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This Progress Report on Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) provides a summary of the activities that have been implemented by SESRIC within the framework of the OIC-VET since the 30th Session of the COMCEC, which was held in Istanbul on 25-28 November 2014, as well as those which are planned to be implemented during the forthcoming period.

I. BACKGROUND

The Vocational Education and Training Programme for the Member Countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-VET) is a programme originally designed and developed by the Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) in order to improve the quality of vocational education and training in the public and private sectors with the aim of supporting and enhancing the opportunities for individuals in the Member Countries to develop their knowledge and skills and thus to contribute to the development and competitiveness of the economies and to facilitate the sharing of knowledge between OIC Member Countries.

The 24th Session of the COMCEC, held in Istanbul on 20-24 October 2008, approved the proposed implementation mechanism of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for the OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) prepared by the SESRIC and called upon the member states to incorporate their vocational training programs into the OIC-VET Programme, thereby, generating a common OIC platform for the benefits of the OIC Member Countries in this area.

The First Operational Meeting of the Programme was held with the concerned OIC institutions in the area of VET in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in April 2009 to discuss monitoring and operational aspects of the OIC-VET Programme where the participating OIC institutions showed strong support for the OIC-VET Programme. Furthermore, the First Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET held in Izmir, Turkey, in May 2009 marked the formal process imbedded in the substantive dialogues through cooperation in initiating the OIC-VET Programme.

The Official Launch of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) was made by H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC, at the COMCEC Economic Summit held in Istanbul, Turkey on 9 November 2009 with the participation of the heads of states and governments of the OIC Member Countries.

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme, three implemented Pilot Projects have turned into fully-fledged sub-programmes, namely OIC International Internship Programme (OIC-ISIP), ISMEK Master Trainer Programme (IMTP) and the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET). A number of new capacity building programmes have been also initiated by SESRIC within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme, namely Treasury Capacity Building Programme, Multilateral Trading Systems Capacity Building Programme, Public Employment Services Capacity Building Programme, Postal Services Capacity Building Programme, Railway Capacity Building Programme and Tourism Capacity Building Programme.

The OIC-VET Programme has currently 36 National Focal Points (NFPs) designated by the relevant national authorities of the OIC member countries in order to properly implement the programme at national level and sustain communication with SESRIC. SESRIC has been undertaking necessary communications with the OIC Member Countries that have not designated their NFPs for the Programme through their respective national authorities, and requested them to designate their NFPs and to provide the Centre with their communications details, in order to represent their respective countries at the meetings of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme. As a result, the number of NFPs has increased steadily over time and currently the Programme has 36 NFPs in the following Member Countries:

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| 1. Afghanistan | 12. Guinea-Bissau | 25. Qatar |
| 2. Azerbaijan | 13. Indonesia | 26. Saudi Arabia |
| 3. Bahrain | 14. Iran | 27. Senegal |
| 4. Bangladesh | 15. Iraq | 28. Sierra Leone |
| 5. Brunei Darussalam | 16. Jordan | 29. Somalia |
| 6. Cameroon | 17. Malaysia | 30. Sudan |
| 7. Chad | 18. Maldives | 31. Syria |
| 8. Comoros | 19. Mauritania | 32. Togo |
| 9. Gabon | 20. Morocco | 33. Tunisia |
| 10. Gambia | 21. Niger | 34. Turkey |
| 11. Guinea | 22. Nigeria | 35. United Arab Emirates |
| | 23. Oman | 36. Yemen |
| | 24. Pakistan | |

II. IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

A. OIC CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES (CBPs)

OIC Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs) are continuous short term training programmes that aim to enhance the capacity of the relevant national institutions in various areas and fields in the member countries through matching the needs and capacities of these institutions. Currently, SESRIC has 25 CBPs within the framework of OIC-VET Programme. These are apex programmes for human-resource enhancement and for doing business better based on identifying the already available knowledge and experience in

member countries that have the capacity and willingness to exchange, and sharing this stock of knowledge and experience with other member countries which are in need.

Currently, there are numerous sector-specific CBPs including areas such as statistics, agriculture, environment, water resources management, multilateral trade systems, central banks, skill development for youth, health, information and communications technology, e-government, poverty alleviation, and tourism. In order to effectively implement its CBPs, SESRIC regularly circulates special surveys on these CBPs to all member countries and collects information on the needs and capacities of their national institutions; then after a careful assessment of the needs and capacities of these institutions, optimum match is facilitated among countries through different modalities, including exchange of experts, training workshops and study visits.

The implemented training activities which have been made since November 2014 within the framework of each of these CBPs are summarized as follows:

1. Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB)

The Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) Programme has been initiated in early 2007. The questionnaire has been updated and re-circulated in January 2012 to all OIC Member Countries. Since the 30th Session of the COMCEC, the following 42 short-term training courses have been organized by SESRIC:

- i. Regional Workshop on 'Integrating a Gender Perspective in the Production of Statistics' in Amman, Jordan on 01-04 December 2014.
- ii. Regional Workshop on 'Tourism Statistics and Tourism Satellite Accounts' in Ankara Turkey, 02-04 December 2014.
- iii. Training Course on 'Classifications' in Alger, Algeria on 21-22 December 2014.
- iv. Training Course on 'Agriculture Statistics (Food Crop Statistics)' in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 21-22 December 2014.
- v. Training Course on 'Agriculture Statistics (Animal Husbandry)' in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 23-24 December 2014.
- vi. Training Course on 'Banking, Insurance and Financial Statistics' in Dakar, Senegal on 26-29 January 2015.
- vii. Training Course on 'Education Statistics' in Cotonou, Benin on 27-29 January 2015.
- viii. Training Course on 'Geographic Information Systems' in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on 03-05 February 2015.
- ix. Training Course on 'Professional Skills for Official Statisticians: Time Management' in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on 17-18 February 2015.
- x. Training Course on 'Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Statistics' in Kabul, Afghanistan on 23-25 February 2015.

- xi. Training Course on 'Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Statistics' in Khartoum, Sudan 02-04 March 2015.
- xii. Training Course on 'National Accounts: Financial Sector' in Doha, Qatar on 08-11 March 2015.
- xiii. Training Course on 'Quality Frameworks and Measurement of Performance of Statistical Systems and Offices' in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on 01-02 April 2015.
- xiv. Training Course on 'Government Finance Statistics' in Putrajaya Malaysia on 06-08 April 2015.
- xv. Training Course on 'Analysis of Labour Market Statistics' in Dakar, Senegal on 07-09 April 2015.
- xvi. Study Visit on 'Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS): Module 1 – Survey Design and Methodology' in Baku, Azerbaijan on 13-15 April 2015.
- xvii. Training Course on 'Institutional Sectors' in Lome, Togo on 20-22 April 2015.
- xviii. Training Course on 'Wholesale and Retail Trade Statistics' in Azerbaijan' in Baku Azerbaijan on 20-22 April 2015.
- xix. Training Course on 'Health Statistics' in Cotonou, Benin on 20-22 April 2015.
- xx. Study Visit on 'Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS): Module 2 – Sampling Methods' in Baku, Azerbaijan on 27-29 April 2015.
- xxi. Training Course on 'Income and Consumption Statistics' Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire on 28-30 April 2015.
- xxii. Training Course on 'Poverty, Living Conditions and Cross-Cutting Social Issues Statistics' in Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates on 03-07 May 2015.
- xxiii. Regional Workshop on 'Spatial Measurements and Statistics, using GIS Technique, for GCC' Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 10-14 May 2015.
- xxiv. Training Course on 'Analysis of Household Income and Expenditure Data' in Kuwait City, Kuwait on 11-14 May 2015.
- xxv. Training Course on 'Tourism Statistics' in Baku, Azerbaijan on 18-20 May 2015.
- xxvi. Training Course on 'Financial Statistics and National Accounts Compilations' in Algiers, Algeria on 08-11 June 2015.
- xxvii. Technical Mission on 'CPI Re-Basing' to Kabul, Afghanistan on 13-19 June 2015.
- xxviii. Training Course on 'Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Statistics' in Banjul Gambia, 16-18 June 2015.
- xxix. Training Course on 'Professional Skills for Official Statisticians: Effective Oral Communication Techniques' in Abuja, Nigeria on 22-24 July 2015.
- xxx. Training Course on 'Labour Statistics' in N'Djamena, Chad on 27-29 July 2015.

- xxxi. Training Course on 'Wholesale and Retail Trade Statistics' in Kampala, Uganda on 10-12 August 2015.
- xxxii. Training Course on 'Health Statistics' in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 11-13 August 2015.
- xxxiii. Training Course on 'Poverty Statistics' in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on 17-19 August 2015.
- xxxiv. Training Course on 'Professional Skills for Official Statisticians: Effective Oral Communication Techniques' in Astana, Kazakhstan on 17-19 August 2015.
- xxxv. Training Course on 'Poverty Statistics' in Nouakchott, Mauritania on 24-26 August 2015.
- xxxvi. Training Course on 'Agricultural Surveys' in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 25-27 August 2015.
- xxxvii. Technical Mission on 'Second Phase of CPI Re-basing' in Kabul, Afghanistan on 29 August - 04 September 2015.
- xxxviii. Training Course on 'Geographic Information Systems (GIS)' in Tunis, Tunisia on 07-09 September 2015.
- xxxix. Training Course on 'Poverty Statistics' in Lomé, Togo on 14-16 September 2015.
- xl. Training Course on 'Poverty Statistics' in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire on 15-17 September 2015.
- xli. Training Course on 'Professional Skills for Official Statisticians: Time Management' in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic on 28-29 September 2015.
- xlii. Training Course on 'Labour Statistics' in Djibouti City, Djibouti on 05-07 October 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/cbp-statcab.php>

2. OIC Agriculture Capacity Building Programme (OIC-AgriCaB)

Within the framework of this programme, three short-term training courses and one workshop have been organized by the Centre since the 30th Session of the COMCEC in November 2014, as follows:

- i. The Centre, in collaboration with the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture (ICCIA), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) of UNDP, organized a Workshop on “Capacity Building on Value Chain Analysis for Agri-Business for OIC Countries” in Ankara, Turkey, on 1-3 December 2014.
- ii. Training Course on “Poverty Reduction through Small-scale Fisheries” in Mogadishu, Somalia on 23-27 August 2015.

- iii. Training Course on “Green House Farming” in Kampala, Uganda on 16-17 September 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/cbp-agricab.php>

3. OIC Cotton Training Programme (OIC-CTP)

Within the framework of this programme, three short-term training courses and one conference have been organized by the Centre since the 30th Session of the COMCEC in November 2014, as follows:

- i. Training Course on “Strengthening Extension Activities and Quality Seed Production of Cotton” in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 7-8 May 2015.
- ii. The Centre organized a conference on cotton, namely “From Farm to Fashion” on 3-5 August 2015 at Izmir, Turkey in active collaboration with the Rural Business Development Center (RBDC), Oxfam Novib, Lok Sanjh Foundation (LSF) and Nazilli Cotton Research Centre.
- iii. Training for Trainers on “Methods of Control of Pest, Disease and Weeds in Cotton” in Namialo-Nampula, Mozambique on 6-7 October 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/cbp-ctp.php>

4. Central Banks Capacity Building Programme (CB-CaB)

The questionnaire of the programme has been re-circulated in January 2015 to all Central Banks of the member countries. Since the 30th Session of the COMCEC, the following four short-term training courses and two international conferences have been organized by SESRIC:

- i. Training Course on ‘Financial Stability’ in Tehran, Islamic Republic on 01-02 June 2015.
- ii. Training Course on ‘Financial Stability’ in Paramaribo, Suriname on 07-08 July 2015.
- iii. 2nd International Islamic Economics and Finance Conference in Istanbul, Turkey on 11-13 September 2015.
- iv. 2nd International Islamic Economics and Finance Summer School in Istanbul, Turkey on 13-15 September 2015.
- v. Workshop on “Islamic Social Financing: Microfinance and Microtakaful” in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 12-13 November 2015.

- vi. Training Workshop on “Islamic Banking and Liquidity Management” in Istanbul, Turkey on 16-17 November 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/cbp-centralbanks.php>

5. IbnSina Health Capacity Building Programme (IbnSina-HCaB)

Since November 2014, three training activities have been organized by the Centre within the framework of this programme as follows:

- i. Inaugural Meeting for the Maternal and Child Survival Project in Ankara, Turkey on 19-21 January 2015.
- ii. Training Course on “Emergency and Disaster Medical Services” in İzmir, Turkey on 30 March - 10 April 2015.
- iii. Phaco Training Project in Dakar, Senegal on 25 July - 08 August 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/cbp-hcab.php>

6. Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building Programme (OSH-CaB)

Within the framework of this programme, two short-term training courses have been organized by the Centre since the 30th Session of the COMCEC in November 2014, as follows:

- i. Training Course on “Occupational Hygiene” on 9-10 March 2015 in Islamabad, Pakistan.
- ii. Training Course on “Occupational Hygiene” on 19-20 May 2015 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/cbp-ohscab.php>

7. Environment Capacity Building Programme (Environment-CaB)

Since the 30th Session of the COMCEC, two short-term training courses have been organized as follows:

- i. Training Course on “Waste and Harmful Substances: Medical Wastes” in Banjul, Gambia on 02-04 March 2015.
- ii. Training Programme on “Natural Disasters & Conflicts” in Kabul, Afghanistan on 11-12 April 2015.

The details on this training course is available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/cbp-environment.php>

8. Railway Capacity Building Programme (RW-CaB)

Since November 2014, three short-term activities have been organized within the framework of this programme as follows:

- i. Training Course on ‘Technical Operations and Infrastructures’ in Khartoum, Sudan on 10-11 March 2015.
- ii. Training Workshop on “Carriage of Dangerous Goods: the legal framework and challenges for employees” in Eskişehir, Turkey on 02-04 June 2015.
- iii. Training Course on “Cross-border Activities” in Djibouti City, Djibouti on 28-30 September 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/cbp-rwcab.php>

9. Competition Authorities Capacity Building Programme (OIC-CACaB)

Within the framework of this Programme, the Centre has organized the following four short-term capacity building activities since the 30th Session of the COMCEC:

- i. Training Course on “Competition Law and Policy” in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 16-18 December 2014.
- ii. Training Course on “Competition Law Enforcement in Regulated Markets and Bid-Rigging” in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic on 30-31 March 2015.
- iii. Training Course on “Basics of Competition Law” in Lomé, Togo on 15-16 June 2015.
- iv. Training Course on “Cartels/Horizontal and Vertical Agreements” in Cotonou, Benin on 27-28 July 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/competition-authorities.php>

10. OIC Tourism Capacity Building Programme (Tr-CaB)

Within the framework of this Programme, the Centre has organized the following two short-term capacity building activities since the 30th Session of the COMCEC:

- i. Training Course on 'Tourism Marketing' in Banjul, Gambia on 25-26 March 2015.
- ii. Training Course on “Management of Tourism in Protected Areas” in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 08-10 June 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/oic-tourism-cap.php>

11. Civil Registration Capacity Building Programme (NOCR-CaB)

Within the framework of this Programme, the Centre has organized the following one short-term capacity building activities since the 30th Session of the COMCEC:

- i. Training Course on ‘Manual Card, Smart Card and Civil Registration systems’ in Kabul, Afghanistan on 26-28 January 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/cbp-nocr.php>

12. OIC Postal Services Capacity Building Programme (OIC-PSCaB)

Within the framework of this Programme, the Centre has organized the following five short-term capacity building activities since the 30th Session of the COMCEC:

- i. Training Course on ‘Postal Financial Services’ in Djibouti, Djibouti on 17-19 February 2015.
- ii. Training Course on ‘Parcel, Logistics Services and Express’ in Kampala, Uganda on 24-25 February 2015.
- iii. Training Course on ‘Postal Financial Services and Postal Codes-Addressing System’ in Banjul, Gambia on 13-14 March 2015.
- iv. Training Course on “Parcel, Logistics, Express and Postal Financial Services” in Nouakchott, Mauritania on 24-25 March 2015.
- v. Training Course on “Postal Financial Services, Electronic Services and Letter Post Service” in Amman, Jordan on 05-07 April 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/cbp-pscab.php>

13. Stock Exchanges Capacity Building Programme (OIC-SEP)

Within the framework of this Programme, the Centre has organized the following four short-term capacity building activities since the 30th Session of the COMCEC:

- i. Training Course on “Derivative Markets and Instruments and Marginal Trading” in Baku, Azerbaijan on 16-17 December 2014.
- ii. Training Course on “Derivative Markets and Instruments & Marginal Trading” in Khartoum, Sudan on 22-23 December 2014.
- iii. Training Course on “Investor and Financial Community Awareness” in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on 25-26 May 2015.
- iv. Training Course on “Investor and Financial Community Awareness” in Doha, Qatar on 4-5 November 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/stock-exchange.php>

B. İSMEK MASTER TRAINER PROGRAMME (İMTP)

The aim of İMTP is facilitating the transfer of knowledge from Training of Trainers (ToT) by which the vocational schools of the OIC Member Countries will become centres of excellence on the subject matter. Since the 30th Session of the COMCEC, the following master training activity has been undertaken:

- i. The Centre organized a Knowledge and Experience Sharing Workshop on ISMEK Master Trainers Programme in collaboration with the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK), on 29-30 December 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- ii. A group of eight trainees from different vocational schools of Palestine received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK) on 23-27 March 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey, on the subjects of “Sewing for Ladies Clothing”, “Glassworks and Ceramic Styling” and “Skin Care”. The five-day training programme has been hosted by İSMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/imtp.php>

C. SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (SDYE)

SESRIC has initiated this programme in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) with a view to contributing to the efforts of the OIC Member Countries towards decreasing the high unemployment rates, particularly youth unemployment. In this context, a study visit, as an initial phase of the SDYE Programme, was organized by SESRIC on 11-13 January 2012 in Ankara, Turkey, in collaboration with the IDB, the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), the Ministry of National Education and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey, with the aim of sharing the experience of Turkey in fighting against youth unemployment through the project named ‘Skill 10’. The second phase of the SDYE project in Cameroon is in the process by Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR) within the context of labour market analysis. As part of the phase the Centre organised a study visit to Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training (MINEFOB), Cameroon on 19-23 October 2015 within the context of Labour Market Analysis in pursuance to transfer of Skill 10 Project.

D. OIC POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME (OIC-PAP)

Within the framework of OIC-VET Programme, the aim of the OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP) the Centre has implemented the following four training programmes:

- i. Workshop on “Rural Development Policies” in Ankara, Turkey on 14-15 May 2015.
- ii. Training Course on 'Regional Poverty Reduction Policies' in Tirana, Albania on 03-04 August 2015.
- iii. Training Course on “Poverty Reduction through Small-scale Fisheries” in Mogadishu, Somalia on 23-27 August 2015.
- iv. Training Workshop on “Beneficiary-Oriented Social Assistance Models” in Ankara, Turkey on 13-15 October 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/oic-pap.php>

E. TOBACCO FREE OIC INITIATIVE

Tobacco Free OIC is an initiative of SESRIC in response to the spread of tobacco epidemic in the OIC Member Countries. Tobacco Free OIC initiative aims to foster an OIC-wide coordinated approach to curb and control the spread of tobacco epidemic in the OIC Member Countries. This initiative focuses on trainings, workshops, study visits and capacity building programs to facilitate the development and implementation of sustainable national tobacco control strategies in the OIC Member Countries.

- i. SESRIC and Committee on Statistics of the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan sign MoA, Astana Kazakhstan on 13 February 2015.
- ii. SESRIC and National Institute of Statistics of the Republic of Cameroon sign MoA on Yaounde, Republic of Cameroon on 06 March 2015.
- iii. SESRIC Partners with Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics of State of Qatar in Building Capacities in Health Statistics in Doha, Qatar on 19 March 2015.
- iv. Training Course on “Tobacco Control” in Malaysia on 01-02 April 2015
- v. Study Visit on “Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS): Module 1 – Survey Design and Methodology” in Baku Azerbaijan on 13-15 April 2015
- vi. SESRIC and Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) of Arab Republic of Egypt sign MoA, in Cairo, Egypt on 14 April 2015.
- vii. Study Visit on “Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS): Module 2 – Sampling Methods” in Baku Azerbaijan on 27-29 April 2015.
- viii. Training Course on “Tobacco Control” in Banjul, Gambia on 28-29 April 2015.
- ix. SESRIC and Agency on Statistics under President of the Republic of Tajikistan sign MoA in Dushanbe Tajikistan on 01 June 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.sesric.org/tfo/>

F. SESRIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

SESRIC has started a new internship programme during summer 2013, which offers internships to highly motivated and successful young people interested to learn more about

the economic and social issues that affect communities around the Islamic World. The programme provides university students opportunities to study and work that provide hands-on experience, as well as to improve their skills and experience of working in an international environment. Internships are available during each period of the year, which is open to students who are nationals of the OIC Member Countries. SESRIC has recruited 60 interns during 2014 and 2015.

G. NETWORKS

Networking is another practice of SESRIC in the area of training and technical cooperation, which links or brings together the related organisations for the purpose of sharing know-how in specific fields of knowledge. The practices are wide area networks (WANs) that span over four continents on earth.

The Networks function on;

- Facilitating the building of bridges for transfer of experts and innovative approaches;
- Improving the level of expertise in specific fields;
- Disseminating the outputs and project results throughout the OIC MCs.

1. OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET)

OIC Network for Occupational Safety and Health (OIC-OSHNET) is a transnational network project under the framework of OIC-VET Programme. It was proposed by the SESRIC in order to establish closer cooperation for sharing knowledge, experience and new technologies, conduct joint research and training, exchange of good practices and to organize new initiatives, projects and programmes in the field of Occupational Safety and Health among similar local, national and regional institutions, OSH researchers and practitioners, national authorities, policy makers, social security institutions and employers' and workers' organizations active in this field in the OIC Member Countries.

1.1 Occupational Safety and Health Trainers' Database

The trainers' database in the area of Occupational Safety and Health has been established under the OIC-OSHNET portal. By which the institutions have access to reach any expertise around to benefit in the OIC Member Countries.

1.2 OIC Occupational Safety and Health Standards Guideline

The Centre jointly organised with the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Turkey a workshop on "Occupational Safety and Health Regulations and Standards" on 4 May 2014 with the participation of Occupational Safety and Health Authorities of OIC Member Countries. The workshop explored ways and means of the adoption and enforcement of International OSH Regulations and Standards and to popularize occupational health and safety standards with regard to projects financed by

relevant OIC Institutions in line with the Baku Declaration adopted by the Second Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers, which was held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, in April 2013.

The First Steering Committee Meeting for the Implementation of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection took note of the General Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health drafted by the General Directorate of Occupational Health and Safety of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey, the SESRIC and the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC). The Steering Committee requested the General Directorate of Occupational Health and Safety of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey, the SESRIC and the SMIIC to finalize an OIC-OSHNET Draft Standards.

The General Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health is going was submitted to and adopted by the 3rd ICLM in 2015 for adoption. Subsequent to the adoption of the General Guidelines: the General Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health drafted by the General Directorate of Occupational Health and Safety of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey, the SESRIC and the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) will organise a workshop on the legal implementation and development through articles that reflects the deep insight of the areas of OSH. The Guidelines will also be one of the agenda items of the 3rd OSH Network Meeting.

2. OIC Public Employment Services Network (OIC-PESNET)

OIC Public Employment Services Network (OIC-PESNET) is a transnational network project under the OIC-VET Programme. It was proposed by the Turkish Employment Office (İŞKUR) in order to establish closer cooperation for sharing knowledge, experience and new technologies, conduct joint research and training, exchange of good practices and to organize new initiatives, projects and programmes in the field of Public Employment Services (PES) among similar local, national and regional institutions, PES researchers, national authorities, policy makers, public employment agencies and employers' and workers' organizations active in this field in the OIC Member Countries.

In pursuance of the request by the OIC-PESNET, SESRIC has initiated the OIC Capacity Building Programme for Public Employment Services (OIC-PESCaB) with a view to improving public employment services in member countries in line with the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection adopted during the Second Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers held on 23-26 April 2013, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

2.1 Public Employment Services Capacity Building Programme (PES-CaB)

Within the framework of this Programme, the Centre has organized the following two short-term capacity building activities since the 30th Session of the COMCEC:

- i. Training Course on “Job Creation for Youth and Skills Training Services” in Baku, Azerbaijan on 01-02 December 2014.
- ii. Training Course on “Labour Inspection” in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on 19-22 January 2015.

The details on these training activities are available at the OIC-VET Programme Portal: <http://www.oicvet.org/oicpescab.php>

2.2 Terms of Reference (ToR) for OIC-PESNET

In relation with the 13th recommendation in the Final Communiqué of the first network meeting, Terms of Reference (ToR) is drafted with the collective work of Gambia, Maldives, Mali and Turkey and SESRIC, for the final adoption in the Second Meeting of OIC-PESNET. The Term of Reference highlights the modus operandi, roles and responsibilities of all Parties.

III. CONTINUOUS & PLANNED ACTIVITIES

The following activities are on-going and/or planned to be implemented during the next period:

a. OIC Agriculture Capacity Building Programme

The Centre will organise the following OIC Agriculture Capacity Building training programmes in the next period:

- i. Water Management: Using Modern Irrigation Facilities, in Afghanistan in December 2015.
- ii. Training Course on Sustainable Soil Management in Bangladesh in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on Crop Cultivation in Brunei in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on Seed Development: Biotechnology Studies in Senegal in 2016.
- v. Training Course on Seed Development: Laboratory Tests and Certificates, Agricultural Combat: Plant Diseases, Pests and Weed Control in Togo, in 2016.
- vi. Training Course on Land Management: Land Conservation, Improvement and Erosion in Palestine, in 2016.
- vii. Workshop on OIC Agriculture vision-2016 in Turkey, in 2016.

b. OIC Cotton Training Programme (OIC-CTP)

The Centre will organise the following OIC Cotton Capacity Building training programmes in the next period:

- i. Training Course on “Mitigating the Devastating Effect of Leaf Rollers Through Molecular and Conventional Breeding Approaches” in Mozambique in January 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “Using Molecular Techniques for Cotton Breeding” in Afghanistan in February in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Agronomy: Soil Tillage” in Malaysia in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Cotton Statistics” in Cameroon in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Organic cotton” in Sudan in 2016.
- vi. Workshop on “Cotton Development-2016 & 17” in Turkey in 2016.

c. Environment Capacity Building Programme (Environment-CaB)

The Centre will organise the following Environment Capacity Building training programmes in the next period:

- i. Training Course on “Environmental Law & Regulations: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)” in Cote D’Ivoire in 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “Water Services Management” in Azerbaijan, in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Ecological Footprint and Capacity)” in Togo in 2016.
- iv. Training Programme on “Environmental Impact Assessment” in Malaysia in January 2016.
- v. Training Programme on “Waste Management” in Bangladesh in 2016.
- vi. Training Programme on “Environmental Law & Regulations: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)” in Tunisia in 2016.
- vii. Training Programme on “Waste Management” in Maldives in 2016.
- viii. Workshop on “Friendly Environment for all-2016 & 17” in Turkey in 2016.

d. Central Banks Capacity Building Programme (CB-CaB)

The Centre will organise the following Central Banks Capacity Building training programmes in the next period:

- i. Training Course on “Financial Stability” in Sudan, in 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “Forecasting Methods” in Senegal in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Risk Management in Islamic Finance” in Guinea in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Financial Stability” in Jordan in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Macroeconomic Modelling” in Indonesia in 2016.
- vi. Workshop on “Financial Stability” in Turkey in 2016.

e. OIC Stock Exchanges Capacity Building Programme (OIC-SEP)

The Centre will organise the following Stock Exchanges Capacity Building training programmes in the next period:

- i. Training Programmes on “Islamic Debt and Equity Markets and Product” in Jordan, in 2015.
- ii. Training Programme on Company Awareness: Benefits of Being Listed, Corporate Strategy Evaluation, Raising Capital in Capital Markets in Togo in 2016.
- iii. Training Programme on Product Spectrum, in Senegal in 2016.
- iv. Training Programme on Exchange Basics: Types of Orders, in Qatar in 2016.
- v. Training Programme on Corporate Finance: Introduction to M&A Transactions, in Tunisia in 2016.
- vi. Training Programme on Islamic Debt and Equity Markets and Products in Niger in 2016.
- vii. Workshop on New Islamic Product Design (Islamic Financial Engineering) in Turkey in 2016.

f. Competition Authorities Capacity Building Programme (CA-CaB)

The Centre will organise the following OIC Competition Authorities training programmes in the next period:

- i. Training Course on “Competition advocacy” in Gambia in 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “Mergers and acquisitions: Economic analysis” in Afghanistan in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Abuse of Dominant Position: Dominance/Market power” in Burkina-Faso in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Mergers and acquisitions” in Pakistan in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Mergers and acquisitions Economic analysis” in Niger in 2016.
- vi. Training Course on “Competition advocacy” in Yemen in 2016.
- vii. Workshop on “Private Enforcement of Competition Rules” in Turkey in 2016.

g. ISMEK Master Trainer Programme (IMTP)

The Centre will organise the following ISMEK Master training programmes in the next period:

- i. Project on “VET School under IUIU” in Uganda in 2016.
- ii. Study Visit to Community Development Department, City District Government Karachi in Pakistan in 2016.

h. IbnSina Health Capacity Building Programme (IbnSina-HCaB)

The Centre will organise the following IbnSina Health Capacity Building training programmes in the next period:

- i. Workshop on “OIC Network of Experts on Population and Reproductive, Maternal, New-born and Child Health”, in Ankara, Turkey in December 2015.
- ii. Training Course on “Rabbit Lip” in Sudan in 2016.
- iii. Meeting on “Mother, Newborn, Child Health” in Turkey in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Protein-energy malnutrition & Nutrition- Pediatrics- MNCH” in Somalia in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Medical Emergency” in Turkey in 2016.
- vi. Training Course on “Advanced Trauma Life Support-Emergency Medicine” in Djibouti in 2016.
- vii. Training Course on “Fistula (Gynaceology-MNCH)” in Chad in 2016.
- viii. Training Course on “Fistula (Gynaceology-MNCH)” in Niger in 2016.
- ix. Training Course on Radiation Oncology & Oncological Treatment Methods-Internal Medicine in Togo in 2016.
- x. Project on “Reverse Linkage” in Gambia in 2016.
- xi. Training Course on “HIV Aids (Aids Recognition and Prevention)” in Mozambique in 2016.
- xii. Training Course on “Fistula (Gynaceology-MNCH)” in Mali in 2016.

i. Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building Programme (OSH-CaB)

The Centre will organise the following Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building training programmes in the next period:

- i. Network meeting on “OSH Standards, Trainings, Projects” in Indonesia, in 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “Occupational Hygiene” in Malaysia in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Occupational Safety” in Iraq in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Occupational Health, Occupational Diseases and Basic Occupational Health Services” in 2016.
- v. Training Course on Occupational Health, Occupational Diseases and Basic Occupational Health Services” in Turkey in 2016.

j. OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP)

The Centre will organise the following Capacity Building training programmes on Poverty Reduction in the next period:

- i. Training Course on “Regional poverty reduction policies” in Pakistan in 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “Rural Development Projects” in Afghanistan in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Poverty Reduction Projects: Income Generating Projects” in Albania in 2016.

- iv. Training Course on “Poverty Reduction Projects: Income Generating Projects” in Bahrain in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Regional poverty reduction policies” in Pakistan in 2016.

k. Railway Capacity Building Programme (RW-CaB)

The Centre will organise the following Railway Capacity training programmes in the next period:

- i. Training Course on “Technical Operations & Infrastructure” in Djibouti, in 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “Technical Operations & Infrastructure” in Senegal in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Cross-border Activities” in Malaysia in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Railway Management” in Brunei in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Cross-border Activities” in Comoros in 2016.
- vi. Training Course on “Railway Management” in Bangladesh in 2016
- vii. Workshop on “OIC Railway Development” in Turkey in 2016

l. Postal Service Capacity Building Programme

The Centre will organise the following Postal Services training programmes in the next period:

- i. Training Course on “Postal Financial Services, Electronic Services and Letter Post Service” in Pakistan in 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “Parcel, Logistics, Express and Postal Financial Services” in Bahrain in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Postal Financial Services and Postal Codes-Addressing System” in Qatar in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Postal Financial Services, Electronic Services and Letter Post Service” in Sudan in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Postal Financial Services and Postal Codes-Addressing System” in Brunei in 2016.
- vi. Workshop on “OIC Postal Forum-2016 & 17” in Turkey in 2016.

m. Skill Development for Youth Employment (SDYE)

The Centre will organise the following Skill Development for Youth Employment training programmes in the next period:

- i. Project on “Labour Market Analysis Training for Cameroonian Experts” in Turkey in 2016.
- ii. Workshop on “Youth Capacity Building” in Turkey in 2016.

n. Tobacco Free OIC Initiative

The Centre will organise the following Tobacco Free OIC training programmes in the next period:

- i. Training Course on “Production and marketing, Selling to minors, Packaging and labelling & Pictorial warnings”, in Bangladesh in 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “Advertising, promotion and sponsorship; Media in anti-tobacco advertisements; Public Spots on TVs and Radio; Protecting second-hand smokers & Tobacco use in public places; The role of Civil Society in tobacco control policies; A School based Training Module on Tobacco: Addiction Training Programme of Turkey (TBM)” in Gambia in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Protecting second-hand smokers & Tobacco use in public places” in Brunei in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Increasing Tobacco Control Policies” in Turkey in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Increasing Alcohol and Drug Control Policies” in Turkey in 2016.

o. Capacity Building Programme for National Organisations for Civil Registration

The Centre will organise the following National Organisations for Civil Registration training programmes in the next period:

- i. Training Course on “Civil registration systems for refugees and internally displaced persons” in Suriname in 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “Computerization of Civil Registration Systems” in Uganda in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Civil Registration Systems for Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons” in Bangladesh in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Computerization of Civil Registration Systems” in Indonesia in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Computerization of Civil Registration Systems” in Nigeria in 2016.
- vi. Training Course on “Civil registration systems for refugees and internally displaced persons” in Qatar in 2016.
- vii. Workshop on “OIC Registration for all-2016” in Turkey in 2016.

p. Family Empowerment Programme

The Centre will organise the following Family Empowerment training programmes in the next period:

- i. Workshop on “Family Wellbeing in OIC MCs” in Turkey in 2016.
- ii. Workshop on “Gender Policy in MCs” in Turkey in 2016.
- iii. Workshop on “Well Being and Children Welfare” in Turkey in 2016.

q. Public Employment Capacity Building Programme PESCaB

The Centre will organise the following Public Employment Capacity Building training programmes in the next period:

- i. Network meeting on “Public Private Partnership” in Algeria in December 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “Unemployment Insurance and Employment Protection” in Jordan in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Labour Market Statistics” in Mauritania in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Management of Labour Mobility” in Togo in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Public Employment Services Funding” in Sudan in 2016.
- vi. Training Course on “Public Private Partnership” in Senegal in 2016.

r. Social Security Institutions Capacity Building Programme

The Centre will organise the following Social Security Capacity Building training programmes in the next period:

- i. Training Course on “Actuarial and Financial Management” in Tajikistan in 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “General Health Insurance” in Togo in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Insurance Premiums” in Sudan in 2016.

s. Sustainable Urbanisation Capacity Building Programme

The Centre will organise the following Sustainable Urbanisation Capacity Building training programmes in the next period:

- i. Training Course on Strengthening local government management capacities; Rights-based legislation, policy and programming; Participatory budgeting” in Jordan in 2015.
- ii. Training Course on “Strengthening local government management capacities, Land and property dispute resolution legislation and mechanisms” in Albania in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “City profiling (GIS mapping, spatial analysis, etc.)” in Azerbaijan in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Multi-stakeholder citywide safety planning; Urban safety and conflict indicators / early warning systems; Structures for dialogue and nonviolent conflict resolution in cities” in Brunei in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Strengthening local government management capacities; Rights-based legislation, policy and programming; Participatory budgeting” in Sudan in 2016.

t. Tourism Capacity Building Programme

The Centre will organise the following Tourism Capacity Building training programmes in the next period:

- i. Workshop on “Exploring Tourism Potential of Al-Quds Al-Sherif City” in Istanbul, Turkey on 24-25 November 2015.
- ii. Regional Workshop on “Tourism Satellite Accounts” in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 30 November - 03 December 2015.
- iii. Training Course on “Sustainable tourism development and poverty alleviation” in Kyrgyzstan in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Destination management” in Tajikistan in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Tourism policy and strategy” in Niger in 2016.
- vi. Training Course on “Strategic planning for sustainable tourism development” in Oman in 2016.
- vii. Workshop on “Islamic Tourism Development in OIC Member Countries” Turkey in 2016.

u. OIC Disaster Risk Management Capacity Building Programme

The Centre will organise the following Disaster Risk Management Capacity Building training programmes in the next period:

- i. Training Course on “Early warning systems” in Azerbaijan in 2016.
- ii. Training Course on “Strengthening disaster risk governance” in Indonesia in 2016.
- iii. Training Course on “Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience” in Sudan in 2016.
- iv. Training Course on “Strengthening disaster risk governance” in Tunisia in 2016.
- v. Training Course on “Strengthening disaster risk governance” in Gambia in 2016.
- vi. Workshop on “Disaster Risk Management” in Turkey in 2016.