC International Internship Programme (OIC-INTERN)
 - SESRIC Internship Programme

SESRIC Contribution to the Implementation of the Resolutions and Policy Recommendations adopted by the Ministerial Conference & Standing Committees

- **SESRIC Planned its Annual Programme in line with (Considering) the SESRIC Contribution to the Implementation of the Resolutions and Policy Recommendations adopted by the Ministerial Conference & Standing Committees**

**Examples of SESRIC Conducted Activities
towards the Implementation of COMCEC
Ministerial Policy Recommendations
According to the Cooperation Areas of
COMCEC Strategy**

(August 2019-August 2021)

1. TRADE

SESRIC organised **1 training course** under this cooperation area of COMCEC.

	Subject	Date and Venue	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Relevant COMCEC Policy Recommendation(s)
1	Training Course on “Facilitating Transit Trade with an Emphasis on WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)”	18-20 November 2019, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Crafts (MCIA) / National Committee for Trade Facilitation (CNFE) of Burkina Faso	General Directorate of Trade / Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy of Morocco	11th Meeting of Trade Working Group: Facilitating Trade: Improving Customs Risk Management Systems in the OIC Member States: Adopting measures to facilitate transit trade.

2. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

SESRIC organised **1 webinar** under this cooperation area of COMCEC.

	Subject	Date and Venue	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Relevant COMCEC Policy Recommendation(s)
1	Webinar on “Motor Vehicle, Traffic Volume and Road Traffic Accident Statistics”	03 June 2021, Virtual	National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of 21 OIC member countries	TurkStat, BPS-Statistics Indonesia and UNESCWA Statistics Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th Meeting of TCWG - Enhancing Road Maintenance in the OIC Member Countries: Establishing a Road Database Management System. • 8th Meeting of TCWG - Improving Road Safety in the OIC Member States: Establishing a Reliable and Sustainable Road Safety and Crash Data System.

3. TOURISM

SESRIC organised **7 training courses** and **1 training workshop** under this cooperation area of COMCEC.

	Subject	Date and Venue	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Relevant COMCEC Policy Recommendation(s)
1	Training Course on “Halal Tourism”	10-12 December 2019, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Culture, Information and Tourism of Kyrgyzstan	Islamic Tourism Centre (ITC) of Malaysia	7th Meeting of TWG: “Muslim Friendly Tourism (MFT): Understanding the Demand and Supply Sides in the OIC Member Countries”: Increasing awareness of MFT market among the travel industry stakeholders through standardizing terminology used in MFT, introducing market awareness and customer service training programmes and utilizing social media for promotion and marketing.

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2	Training Course on “Promoting Entrepreneurship for Tourism Industry Competitiveness”	08-12 June 2020, Virtual	State Tourism Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey, Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), Agricultural and Rural Development Support Institution of Turkey (TKDK), the Bursa, Eskisehir, Bilecik Development Agency (BEBKA), UNDP Istanbul International Centre for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD)	13th Meeting of TWG: Sustainable Destination Management Strategies in the OIC Member Countries: Improving community participation fair representation by offering human resources training, capacity building and certification programs, enhancing local value chain, integrating local production into procurement and minimize leakages, encouraging local entrepreneurship in tourism, conducting media campaigns as well as raising tourist awareness about tourism sustainability.

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3	Training Course on “Strategic Planning for Sustainable Tourism Development”	29 June – 03 July 2020, Virtual	Ministry of Culture, Tourism, and Leisure of the Republic of Togo	Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Arts of the Republic of Benin	11th Meeting of TWG: Destination Development and Institutionalization Strategies in the OIC Member Countries: Planning supply and demand as well as identifying and monitoring KPIs for ensuring sustainable tourism development at the destination.
4	Training Course on “Developing Multi-Destination Tourism Corridors”	23-27 August 2020, Virtual	National Tourism Council of Qatar	Management of Istanbul University/ Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey	14th Meeting of TWG: Developing Multi-Destination Tourism Corridors in the OIC Member Countries.

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5	Training Course on “Tourism Development”	09-13 November 2020 Virtual	State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Tourism Development and Silk Road International University of Tourism in Uzbekistan	Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Turkey, Turkish Standards Institute (TSE), National University of Bangladesh, International Institute for Halal Research and Training (INHART) of Malaysia, SMIC	11th Meeting of TWG: Destination Development and Institutionalization Strategies in the OIC Member Countries: Planning supply and demand as well as identifying and monitoring KPIs for ensuring sustainable tourism development at the destination.
6	Training Workshop on “Tourism Destination Marketing Strategies”	02-04 March 2021, Virtual	Tourism boards/ authorities and relevant national institutions of 26 OIC member countries	ICDT, International Institute for Halal Research and Training (INHART) of Malaysia, DinarStandard	12th Meeting of TWG: Destination Marketing Strategies in the OIC Member Countries: Establishing/Empowering a central body (i.e. DMO) to position the destination at a desirable place among the competing destinations, to create the brand image of the destination, and to promote the destination through utilizing such tools as social media, digital marketing, trade fairs, public relations, and fam-trip organizations.

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8	Training of Trainers Course on “Tourism and Hospitality Services”	29 March - 02 April 2021, Virtual	National TVET institutions of the OIC member countries	General Directorate of Vocational and Technical Education at the Ministry of National Education of Turkey	4th Meeting of TWG: “Enhancing the Capacity of Tourism Workforce in the Member Countries for Improved Tourism Service Quality”

4. AGRICULTURE

SESRIC organised **3 training courses** and **1 webinar** under this cooperation area of COMCEC.

	Subject	Date and Venue	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Relevant COMCEC Policy Recommendation(s)
1	Training Course on “Food Safety Analysis”	10-14 August 2020, Virtual	Maldives Food and Drug Authority and the Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture of Maldives	Ministry of Health of Malaysia	<p>14th Meeting of AWG: Increasing the Resilience of the Food Systems in the OIC Member Countries in Face of Future Food Crises: Monitoring and evaluation of food security.</p> <p>15th Meeting of AWG: Good Governance for Ensuring Food Security and Nutrition in the OIC Member Countries.</p>
2	Webinar on “Enhancing Food Security in OIC Countries: An Overview of the Food Balance Sheet”	24-November-2020, Virtual	19 OIC member countries and 2 international organisations (Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) and Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security (ECO-RCC))	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	<p>14th Meeting of AWG: Increasing the Resilience of the Food Systems in the OIC Member Countries in Face of Future Food Crises: Monitoring and evaluation of food security.</p> <p>15th Meeting of AWG: Good Governance for Ensuring Food Security and Nutrition in the OIC Member Countries.</p>

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3	Training Course on “Developing Livestock Production and Animal Husbandry to Foster Food Security”	19-21 May 2021, Virtual	19 OIC member countries	Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries of Malaysia	<p>14th Meeting of AWG: Increasing the Resilience of the Food Systems in the OIC Member Countries in Face of Future Food Crises.</p> <p>15th Meeting of AWG: Good Governance for Ensuring Food Security and Nutrition in the OIC Member Countries.</p>
4	Training Course on “Food Waste Reduction”	10-12 August 2021, Virtual	25 OIC member countries	Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries of Malaysia and Ministry of Housing and Local Government of Malaysia	<p>9th Meeting of AWG: “Reducing Food Waste in the OIC Member Countries”: Conducting cohesive initiatives and campaigns to increase awareness on food waste in supply chain and consumption.</p>

5. POVERTY ALLEVIATION

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	Subject	Date and Venue	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Relevant COMCEC Policy Recommendation(s)
1	Training Course on “Skills and Entrepreneurship Development”	08-17 July 2020, Virtual	Ministry of Employment, Vocational Training and Handicrafts; Ministry of Civil Service and Public Service Renewal; Ministry of Labour, Social Dialogue, Professional Organizations and Relations with the Institutions of Senegal	National Agency for Employment and Independent Work (ANETI) of Tunisia	12 th Meeting of PAWG: Skills Development in the OIC Member Countries: Vocational Education: Matching the skills thought in TVET institutions with the industrial requirements through job-oriented and demand-driven curriculum update and improving facilities of TVET institutions as well as establishing a training centre inside industrial area.

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2	Statistical Training Course on “Living Conditions and Poverty Statistics”	8-9 December 2020, Virtual	Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)	BPS-Statistics Indonesia	15th Meeting of PAWG - Urban Poverty in the OIC Member Countries in the OIC Member Countries: Conceptualizing urban poverty and developing/improving data collection and measurement practices to achieve evidence-based policymaking.
3	Workshop on “Emerging Challenges in TVET Sector and Capacity Development Trends in OIC Member States”	11-14 January 2021, Virtual	TVET Authorities from 26 OIC member countries	UNESCO-UNEVOC, ILO, Islamic University of Technology (IUT)	12th Meeting of PAWG: Skills Development in the OIC Member Countries: Vocational Education: Increasing both the quantity and quality of teachers in TVET sector through providing professional development programs, industrial attachment, and recognition of their work based on performance.

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4	Training Course on “Development of E-learning Curriculum and Relevant E-materials”	19-22 April 2021, Virtual	TVET Institutions of 26 OIC member countries	Ministry of Education of Malaysia	11th Meeting of PAWG : Quality of Education in the OIC Member Countries : Increasing teaching and learning effectiveness through adoption and widespread use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) based new models.
5	Statistical Training Course on “SDG 1 (No Poverty) Indicators”	25-27 May 2021, Virtual	National Bureau of Statistics (ONS) of Algeria and National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of 6 OIC Member Countries	Department of Statistics of Jordan	15th Meeting of PAWG - Urban Poverty in the OIC Member Countries: Conceptualizing urban poverty and developing/improving data collection and measurement practices to achieve evidence-based policymaking.

6. FINANCE

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	Subject	Date and Venue	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Relevant COMCEC Policy Recommendation(s)
1	Workshop on “Islamic Banking and Finance for Central Banks”	25-28 November 2019, Istanbul, Turkey	Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan	The International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), Istanbul School of Central Banking (ISCB)	9th FCWG: Diversification of the Islamic Financial Instruments: Improving the Islamic Finance Infrastructure through Developing Necessary Legal/Regulatory Frameworks for its each Component namely, Islamic Banking, Islamic Capital Markets and Takaful towards Creating an Enabling Environment for Islamic Finance.
2	Training Course on “Islamic Financial Instruments”	22-26 June 2020, Virtual	Central Bank of Republic Uzbekistan	Bank Indonesia	9th FCWG: “Diversification of the Islamic Financial Instruments”: Strengthening Human Capital in Islamic Finance in the OIC Member Countries through Enhanced Financial Literacy and Awareness Programs/Projects by Governments, Universities and Private Sector.

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3	Training Course on “Islamic Banking and Diversification of Islamic Financial Instruments”	13-17 July 2020, Virtual	Central Banks of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Republic of Azerbaijan and Republic of Kazakhstan	Bank Indonesia	9th FCWG: “Diversification of the Islamic Financial Instruments”: Strengthening Human Capital in Islamic Finance in the OIC Member Countries through Enhanced Financial Literacy and Awareness Programs/Projects by Governments, Universities and Private Sector.
4	Training Course on “Sukuk Issuance in Islamic Capital Markets”	31 May - 02 June 2021, Virtual	Securities and Exchange Commissions, Central Banks, Stock Exchanges, Capital Markets Boards, Ministries of Economy and Finance, and other relevant Ministries of 16 OIC member countries	Securities Commission of Malaysia	10th FCWG: Role of Sukuk in Islamic Capital Markets: Promoting a Sustainable Supply of Sukuk Issuance from the Private Sector in order to Foster Diversification of Industry Participants on the Supply Side and Expand the Benchmark Yield Curve

COMCEC PROJECT FUNDING

So far **7 project proposals** submitted by SESRIC have been approved by COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism. These projects aimed to contribute to the realization of the strategic objectives of the COMCEC Strategy in three areas:

Cooperation Areas	Implemented Projects
Trade	N/A
Transport and Communication	N/A
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Project Title:</u> Improving Statistical Capacities of Tourism Sector in COMCEC Mediterranean and Gulf Region (2013-SESRIC-0111) • <u>Project Title:</u> Training Program on the Development and Promotion of Muslim Friendly Tourism in COMCEC Member Countries (2016-SESRIC-205) • <u>Project Title:</u> Improving Islamic Tourism Ecosystem in OIC Member Countries: Destination and Industry Development (2017-SESRIC-432)
Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Project Title:</u> Enhancing Food Security through National Food Balance Sheets (2019-SESRIC-642)
Poverty Alleviation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Project Title:</u> Enhancing National Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Poverty Statistics (2013-SESRIC-028) • <u>Project Title:</u> Improving Statistical Capacities of OIC Member Countries in Poverty Statistics (2014-SESRIC-016) • <u>Project Title:</u> Digital Skills Development in OIC Countries (2018-SESRIC-553)
Finance	N/A