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## SCOPE

This report gives basic information about the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), its activities and major developments for 2014.

## INTRODUCTION

SMIIC, an affiliated institution to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), as a sound mechanism for harmonization of standards among the OIC Member Countries and for the preparation of new ones, aims at realizing harmonized standards in the Member States and eliminating technical barriers to trade and thus developing trade among themselves. It shall establish certification and accreditation schemes for the purpose of expediting exchange of materials, manufactured goods and products among Member States.

SMIIC also aims at achieving uniformity in metrology, laboratory testing and standardization activities among OIC Member States and providing education and training as well as technical assistance to the OIC Member Countries in the domain of standardization, metrology and accreditation.

Since its establishment, over the four years the number of SMIIC Members has steadily been increasing and has already reached 29 Member States with the addition of 6 OIC Member States approved by the last Board of Directors of SMIIC at its meeting in November 2013. Two more OIC Member States have already applied for membership. Seven Technical Committees to work on standard formation in areas required by the OIC countries, Accreditation and Metrology Committees have been established and are actively working in line with their international counterpart organizations.

SMIIC has initiated consultations and brainstorming with OIC Institutions and other organizations, and is collaborating with some and seeking collaboration with others in relevant activities in order to be able to better address the needs of OIC Member Countries.

## HISTORY OF SMIIC

At the first meeting of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) of OIC chaired by the Turkish President in 1984, it was emphasized that the standardization bodies of the Member Countries should harmonize their national standards for the purpose of eliminating technical barriers to trade and thus developing trade among themselves.

In this context, The Expert Group and Coordination Committee have convened 7 times (totally 14 meetings) from 1985 to 1997. According to the resolutions made at these meetings, it was decided to establish the Standards and Metrology Organization for Islamic Countries (SMOIC). The Expert Group in its 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting in 1996 decided to submit the draft statute of the SMOIC to the 12<sup>th</sup> COMCEC Meeting and it was decided that the name of the organization be changed to the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) in the 12<sup>th</sup> COMCEC Meeting.

Following the 12<sup>th</sup> COMCEC Meeting, member organizations sent their comments on the draft statute to the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) and the OIC General Secretariat. During the 13<sup>th</sup> COMCEC Meeting held on November 01-04, 1997 in İstanbul, it was decided that the draft statute of SMIIC should be reviewed with respect to both technical and judicial content in the frame of the opinions received from Member Countries.

In the frame of this decision, the 8<sup>th</sup> Expert Group Meeting was held on March 24-26, 1998 in Ankara with the participation of the experts representing their standardization bodies, Deputy Secretary General of OIC and OIC Chief Judicial Adviser. During this meeting, the draft statute was re-written in the frame of the opinions of Member Countries, judicial rules of OIC and international experience of TSE and circulated to the Member Countries as a final draft. Furthermore, the submission of the draft statute for its approval at 14<sup>th</sup> COMCEC Meeting was decided.

The mentioned draft statute was included in the agenda (Article 7) of the 14<sup>th</sup> COMCEC Meeting held on November 01-04, 1998 in İstanbul and approved after comprehensive negotiations. Consequently, an important step was taken in order to begin the official work of SMIIC as a regional standardization organization.

The Statute of SMIIC was first submitted to the Member Countries for signature during the 15<sup>th</sup> COMCEC Meeting held on November 04-07, 1999 in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey.

The Statute entered into force after fulfilling the ratification requirement of 10 OIC Member Countries on May 2010. 13 OIC Member Countries (in alphabetical order) which ratified the SMIIC Statute are:

- 1) People's Democratic Republic of Algeria,
- 2) Republic of Cameroon,
- 3) Republic of Guinea,
- 4) Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan,
- 5) Libya,
- 6) Republic of Mali,
- 7) Kingdom of Morocco,
- 8) Islamic Republic of Pakistan,
- 9) Republic of Somalia,
- 10) Republic of Sudan,
- 11) Republic of Tunisia,
- 12) Republic of Turkey and
- 13) United Arab Emirates.

At the 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (GA) Meeting held on 04-05 May 2012;

- Republic of Gabon,
- Republic of Gambia,
- Islamic Republic of Iran and
- Republic of Senegal

became the new members of SMIIC.

At the 5<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting held on the 07 November 2012;

- Republic of Lebanon,
- Arab Republic of Egypt,

- Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, and

during the 6<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting held on 15 April 2013;

- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with
  - i) Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) and
  - ii) Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA),
- Burkina Faso,
- State of Palestine,
- TÜBİTAK-UME (National Metrology Body of the Republic of Turkey),

and during the 7<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting held on 22 November 2013;

- Republic of Benin,
- Republic of Niger,
- Republic of Suriname,
- Islamic Republic of Mauritania,
- Republic of Uganda and
- Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (Observer Status)

were accepted as members, bringing the number of SMIIC Members to a total of 29 Member States (including one observer status).

## OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of SMIIC are:

- 1) To **develop** harmonized standards to **eliminate** adverse effects to trade among OIC Member States.
- 2) To **prepare** OIC/SMIIC Standards enabling the OIC Member States to gain maximum benefit from the economic advantages of them.
- 3) To **achieve uniformity** in metrology, laboratory testing and standardization activities among OIC Member States.
- 4) To **provide technical assistance** to the OIC Member States who do not possess such standard bodies.

## STANDARDIZATION ACTIVITIES

### Current Activities of Some Technical Committees

The primary duty of a Technical Committee (TC) is the development and systematic maintenance of the OIC/SMIIC Standards according to related activities within a particular scope of work (e.g.: TC1 Halal Food Issues, etc.). The following TCs were established in the 4<sup>th</sup> SMIIC BOD Meeting:

- TC1 Halal Food Issues
- TC2 Halal Cosmetic Issues
- TC3 Service Site Issues

- TC4 Renewable Energy
- TC5 Tourism and Related Services
- TC6 Agriculture Processes
- TC7 Transportation

where TC5, TC6 and TC7 are the priority areas of COMCEC.

**Halal Food Issues TC1** - Draft scope and business plan have been completed. The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of this committee was held in March 2013 in United Arab Emirates (UAE) where Working Groups (WG) were assigned and the revision process of the existing OIC/SMIIC Standards mentioned below (series of Halal Food Standards) are being carried out in light of current market needs, inputs from various stakeholders and in compliance with the latest regulations:

- **OIC/SMIIC 1: 2011**, General Guidelines on Halal Food (with the references of CODEX, ISO 22000, ISO 22005 + Islamic Fiqh Rules),
- **OIC/SMIIC 2: 2011**, Guidelines for Bodies Providing Halal Certification (with the references of ISO/IEC 17020, ISO/IEC 17021, ISO/IEC 17025, ISO/TS 22003 + Islamic Fiqh Rules),
- **OIC/SMIIC 3: 2011**, Guidelines for the Halal Accreditation Body Accrediting Halal Certification Bodies (with the references of ISO/IEC 17011 + Islamic Fiqh Rules)

The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Technical Committee 1 was held on 16-17 November 2013 in Dubai, UAE with the participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Iran, Pakistan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Turkey and UAE. During the meeting the revision of OIC/SMIIC 1 continued in light of the comments received from the Member States.

Previously established WGs were restructured and established with task forces in order to answer pending questions on the Halal Food Issue such as stunning, food additives, etc. in collaboration with International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA). The revision of OIC/SMIIC 2 and 3 were assigned to the Joint WG with the Accreditation Committee.

SMIIC TC1-Halal Food Issues 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was held on 23-24 June 2014 in Dubai, UAE.

**Halal Cosmetic Issues TC2** - Scope was defined and business plan made. The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was held in March 2013. New Work Item Proposals were completed and merged into the document “*Halal Cosmetics and Personal Care Products: General Guidelines*” as a working draft (WD), a drafting Working Group (WG) was formed to further work out this draft.

3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the committee was held on 07 November 2013 in Konya, Republic of Turkey, with the participation of Iran, Libya, Palestine, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE and IIFA. The committee continued the drafting of the WD “*Halal Cosmetics and Personal Care Products: General Guidelines*” in light of the comments received from Member States and IIFA representative’s view on fiqh issues. The committee established three task forces on Ingredients, Packaging, Labelling and Claims, and Testing Methods that will be work under the drafting WG for “*Halal Cosmetics and Personal Care Products: General Guidelines*” project.

4<sup>th</sup> meeting of TC2 was held on the 25-26 June 2014 in Dubai, UAE.

**Tourism and Related Services TC5** - The draft business plan and scope have been completed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of TC5 was held in Konya, Republic of Turkey on 09 November 2013 with the participation of Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey and IIFA as a newly assigned liaison organisation.

During the meeting, the committee discussed the previously circulated draft scope and business plan and agreed to submit the documents to the members by correspondence. Based on the outcome of the discussion, the committee decided to start preliminary work on possible halal requirements for hotels and tourism services in order to prepare a new work item proposal. In regards to this decision the members were given tasks such as the translation of the documents, literature search, etc.

## **METROLOGY ACTIVITIES**

Since metrology forms the backbone of standards, it is one of the main areas of concern of SMIIC. In order to achieve uniformity in metrology, laboratory testing and standardization activities among Member States, the following actions are currently on the agenda of SMIIC:

- 1) Having an inventory of existing calibration standards and establish a chain of traceability reaching reference standards for each basic unit.
- 2) Acting as intermediary, for any unit, for meeting calibration requirements which may arise at any link of the chain to be established. It shall, through its staff of experts, certify the extent of accuracy and precision with which any calibration laboratory offers services.
- 3) Supplying metrology services by making the most efficient use of the existing potentials in the Member States and aid in solving their problems in the field of metrology through coordinated research.

### **SMIIC Metrology Committee**

Metrology Committee (MC) was established during the 5<sup>th</sup> SMIIC BOD Meeting and has commenced its activities, to aid in achieving uniformity in metrology and laboratory testing amongst OIC Member States.

TÜBİTAK-UME was appointed as a temporary contact point (temporary coordinator) for the SMIIC MC on January 7, 2013 until its Terms of Reference was approved in the first SMIIC Metrology Meeting. TÜBİTAK-UME was made responsible for coordination of the Committee (collecting membership applications, preparing and circulating draft terms of reference, etc.).

SMIIC MC convened for the first meeting on the 23-24 September 2013 in Dubai, UAE. 18 Delegates of Metrology Bodies from 13 OIC countries attended the meeting.

During the meeting the Terms of Reference and the Memorandum of Understanding were discussed and finalized, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the committee were elected: TÜBİTAK-UME (Turkey) as Chairman and Institute of Metrology of Bosnia and Herzegovina (IMBIH) (Bosnia and Herzegovina) as Vice-Chairman.



### **SMIIC Metrology Committee Members (Total of 22 countries):**

Republic of AZERBAIJAN	Arab Republic of EGYPT
Republic of BENIN	State of The UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Republic of TAJIKISTAN
BURKINA FASO	KOSOVA
Republic of KAZAKHSTAN	Republic of SIERRA LEONE
LIBYA	Republic of NIGER
Republic of The SUDAN	Republic of GABON
Republic of TUNISIA	Republic of SENEGAL
Kingdom of SAUDI ARABIA	TURKISH Republic of NORTHERN CYPRUS
Federal Republic of NIGERIA	KYRGYZ Republic
Republic of TURKEY	Islamic Republic of MAURITANIA

A list of action items composed during the informal meeting on the 09 November 2012 during the SMIIC Forum 2012 in Antalya, Republic of Turkey were evaluated, it was unanimously accepted to keep these items as part of an action plan.

## **ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES**

### **SMIIC Accreditation Committee**

Accreditation ensures to the consumer that standards have been adhered to and certificates issued appropriately. SMIIC has an independent Accreditation Committee (AC). AC is the unit carrying out activities aimed at the establishment of an accreditation scheme amongst the OIC Member States. AC shall provide the world wide recognition of accreditation certificates and protect against unfair uses.

AC is responsible for supporting actions for establishing a sound accreditation system OIC-wide and raise awareness of the accreditation concept within the OIC Member States. This Committee is responsible for implementing OIC/SMIIC accreditation standards, performing peer assessment activities and issuing related certificates.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> SMIIC GA Meeting the Terms of Reference (TOR) for establishment of an Accreditation Committee of which all national accreditation organizations of OIC Member States are eligible to be its members was approved. The AC, whose composition was already approved at the 4<sup>th</sup> SMIIC BOD Meeting held its first meeting after the 3<sup>rd</sup> SMIIC GA Meeting, on 04 May 2012, in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey.

AC experts from OIC Member States Accreditation bodies convened to discuss issues relating to the establishment of an Accreditation Scheme amongst OIC Member States during the Committee Meetings which were held on 06-07 November 2012, in Antalya, Republic of Turkey, before SMIIC Forum 2012, 08-09 November 2012 at the same venue.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the SMIIC AC and its Working Group meetings, were held on 15-17 November 2013. In these meetings, planned activities in the previous activity report were discussed, and further studies to be done were evaluated and planned.

The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SMIIC AC and its Working Group meetings, were held on 26-28 May 2014 and its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was held on 9-11 September 2014, in Republic of Turkey. The AC completed the structural model of accreditation both in the OIC and non-OIC region especially focusing on Halal and the AC TOR was finalised. The AC activities, the next AC meeting and training of accreditation assessors were planned. The next AC meeting is planned to take place in mid-November 2014 in Dubai, UAE followed by training programmes for assessors.

## **ACTIVITIES for last quarter of 2013**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Global Halal Trade & Logistics Summit**

SMIIC General Secretariat was invited to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Halal Trade & Logistics Summit which took place on 22-23 October 2013 in Dubai, UAE. SMIIC General Secretariat represented as a keynote speaker with a speech on *“Importance of Standardization and the harmonization of Standards”*.

### **International Halal Accreditation Forum**

The International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF) organized by TÜRKAK, Chair of SMIIC AC, was held in collaboration with SMIIC General Secretariat on 25-26 October 2013 in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey. Forum addressed by the Secretary General of SMIIC, Minister for EU Affairs and Chief Negotiator, H.E. Egemen Bağış and H.E. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan via tele-conference. The aim of this Forum was to discuss and take necessary steps towards a internationally recognized accreditation system on Halal issues by the participants from relevant OIC and international bodies.

The theme of the Forum was *“For Halal Living: One standard, one certificate and non-stop trade without non-tariff barriers with a recognized accreditation”*. Hundreds of experts and representatives of different sectors from 60 countries participated in the Forum.

A common declaration was announced at the end of the Forum which stated:

- 1) Harmonization of the standards and certification systems of the OIC countries,
- 2) Increase awareness of Halal and of the SMIIC Accreditation Committee,
- 3) Increase the participation and support of OIC countries and Muslims living in non-OIC countries to strengthen the current accreditation infrastructure,
- 4) The establishment of an international Halal market surveillance policy.

### **2013 National Halal Forum - Philippines**

The 2013 National Halal Forum was held on October 29-30 in Manila, Philippines. The Forum was the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Halal Forum held in the Philippines at which the SMIIC General Secretariat was invited to participate as a guest speaker. The Forum is a significant event in the Philippine Halal Calendar to particularly share insights and expertise on the most pressing topics which help to raise the awareness of Halal. The Forum was participated by National

Government Agencies and Diplomatic Corp., Local Government Units, Academics, Non-Government Organizations, Private sector and Industry to the Civil Society from the Philippines.

On this occasion a speech on “*The Need for a Unified Global Halal Standard*” was given by SMIIC General Secretariat.

## **SMIIC CBs Programme Working Group Second Meeting**

The SMIIC Certification Bodies (CBs) Programme Working Group held their second meeting just prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Halal & Healthy Food Congress on 06 November, 2013 in Konya, Republic of Turkey. The Meeting was attended by 12 participants’ representatives from 6 Member States: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (SFDA), Turkey (TSE), Turkey (TÜRKAÇ, AC Chair), UAE (ESMA & TC1 Chair), Iran (ISIRI), Tunisia (INNORPI) and Palestine (PSI).

## **2<sup>nd</sup> International Halal & Healthy Food Congress**

2<sup>nd</sup> International Halal and Healthy Food Congress, in coordination with SMIIC, Halal and Healthy Food Platform and Konya Necmettin Erbakan University was held on 07-10 November 2013, in Konya, Republic of Turkey. The congress where SMIIC was one of the co-organizers was an annual continuation activity of the SMIIC Forum 2012 which was held on 08-09 November 2012, in Antalya, Republic of Turkey. During Congress, SMIIC CBs Programme Working Group Meeting, TC2 and TC5 Meetings were concurrently held.

The Congress aimed to increase the awareness of Halal and Healthy food amongst consumers and producers. The selection of halal and healthy food at all levels of the food chain, from the farm right up until the fork was considered. More than 52 national and international Guest speakers presented their papers in various areas of Halal and Healthy Food including:

- Halal Standards and Accreditation,
- Halal Slaughtering; Istehalah (Transformation or Conversion of Najis to pure),
- The spiritual importance of Halal and Healthy Food in our lives,
- The principals of healthy nutrition,
- Nutrition in special periods and diseases,
- Important points to take into consideration whilst buying food,
- Principles of a healthy kitchen,
- Relationship between environment and healthy nutrition,
- Vitamin and mineral supplements,
- Usage of herbal supplements as medicine,
- Food poisoning and its affective factors,
- Veterinary drug residues in animal foods,
- New food production techniques,
- The use of hormones in animal production and its probable hazards,
- GMO plant products today,
- Genetically modified animal products,
- Organic agricultural production, product market and pricing,
- Potential risk factors in seafood,
- Soft Drinks: production and ingredients used,
- Cereal and cereal products from a Halal perspective,
- Milk and milk products,

- Meat and meat products for Halal meat production,
- Sugar, confectionary and sugar used products for which sugar is used,
- Fruit juice, beverages and their products,
- Edible oils and margarines,
- Food additives and illnesses,
- Natural Foods and Recipes,
- Implementation of TS OIC/SMIIC 1 Halal Food general guidelines,
- Russia-Turkey: on the way to Halal consolidation,
- Halal on the GSM: Halal product verification mobile application,
- Attitudes of Modern Scholars against drugs and relationship between historical reality,
- Food and scholars, their bases for safety,
- The problems of food security and their treatment in the Holy Quran and Sunnah,
- Halal Food and Metrology,
- Istehalah and Istihlak in perspective,
- Istihlak (Theoretical results of physical changing in terms of Halal food),
- Istihlak and examples in Islamic Law.

The Congress also included a poster session for which 64 posters in the area of Halal and Healthy food were presented and evaluated.

The Congress attracted a huge audience of national and international guests also from SMIIC Members Bodies, academics, students, producers and consumers over four (4) days.

The Congress brought people interested in the area of Halal and healthy food together, where academics had a chance to present information and the participants could ask questions to academics from Turkey and different countries during the four days. Many academics are working in this field and this congress was an opportunity for them to present their findings.

SMIIC Technical Committee 1 and 2 Chairpersons and Members also gave speeches in various fields during the Congress as well as the director of the Fatwa Department from International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA).

### **SMIIC/TC2 Halal Cosmetic Issues Meeting**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of SMIIC/TC2 was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013, in Konya, Republic of Turkey concurrently with the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Halal and Healthy Food Congress. The meeting was attended by 16 delegates from 8 SMIIC Member States, IIFA and SMIIC General Secretariat.

Three (3) task forces were formed under the Working Group 1 (Drafting Working Group for “*Halal Cosmetics and Personal Care Products: General Guidelines*”):

<b>No</b>	<b>Task Force</b>	<b>Convenor</b>	<b>Members</b>
1	Ingredients	UAE	UAE, Iran, Turkey, KSA, Sudan, Libya
2	Packaging, Labeling and Claims	KSA	UAE, Libya, Palestine, Iran
3	Testing Methods	Sudan	Sudan, Iran, Turkey

## **Courtesy Visit to H.E. Abdullah Gül, The President of the Republic of Turkey**

President of Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) of OIC H.E. Abdullah Gül received the Chairman of the SMIIIC, Mr. Hulusi Şentürk, and his accompanying delegation at the Çankaya Presidential Palace on 08 November 2013.

SMIIIC developments, activities and current issues were explained. The importance of SMIIIC, effect of standards, metrology and accreditation to OIC country economies were discussed.

## **International Exhibition of Muslim Business**

The First International Exhibition on Muslim Business on “*Ethic, Quality and Security at the Service of Muslim Business*” was held on the 14-16 November 2013, in Dakar, Republic of Senegal aiming to create awareness to exchange about possible collaboration on Halal issues particularly on Islamic Finance.

International Exhibition on Muslim Business (IEMB) which is a new platform in West Africa established to foster cooperation between business operators and trade sector stakeholders in the Muslim World. Moreover, IEMB seeks also to innovate and develop business partnerships between entrepreneurs and professionals who are inspired by the ethical principles of Islam.

SMIIIC attended the Exhibition with a stand and was represented by H.E. Mr. Barama Sarr, Director General of the Association Sénégalaise de Normalisation, Republic of Senegal who informed the visitors and delegates about Standardization, Certification and OIC/SMIIIC Standards during two panels. These panels were:

- Panel 1: Halal Market Structure: activities, products and certification,
- Panel 2: Halal Certification: process, control, establishment of national and sub-regional agencies.

## **SMIIIC Accreditation Committee Meeting**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the SMIIIC Accreditation Committee and its Working Group meetings, with the participation of 4 countries in Dubai, UAE, were held on 15-17 November 2013. Bosnia and Herzegovina (as observer), Iran, Turkey and UAE delegates participated in the meetings.

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Sessional Committee Meeting of COMCEC**

The SMIIIC General Secretariat participated in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sessional Committee Meeting of COMCEC held on the 17 November 2013, in İstanbul in which relevant OIC Institutions attended. The COMCEC PCM-Project Cycle Management, and the List of Activities of the Relevant OIC Institutions published on the COMCEC website were discussed.

## **29<sup>th</sup> COMCEC Session**

29<sup>th</sup> COMCEC Session was held on November 18-21, 2013 in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey. The SMIIIC General Secretariat participated as an OIC Institution in which the SMIIIC report for the 29<sup>th</sup> COMCEC was also presented.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Dubai International Food Safety Conference**

SMIIC General Secretariat was represented by Mr. Salih Yüksel from TÜRKAK, the Chair of the SMIIC Accreditation Committee, with a speech during the Halal symposium of the 8<sup>th</sup> Dubai International Food Safety Conference held on the 18-19 November 2013 in Dubai, UAE.

The conference was organised by the Food Control Department of Dubai Municipality in collaboration with the International Association for Food Protection, International Commission on Microbiological Specifications for Foods and the International Union of Food Science and Technology.

The two day conference was conducted under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance and Chairman of Dubai Municipality. The conference aimed to discuss the latest developments in the field of food safety, to learn how to deal with and solve the current problems of food safety, to provide access to the latest information and best practices as well exchanging views on addressing the related problems.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting of SMIIC**

The Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) Meeting of the SMIIC BOD was held in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 22 November 2013. Membership applications of:

- Republic of Benin,
- Republic of Niger,
- Republic of Suriname,
- Islamic Republic of Mauritania,
- Republic of Uganda, and
- Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (Observer Status)

to SMIIC were unanimously accepted by BOD Members increasing the number of SMIIC Members to 29, one member with observer status.

## **5<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Meeting of SMIIC**

The Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Meeting of the SMIIC GA was held in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 23-24 November 2013.

The Accreditation Committee, Metrology Committee and CBs Programme Working Group submitted their latest development reports to the GA. The Technical Committees latest development report was submitted by the SMIIC General Secretariat to the GA.

The GA discussed the proposals and approved that the new member should not pay a fee in the financial year in which admittance to SMIIC is approved.

The GA was informed about the formulation of mandatory contributions of SMIIC Members to SMIIC Budget which was approved in the 4<sup>th</sup> GA meeting. The Chairman briefed the GA regarding the re-calculation of the mandatory contributions of SMIIC Members to SMIIC Budget after membership approval of new members in the 7<sup>th</sup> BOD and the GA discussed and approved the new mandatory contributions of all members.

## **International Symposium on “The Effects of Standardization on Global Economy”**

SMIIC General Secretariat and delegates from SMIIC Members participated in the International Symposium on “*The Effects of Standardization on Global Economy*” held on the 25-26 November 2013 in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey organized by the esteemed SMIIC Member Turkish Standards Institution (TSE).

The two day conference organised under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Turkey, aimed to facilitate studies for eliminating technical barriers to trade between countries and regions, to raise the level of quality of life of society at large and to raise the awareness of all our stakeholders about standardization. The symposium included the following panels and workshops on:

- Effects of standardization on employment and economic development,
- Effects of standardization on efficiency,
- Effects of standardization on innovation,
- Effects of standardization on competitiveness of SMEs,
- Standardization and technical barriers to foreign trade,
- Standardization and intellectual property rights,
- Conformity Assessment,
- Halal food certification and related regulations in the world,
- Green buildings,
- Forest certification (Carbon footprint),
- Standardization in construction materials and construction sector,
- Software standardization and calibration practices in health sector,
- Standardization in transportation.

SMIIC General Secretariat gave a speech on the “*SMIIC and Halal Food Standards*” during the “*Halal Food Certification and related regulations in the world*” panel.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers of OIC**

SMIIC General Secretariat participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) of OIC that was held in Banjul, The Republic of Gambia on 04-06 December 2013. The SMIIC General Secretariat was represented by H.E. Papa Secka, Director General, The Gambia Standards Bureau, an esteemed member of SMIIC.

## **40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers**

Secretary General of SMIIC and his delegation participated in the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) that was held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013.

## **Institut Guinéen de Normalisation et de Métrologie (IGNM) Visit**

Secretary General of SMIIC and his delegation visited Institut Guinéen de Normalisation et de Métrologie (IGNM), Republic of Guinea on 11 December 2013.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> OIC Halal Middle East Congress & Exhibition**

SMIIC General Secretariat participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Halal Congress Middle East Congress 2013 organized by the Halal Development Council (HDC) and Expo Centre Sharjah which took place on 16-18 December 2013, in Sharjah, UAE. SMIIC was represented as a speaker and panelist in the panel discussion on “*Way forward: Harmonization of Standards (One Logo – One Standard)*”.

As per last year, SMIIC also participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> OIC Halal Middle East Expo with stand organized by Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and ICDT which was a concurrent event with the 2<sup>nd</sup> OIC Halal Congress Middle East.

### **Courtesy Visit to Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Turkey**

A courtesy visit was paid to Mr. Kerem Divanlıoğlu, the newly appointed Interim Deputy Manager of the Deputy Directorate General for Multilateral Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Turkey by the SMIIC General Secretariat on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2013. SMIIC and current SMIIC activities were explained in detail.

### **Courtesy Visit to Minister of Development of the Republic of Turkey**

Dr. Cevdet Yılmaz, the Minister of Development of the Republic of Turkey accepted the SMIIC General Secretariat delegation on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2013. The SMIIC activities explained, the latest developments of SMIIC and the Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation area in OIC countries were discussed.

Mr. M. Metin Eker, Director General of the COMCEC Coordination Office accepted the SMIIC General Secretariat delegation following on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013. SMIIC activities and the latest developments in the SMIIC activity areas of standardization, metrology and accreditation in the OIC were discussed.

## **ACTIVITIES for 2014**

### **Visit of Minister of Science, Industry and Technology, Republic of Turkey**

H.E. Fikri İŞİK, Minister of Science, Industry and Technology, Republic of Turkey paid a visit to SMIIC Headquarters on 10 January 2014. SMIIC and current SMIIC activities were explained in detail.

### **Courtesy Visit to the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey**

Secretary General of SMIIC and his delegation visited President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, H.E. Mr. M. Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu at his office on 07 February 2014, in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey. During the meeting, the Secretary General briefly introduced SMIIC, its establishment and latest activities on Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation area in OIC countries.

### **Thailand Delegation Visit**

A delegation with approximately 70 people from the Thailand Halal Science Center of Chulalongkorn University, Thailand and Halal Standards Institute visited the SMIIC



Headquarters on the 15 April 2014, a presentation was given where the SMIIC activities and developments were explained. The delegation explained the establishment, function and activities of the Halal Science Center of Chulalongkorn University, Thailand and Halal Standards Institute of Thailand and expressed the interest in the adoption of the OIC/SMIIC Standards and if possible the membership to SMIIC.

### **Workshop on “Occupational Safety and Health Regulations and Standards”**

SMIIC General Secretariat attended and gave a speech at the Workshop on “Occupational Safety and Health Regulations and Standards” held together with SESRIC in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 04 May 2014.

### **24<sup>th</sup> Sessional Committee Meeting of COMCEC**

The SMIIC General Secretariat participated in the 24<sup>th</sup> Sessional Committee Meeting of COMCEC held on the 06 May 2014, in Ankara in which relevant OIC Institutions attended. The COMCEC PCM-Project Cycle Management, coordination between and the List of Activities of the Relevant OIC Institutions published on the COMCEC website were discussed.

### **30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC**

SMIIC General Secretariat attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC of the OIC held on 07-08 May 2014, Ankara, Republic of Turkey.

### **37<sup>th</sup> Session of ICECS**

General Secretariat of SMIIC participated in the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs (ICECS) in OIC Headquarters, Jeddah on 10-12 May 2014, KSA.

### **OIC-UN Biannual Meeting**

SMIIC General Secretariat attended OIC-UN Biannual Meeting at IRCICA Headquarters, İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 20-22 May 2014. During the meeting, support for international recognition of OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards with counterpart related UN institutions of WHO and FAO to CODEX Alimentarius and ISO was discussed and decided. Support for SMIIC infrastructure building and enhancement projects in areas of standardization, metrology, accreditation and food safety with UN organizations also working in this area, UNIDO and UNDP, was elaborated and decided.

### **SMIIC Accreditation Committee Meeting**

The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SMIIC Accreditation Committee and its Working Groups meetings, with the participation of 7 countries and 1 regional organization (Arab Accreditation Cooperation, ARAC) were held in Antalya, Turkey on 26-28 May 2014.

In these meetings, proposed models for accreditation mechanism were discussed/selected and further studies to be done for activating the accreditation system were evaluated and planned.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting**

The Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Meeting of the SMIIC BOD was held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan on 02 June 2014. The Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) hosted the Meeting.

Republic of Sudan and Republic of Senegal attended the Meeting as observers. Also representatives from OIC General Secretariat and COMCEC Coordination Office attended the Meeting.

## **6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Meeting**

The Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Meeting of the SMIIC GA was held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of PAKISTAN on 03 June 2014. The Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) hosted the Meeting. Following the recitation from the Holy Quran, Mr. Hulusi Şentürk, the Chairman of BOD of SMIIC welcomed the delegates to the meeting.

The opening address was made by the Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, H.E. Zahid Hamid. It was followed by the speeches of the Chairman of BOD, Mr. Hulusi Şentürk and Mr. Fawzi H. Hakeem, Vice-Chairman of SMIIC, Vice-Governor of SASO for Standards & Quality.

This was then followed by the message of H.E. Mr. Iyad Ameen Madani, the Secretary General of OIC, which was delivered by Mr. Gholamhossein Darzi, Director in the Department of Economic Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

GCC Standards Organization (GSO), SARSO (South Asian Regional Standards Organization), Republic of AZERBAIJAN, People's Republic of BANGLADESH, JAMIAT ULAMA EL-ISLAM (HQ)-MYANMAR and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Turkey were represented as observers in the General Assembly. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and COMCEC Coordination Office were represented in the meeting also in observer status.

## **A Memorandum of Understanding between SMIIC and AIDMO**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between SMIIC and Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO) in TSE Gebze Quality Campus, Kocaeli, Republic of Turkey on 14 June 2014.

Signatories were SMIIC Chairman of Board of Directors, H.E. Mr. Hulusi Şentürk and Director General of AIDMO, Mr. Mohamed Ben Yousef.

Mr. Mohamed Ben Yousef was accompanied by Mr. Hasan Akyüz, Vice Chairman & CEO of Arab Turk Business Council.

## **41<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers**

Secretary General of SMIIC and his delegation participated in the 41<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) that were held in Jeddah, KSA on 18-19 June 2014.

## **SMIIC “TC1-Halal Food Issues and TC2-Halal Cosmetic Issues” Meetings**

SMIIC Technical Committees TC1-Halal Food Issues and TC2-Halal Cosmetic Issues meetings were held on 23-26 June 2014, respectively in Dubai, UAE.

SMIIC General Secretariat, International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA - as a Liaison organisation), Republic of Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tunisia, Republic of Sudan, Kingdom of Morocco participated in TC1 meeting on 23-24 June 2014.

SMIIC General Secretariat, IIFA (as a Liaison organisation), Republic of Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tunisia, Republic of Sudan, Kingdom of Morocco participated in TC2 meeting on 25-26 June 2014.

## **Japan Halal Summit 2014**

SMIIC Chairman of BOD and his accompanying General Secretariat delegation attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Japan Halal Summit organized by Halal Development Foundation Japan and Halal Development Council on 04 August 2014 in Tokyo, Japan with the participation of 20 countries and international organizations.

The Chief Guest of Japan Halal Summit 2014 was H.E. Manabu Sakai the Deputy Minister, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan.

SMIIC Chairman of BOD H.E. Mr. Hulusi Şentürk addressed in the inauguration of 1<sup>st</sup> Japan Halal Summit and SMIIC General Secretariat staff gave a presentation in the Global Halal Market and Benefits of Halal Certification Session.

Japan Halal Summit included the following four Halal related Sessions:

- Halal Tourism & Hospitality including Halal Medical Tourism,
- Global Halal Market and Benefits of Halal Certification,
- Halal Meat & Poultry – Halal Food Ingredients,
- Islamic Finance.

## **SMIIC-AIDMO 2<sup>nd</sup> Coordination Meeting**

SMIIC Chairman of BOD and his accompanying General Secretariat delegation attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> coordination meeting between the Arab Organization for Industrial Development (AIDMO) and SMIIC on 25 August 2014, in AIDMO Headquarters, Rabat, Morocco.

A fruitful meeting took place between these two organizations including discussion of the cooperation in such following areas as Standards and Technical Regulations, Conformity assessment systems, Metrology, Accreditation (possible cooperation between ARAC (Arab Accreditation) and SMIIC Accreditation Committee). As a starting point of this coordination, a conference on Conformity Assessment was decided to be held on last week of October in Morocco together with SMIIC and AIDMO.

## **SMIIC Accreditation Committee Meeting**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Accreditation Committee (AC) was held in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 09-11 September 2014, hosted by SMIIC General Secretariat. The AC Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following SMIIC AC Member States:

- 1) Dubai Accreditation Center (DAC)
- 2) National Accreditation Centre of Iran (NACI)
- 3) Turkish Accreditation Agency (TÜRKAK)
- 4) Institute for Standards of Bosnia & Herzegovina (BAS)
- 5) Tunisian Accreditation Council (TUNAC)
- 6) Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC)
- 7) Bangladesh Accreditation Board (BAB)
- 8) Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC)
- 9) Saudi Accreditation Committee (SAC)
- 10) National Accreditation Body of Indonesia (KAN)

Turkish Standards Institution (TSE), Sudanese Standards and Metrology Organization (SSMO), Agence Des Normes et de la Qualite (ANOR), Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Trade Department, Algerian Institute of Standardization (IANOR), Direction de la Normalisation et de la Promotion de la Qualite (DNPQ), Arab Accreditation Cooperation (ARAC), Ministry of Economy Republic of Turkey and SMIIC General Secretariat attended the Meeting as observers.

The AC completed the structural model of accreditation both in the OIC and non-OIC region especially focusing on Halal and the AC TOR was finalised. The AC activities, the next AC meeting and training of accreditation assessors were planned. The next AC meeting is planned to take place in mid-November 2014 in Dubai, UAE followed by training programmes for assessors.

### **Hannover Food Forum**

SMIIC General Secretariat staff participated as a speaker at the Hannover Food Forum organized by The Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Germany which took place in Hannover on 25 September 2014, Germany.

### **Sarajevo Halal Forum 2014**

SMIIC General Secretariat staff gave a speech and presentation at the Sarajevo Halal Forum 2014 (SAHAF 2014) held on the 26 September 2014 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

## **CONTINUOUS AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

- 1) The activities of SMIIC Technical Committees will continue. During the last year it was concentrated that, there are areas for which new TCs need to be established (e.g. Occupational Safety and Health (OSH), Information Technology (IT) Security and Halal Banking and Finance) which are not yet covered by the current 7 SMIIC TCs.
- 2) SMIIC AC has established an Accreditation Scheme, will work to implement the system and will work to establish international recognition of accreditation, especially focusing on Halal. SMIIC AC in line with its objectives is planning to hold the

necessary trainings for accreditation auditors and assessors to be trained according to OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards and international norms.

- 3) SMIIC MC has been established and commenced its activities to aid in achieving uniformity in metrology and laboratory testing amongst OIC Member States.
- 4) SMIIC is planning to hold further training and workshops for LDC countries as a follow-up to the earlier SMIIC Workshop on the “*Building and Enhancing Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation Capacity in the OIC LDCs*” that was held on the 07-10 May 2013 in TSE Quality Campus and UME premises in Gebze-Kocaeli, and TSE Headquarters in Ankara, Republic of Turkey for LDC countries. Aiming to further enhance the Standardization, Metrology and Certification capacity and know-how of the technical/concerned staff which is planned to be submitted as a PCM Project to COMCEC.
- 5) Workshop and/or training is planned to be held for adoption and use of the OIC/SMIIC Standards.
- 6) Workshops and/or training is planned to be held in the participation of Technical Committee(s) and formation of Standards.
- 7) Encouragement of Member States of SMIIC to hold Workshop(s) and/or training(s) of auditors for OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards.
- 8) Activities are being planned at increasing the awareness, recognition and adoption of the OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards as international standards, which is vital for eliminating technical barriers to international trade.

SMIIC General Secretariat will continue to stress the importance of the need of adoption of OIC/SMIIC Standards since Halal requirements are the same for Muslims all over the world and different standards would cause a contradiction to TBT Agreements.

## CONCLUSION

The year 2014 has been an active year for SMIIC in which many developments and activities have taken place. The 8<sup>th</sup> BOD and 6<sup>th</sup> GA Meetings took place on 03-04 June 2014 was held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan which was the first BOD and GA meetings to be held in another Member State. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between SMIIC and Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO) on 14 June 2014 for close cooperation and collaboration in mutual areas.

The Technical Committees have been established, however more active participation is required from members in the Technical Committees in order to develop, revise or adopt standards.

General Secretariat of SMIIC has been focusing on the functioning of the Accreditation Committee to establish the recognition of the Halal Certificates based on OIC/SMIIC Standards all over the world.

The Metrology Committee has been established and has commenced its activities to aid in achieving uniformity in metrology and laboratory testing amongst OIC Member States which is one of the main goals of SMIIC.

There has been a huge demand from industry and consumers for a common Halal standard which has resulted in preparation and publishment of series of OIC/SMIIC Halal Food Standards. The first SMIIC Member, TSE, the Republic of Turkey, has officially adopted the OIC/SMIIC Standards, has been certifying accordingly for the last three years and has signed the “*Agreement between SMIIC and Member States for the Distribution and Sales of OIC/SMIIC Standards*” document. TSE, in the short period of time, has already issued more than 200 Halal certificates according to OIC/SMIIC 1. The State of Palestine has recently informed that it has officially adopted the OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) SMIIC General Secretariat expects from all members of SMIIC (ideally from all OIC Member States after completing the membership procedure) to adopt the existing OIC/SMIIC Standards as their national standards and launch certification activities for the sake of supporting a common standard and common certification mechanism among OIC Member States. SMIIC Member Countries are encouraged to complete the adoption process of OIC/SMIIC Standards to establish the recognition of the Halal Certificates based on OIC/SMIIC Standards all over the world.
- 2) Technical Committees (TCs) have the significant role to form new OIC/SMIIC Standards which will be useful to improve trade and the infrastructure of Member States within OIC. For the functioning of the TCs it is vital that all Member States and Correspondents actively participate in their selected Committees. General Secretariat would like to stress that the actual SMIIC work will take place in these committees, SMIIC Members and as well as OIC Members are strongly encouraged to participate and contribute to SMIIC technical work with their voting rights and/or comments in fields in which they feel themselves technically strong and more experienced. Non-member countries are also very much welcome to contribute to the technical committee work with an observer status.
- 3) General Secretariat of SMIIC also invites and urges the importance of the National Metrology Bodies of OIC Member States to become a member of the SMIIC Metrology Committee.
- 4) General Secretariat of SMIIC also invites and urges the importance of the National Accreditation Bodies of OIC Member States to become a member of the SMIIC Accreditation Committee.

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