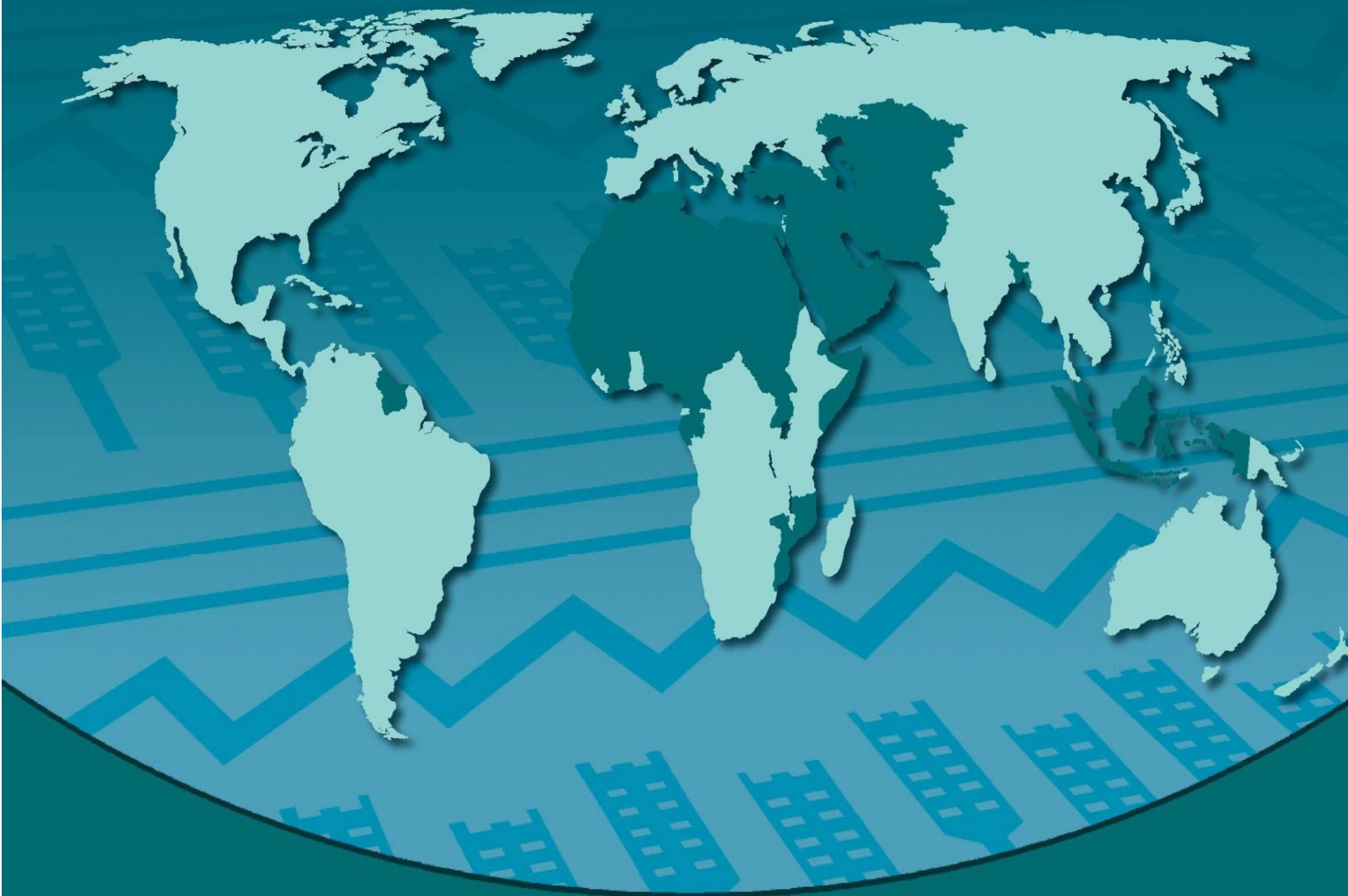




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This Progress Report on Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) provides a summary of the activities that have been implemented by SESRIC within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme since the 31st Session of the COMCEC, which was held in Istanbul on 23-26 November 2015, 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.

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. Currently the NFPs are from the following Member Countries:

1	Afghanistan
2	Azerbaijan
3	Bahrain
4	Bangladesh
5	Brunei Darussalam
6	Cameroon
7	Chad
8	Comoros
9	Gabon
10	Gambia
11	Guinea
12	Guinea-Bissau

13	Indonesia
14	Iran
15	Iraq
16	Jordan
17	Malaysia
18	Maldives
19	Mauritania
20	Morocco
21	Niger
22	Nigeria
23	Oman
24	Pakistan
25	Qatar

26	Saudi Arabia
27	Senegal
28	Sierra Leone
29	Somalia
30	Sudan
31	Syria
32	Togo
33	Tunisia
34	Turkey
35	United Arab Emirates
36	Yemen

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, central banks, health, poverty alleviation, social security, urbanisation, and tourism. A couple of new capacity building programmes have been also initiated by SESRIC within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme, OIC Disaster Risk Management Capacity

Building Programme and OIC University Capacity Building Programme. So far, more than 200 capacity building activities in over 40 countries have been implemented by SESRIC within the framework of its CBPs. around 50 of these programmes were organized in about 20 different LDCs.

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 activities which have been organised since November 2015 within the framework of each of these CBPs are annexed to this report. More information can be found at the official website of the OIC-VET Programme: www.oicvet.org

B. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION and TRAINING (VET)

SESRIC organized a workshop on “Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in OIC Member Countries: Needs and Capacity Assessment” in collaboration with the Association of Education for the Future (GED) in Ankara, Turkey on 09-11 May 2016.

The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the current situation of the technical and vocational education and training in OIC Member Countries, as well as challenges and problems faced by TVET institutions to provide necessary skills and competencies needed for the market. The workshop developed proposals for improving the quality of TVET systems in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of 2030 Agenda. The workshop was attended by the top managers of TVET authorities of OIC Member Countries, as well as representatives of regional, international and OIC institutions, and NGOs.

The workshop on “Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in OIC Member Countries: Needs and Capacity Assessment” mainly focused on the following areas:

- National qualification, accreditation, and certification framework,
- Occupational standards and modular training programmes,
- Vocational training and labour market.

Annex: Implemented Activities (November 2015-May 2016)

1. STATISTICS

1.1 STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME (StatCaB)

No	Venue	Date ▼	Subject
1	Manama, Bahrain	26-28 April 2016	Training Course on "Business Registers"
2	Cairo, Egypt	25-27 April 2016	Training Course on "Social Accounting Matrixes"
3	Muscat, Oman	18-20 April 2016	Training Course on "Labour Statistics"
4	Manama, Bahrain	15-17 March 2016	Training Course on 'Balance of Payments and External Statistics'
5	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	22-23 February 2016	Training Course on 'Professional Skills for Official Statisticians: Time Management'
6	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	22-24 February 2016	Training Course on 'Professional Skills for Official Statisticians: Effective Written Communication Techniques'
7	Amman, Jordan	16-18 February 2016	Study Visit on 'Poverty Statistics'
8	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	15-17 February 2016	Training Course on 'Poverty Statistics'
9	Khartoum, Sudan	08-10 February 2016	Training Course on 'Poverty Statistics'
10	Kabul, Afghanistan	23 Jan - 12 Feb 2016	Technical Mission on 'Module 2: Quarterly National Accounts' to Afghanistan
11	Bamako, Mali	28-30 December 2015	Training Course on 'Labour Cost'
12	Cairo, Egypt	27-29 December 2015	Study Visit on 'Poverty Statistics'
13	Tashkent, Uzbekistan	21-22 December 2015	Training Course on 'Professional Skills for Official Statisticians: Effective Written Communication Techniques'
14	Mogadishu, Somalia	20-25 December 2015	Training Course on 'Module 2: Population and Housing Censuses'
15	Kuwait City, Kuwait	15-17 December 2015	Training Course on 'Classifications'
16	Khartoum, Sudan	07-09 December 2015	Training Course on 'Professional Skills for Official Statisticians: Effective Written Communication Techniques'
17	Male, Maldives	24-26 November 2015	Training Course on 'Labour Statistics'
18	Putrajaya, Malaysia	18-20 November 2015	Training Course on 'Informal Sector Statistics'
19	Abuja, Nigeria	11-13 November 2015	Training Course on 'Effective Written Communication Techniques'
20	Mogadishu, Somalia	08-13 November 2015	Training Course on 'Module 1: Population and Housing Censuses'
21	Doha, Qatar	03-05 November 2015	Training Course on 'Business Registers'

2. FINANCE

2.1 CENTRAL BANKS CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME (CB-CaB)

No	Venue	Date	Subject
1	Tehran, Iran	18-19 April 2016	Training Course on 'Market Operations'
2	Istanbul, Turkey	16-17 November 2015	Training Workshop on 'Islamic Banking and Liquidity Management'
3	Almaty, Kazakhstan	12-13 November 2015	Workshop on "Islamic Social Financing: Microfinance and Microtakaful"

2.2 STOCK EXCHANGES CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME (SEP)

No	Venue	Date	Subject
1	Doha, Qatar	04-05 November 2015	Training Course on "Investor and Financial Community Awareness" in Qatar

2.3 COMPETITION AUTHORITIES CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME (CA-CaB)

No	Venue	Date	Subject
1	Jakarta - Indonesia	24-25 May 2016	Training Course on 'Private Enforcement of Competition Rules'
2	Yaounde - Cameroon	19-20 April 2016	Training Course on 'Competition Law and Policy' in Cameroon
3	Islamabad, Pakistan	25-27 January 2016	Training Course on 'Competition Law Enforcement in Regulated Markets and Bid-Rigging' in Pakistan
4	Conakry, Guinea	25-26 January 2016	Training Course on Basics of Competition Law in Guinea

3. AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

3.1 OIC AGRICULTURE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME (OIC-AgriCaB)

No	Venue	Date	Subject
1	Baku, Azerbaijan	09-10 December 2015	Training Course on 'Seed Development: Biotechnology Studies'
2	Kabul, Afghanistan	06-07 December 2015	Training Course on 'Water Management: Using Modern Irrigation Facilities'

3.2 OIC COTTON TRAINING PROGRAMME (OIC-CTP)

No	Venue	Date	Subject
1	Ankara, Turkey	29-31 March 2016	Training Course on "Mitigating the Devastating Effect of Lepidopteran Insect through Molecular and Conventional Breeding Approaches"
2	Dhaka, Bangladesh	22-24 December 2015	Training Course on 'Cotton Biotechnology: Advance Crop Management Technologies'

3.3 WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME (Water-CaB)

No	Venue	Date	Subject
1	Istanbul, Turkey	21-25 December 2015	Training Course on "Water Capacity Building"
2	Yaoundé, Cameroon	24-26 November 2015	Training Course on 'Water Resources Management'

4. INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION & TRANSPORTATION

4.1 CIVIL REGISTRATION CAPACITY BUILDING

No	Venue	Date	Subject
1	Banjul, Gambia	25-26 November 2015	Training Course on "Computerization of Civil Registration Systems"

5. LABOUR

5.1 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY and HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING (OSHCAB) PROGRAMME

No	Venue	Date	Subject
1	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei	26-28 April 2016	Training Course on 'Occupational Hygiene: Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene'
2	Lahore, Pakistan	18-20 April 2016	Training Course on 'Occupational Safety: Scaffolding and OSH in Mining Sector'
3	Muscat, Oman	04-06 April 2016	Training Course on 'Occupational Safety and Health in Construction Sector and Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene' in Oman
4	Ankara, Turkey	14-18 December 2015	Technical Training Course on 'Occupational Hygiene and Safety'

6. SOCIAL POLICY

6.1 OIC POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME (OIC-PAP)

No	Venue	Date	Subject
1	Jakarta Indonesia	22-23 March 2016	Training Course on 'Organisational Development and Poverty Analysis' in Indonesia

6.2 OIC CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTIONS (SSI-CaB)

No	Venue	Date	Subject
1	Lome - Togo	18-19 April 2016	Training Course on 'Pension System' in Togo

7. DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 OIC Disaster Risk Management Capacity Building Programme (OIC DRM-CaB)

No	Venue	Date	Subject
1	Baku Azerbaijan	24-25 November 2015	Training Course on “Early Warning Systems (Multi-Hazard)”

8. HIGHER EDUCATION

8.1 OIC UNIVERSITY CAPACITY BUILDING (OIC-UniCaB) PROGRAMME

No	Venue	Date	Subject
1	Turkistan Kazakhstan	Nov 2015-May 2016	20 Training Courses on “Islamic Theology and Studies”