



**REPORT OF
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**ON
ENHANCING INTRA-OIC TRADE**

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Intra-OIC Trade**

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INTRODUCTION

SMIIC General Secretariat has been actively continuing its activities in order to fulfil the aims and objectives of SMIIC, whilst taking into consideration the resolutions from the SMIIC General Assembly and Board of Directors meetings, the SMIIC Strategic Plan 2016-2020 and the Major Strategic Activities/Actions 2019-2020 of the SMIIC Strategic Plan.

I. SENIOR MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting

The confirmed minutes were sent to the BOD members on 16 December 2018 and then General Secretariat is working to complete mandated activities/projects within this year.

II. STRATEGY ACTIVITIES

General and Implementation of Strategic Plan 2016-2020

SMIIC has been actively working on the achievement of all the goals in the SMIIC Strategic Plan 2016-2020, having completed or commenced work on 28 of the 33 goals determined. Planning has commenced on achievement of the remaining 5 goals.

The necessary steps are being taken to plan, commence and complete the activities/actions set in the implementation plan - Major Strategic Activities/Actions 2019-2020 - where work on the 12 of the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for Monitoring and Verification have already been commenced and the planning for the remaining 6 KPI's has commenced.

III. TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES OF SMIIC COUNCILS

A. Standardization Management Council (SMC)

Standardization Management Council (SMC) as a professional structure for building the future activities of the technical committees and following-up their performance on ongoing standards projects held its first meeting in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 26-27 June 2018. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Abdul Aleem Memon, Chairman of SMC, Director General of Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA). During the meeting, the Council Members agreed on its Terms of Reference (ToR) and discussed about the activities of the SMIIC Technical Committees. The Council also decided to start the revision study of the SMIIC Directives taking into account the current updates of the other international practices and the conditions of the SMIIC Member States.

The draft revised SMIIC Directives were sent for commenting to the SMIIC Members on the 08 February 2019 and will be discussed with comments received from Members during the 2nd SMC Meeting to be held on the 07 April 2019.

B) Technical Committees

The Technical Committees and SMIIC/CCA have continued to work on the 36 projects and 10 of them are in Draft Standard stage, adoption procedure has commenced for 1(one) new(FDS)standard in TC14, 3(three) new New Work item Proposals(NP) have been received by TC14 and 1(one) new Technical Committee proposal received. Ongoing projects will be further studied in the next meetings to pass through all necessary stages and finalized as OIC/SMIIC standards.

The 6th Technical Committee (TC) Week Meetings will be held during the 15-21 April 2019 in İstanbul, Turkey where all TC apart from TC4 will be conducting their meetings.

B. Metrology Council (MC)

The SMIIC Metrology Council held its 5th Meeting on the 19-20 April 2018 in İstanbul, Turkey with the participation of 22 delegates from 10 Member States.

Report regarding the Metrology Council Infrastructure survey was presented. Many of the members wanted to send in further information and hence it was decided that their survey will be resent to Members for further review. The MC Secretariat will continue to collect surveys from Members who have not yet sent in their surveys.

The 6th Meeting of the Metrology Council will be held on the 18-19 April 2019 in İstanbul, Turkey.

C. Accreditation Council (AC)

i. First Meeting of the Management of SMIIC AC

The First Meeting of the Management of SMIIC Accreditation Council (AC) was held in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 26-27 February 2018 and hosted by SMIIC General Secretariat.

Following authorized national accreditation bodies of SMIIC Member States attended the meeting as the members of the Management of SMIIC AC for the term 2018-2020:

- L'Organisme Algérien d'Accréditation (ALGERAC)
- Agence des Normes et de la Qualité (ANOR)
- Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC)
- National Accreditation Center of Iran (NACI)
- Jordan Accreditation & Standardization Systems – Accreditation Unit (JAS-AU)
- Moroccan Accreditation Service (SEMAC)
- Saudi Accreditation Committee (SAC)
- Sudanese Accreditation Council (SDAC)
- Tunisian Accreditation Council (TUNAC)
- Ministry of Economy/Halal Accreditation Council (HAK)
- Emirates National Accreditation System (ENAS)

During the meeting, The Management of SMIIC Accreditation Council decided to establish a Task Force Group (TFG) for studying of draft Terms of Reference of SMIIC Accreditation Council (AC).

ii. First Meeting of the Task Force Group (TFG)

The First Meeting of the Task Force Group (TFG) was held in Amman, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on 25-26 March 2018, hosted by Jordanian Accreditation and Standardization System (JAS-AU). The TFG members discussed draft ToR item by item and highlighted their proposals and comments on the article and/or clause in question. The TFG Members decided to hold the 2nd TFG Meeting on 28-29 April 2018 in İstanbul for further discussion on the draft ToR.

iii. 2nd Meeting of the Task Force Group (TFG)

After the establishment of the Task Force Group (TFG) of SMIIC Accreditation Council (AC) with a view to studying of Terms of Reference (ToR) of the SMIIC AC according to the Accreditation Council Resolution 05/2018 of the 1st Meeting of the Management of SMIIC AC, the second meeting of the TFG was held in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 13-14 May 2018, hosted by SMIIC General Secretariat.

During the meeting, the TFG members discussed the pending issues as well as the editorial comments on the draft ToR which was prepared at the 1st TFG Meeting with suggested proposals/objections. The TFG Members reviewed the whole document item by item and finalized to be submitted to the consideration of the 2nd Meeting of Management of SMIIC AC together with the draft ToR proposal of a SMIIC Member State.

iv. 2nd Meeting of the Management of SMIIC AC

The Second Meeting of the Management of SMIIC AC was held in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 28-29 June 2018 with the participation of all Members of the Management of SMIIC AC.

As an important agenda item, the Management of SMIIC Accreditation Council reviewed the draft Terms of Reference and decided to submit the draft to the approval of the SMIIC Board of Directors. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the SMIIC Accreditation Council were also elected at the meeting for the 2018-2020 term and the decision was submitted to the approval of the SMIIC Board of Directors.

IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES

i. SMIIC Auditor Foundation Training Program 2018-Central Asia

SMIIC Auditor Foundation Training Program 2018-Central Asia was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic. The training was attended by 30 participants from private and public sector from Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan on the 20-22 November 2018. The training was given in English and Russian. The program was co-organized by SMIIC and The Ministry of Economy of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The program consisted of 2 parts:

Part 1. Introduction, implementation and use of OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards included introductory training of experts regarding the procedures for adoption, implementation and use

of the OIC/SMIIC series of 3 Halal Standards whilst providing training in SMIIC Information System (IS) and Technical Committee (TC) work.

Part 2. OIC/SMIIC 1: 2011 General Guidelines on Halal Food Foundation Auditor Training

The program aimed to inform the representatives from the Central Asian countries in order to inform them about Halal food, the current Halal market situation and introduce them to the OIC/SMIIC Standards whilst training them in the use of OIC/SMIIC Halal Food standards. The purpose is by the use of common Halal standards to facilitate trade in Central Asia and hence also in the OIC. The training was completed with an exam and qualifying participants received their certificates.

ii. Halal Tourism and Halal Friendly Hospitality Services Training

A training was given by SMIIC and Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) on "Halal Tourism and Halal Friendly Hospitality Services" to the representatives of Private and Public institutions of Uzbekistan which was organised by the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Tourism Development and SESRIC on 13-15 November 2018 in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan. The training included the fundamentals of Halal Tourism such as Standards, and possible strategies for the development of Halal Tourism in Uzbekistan.

As a side event, SMIIC delegation delivered a presentation on SMIIC and its role in Halal Tourism, during the Seminar organised by International Silk Road Tourism University in Samarkand on 16 November 2018.

iii. World Halal Summit (WHS) 2018 and 6th OIC Halal Expo

World Halal Summit (WHS) 2018 as the most prestigious halal event in the world gathering prominent speakers and important stakeholders of the halal industry was held simultaneously with the 6th OIC Halal Expo on 29 November-02 December 2018 in Istanbul, under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey.

World Halal Summit was organized by Discover event in coordination with SMIIC and The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) under the theme of "Halal and Healthy Life: Awareness and Sustainability".