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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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 34 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:

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|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Afghanistan       | 11. Guinea-Bissau | 24. Qatar                |
| 2. Azerbaijan        | 12. Indonesia     | 25. Saudi Arabia         |
| 3. Bahrain           | 13. Iran          | 26. Senegal              |
| 4. Bangladesh        | 14. Iraq          | 27. Sierra Leone         |
| 5. Brunei Darussalam | 15. Jordan        | 28. Sudan                |
| 6. Cameroon          | 16. Malaysia      | 29. Syria                |
| 7. Comoros           | 17. Maldives      | 30. Togo                 |
| 8. Gabon             | 18. Mauritania    | 31. Tunisia              |
| 9. Gambia            | 19. Morocco       | 32. Turkey               |
| 10. Guinea           | 20. Niger         | 33. United Arab Emirates |
|                      | 21. Nigeria       | 34. Yemen                |
|                      | 22. Oman          |                          |
|                      | 23. 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 22 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 number of new capacity building programmes have been also initiated by SESRIC within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme, namely Public Employment Services, Postal Services, Railway, Tourism, Sustainable Urbanization, Social Security Institutions, and Civil Registration. So far, some 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 2014 within the framework of each of these CBPs are summarized as follows. More information can be found at the official website of the OIC-VET Programme, [www.oicvet.org](http://www.oicvet.org).

### **1. Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB)**

- i. Training Course on “Analysis of Labour Market Statistics” in Senegal 07-09 April 2015.
- ii. Training Course on “Government Finance Statistics” in Malaysia on 06-08 April 2015.
- iii. Training Course on “Quality Frameworks and Measurement of Performance of Statistical Systems and Offices” in Tajikistan on 01-02 April 2015.
- iv. Training Course on “National Accounts: Financial Sector” in Qatar on 08-11 March 2015.
- v. Training Course on “Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Statistics” in Sudan on 02-04 March 2015.
- vi. Training Course on “Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Statistics” in Afghanistan on 23-25 February 2015.
- vii. Training Course on “Professional Skills for Official Statisticians: Time Management” in Uzbekistan on 17-18 February 2015.
- viii. Training Course on “Geographic Information Systems” in Burkina Faso on 03-05 February 2015.
- ix. Training Course on “Education Statistics” in Benin on 27-29 January 2015.
- x. Training Course on “Banking, Insurance and Financial Statistics” in Senegal on 26-29 January 2015.

### **2. Central Banks Capacity Building Programme (CB-CaB)**

- i. Training Course on “Islamic Microfinance” in Somalia on 09-11 November 2014.

### **3. Stock Exchanges Capacity Building Programme (SEP)**

- i. Training Course on “Derivative Markets and Instruments & Marginal Trading” in Sudan on 22-23 December 2014
- ii. Training Course on “Derivative Markets and Instruments and Marginal Trading” in Azerbaijan on 16-17 December 2014

#### **4. IbnSina Health Capacity Building Programme (IbnSina-HCaB)**

- i. Training Course on “Emergency and Disaster Medical Services” in Turkey on 30 March - 10 April 2015.
- ii. Inaugural Meeting for the Maternal and Child Survival Project in turkey on 19-21 January 2015.
- iii. Study Visit on “Integration of Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS)” in Turkey on 21 November 2014.

#### **5. Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building Programme (OSH-CaB)**

- i. Training Course on “Occupational Hygiene” in Pakistan on 09-10 March 2015.
- ii. Training Course on “Occupational Hygiene” in Brunei Darussalam 18-20 November 2014.

#### **6. Environment Capacity Building Programme (Environment-CaB)**

- i. Training Course on “Waste and Harmful Substances: Medical Wastes” in Gambia on 02-04 March 2015.

#### **7. Railway Capacity Building Programme (RW-CaB)**

- i. Training Course on “Technical Operations and Infrastructures” in Sudan on 10-11 March 2015.

#### **8. Competition Authorities Capacity Building Programme (OIC-CACaB)**

- i. Training Course on “Competition Law Enforcement in Regulated Markets and Bid-Rigging” in Kyrgyz Republic on 30-31 March 2015.
- ii. Training Course on “Competition Law and Policy” in Saudi Arabia on 16-18 December 2014.

#### **9. OIC Capacity Building Programme for Public Employment Services (OIC-PESCaB)**

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

#### **10. National Organizations for Civil Registration Capacity Building Programme (NOCR-CaB)**

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

#### **11. OIC Postal Services Capacity Building Programme (OIC-PSCaB)**

- i. Training Course on “Postal Financial Services, Electronic Services and Letter Post Service” in Jordan on 05-07 April 2015.

- ii. Training Course on “Parcel, Logistics, Express and Postal Financial Services” in Mauritania on 24-25 March 2015.
- iii. Training Course on “Postal Financial Services and Postal Codes-Addressing System” in Gambia on 13-14 March 2015.
- iv. Training Course on “Parcel, Logistics Services and Express” in Uganda on 24-25 February 2015.
- v. Training Course on “Postal Financial Services” in Djibouti on 17-19 February 2015.

**12. OIC Tourism Capacity Building Programme (Tr-CaB)**

- i. Training Course on 'Tourism Marketing' in Gambia, 25-26 March 2015

**B. ISMEK 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 November 2014 the following activities have been undertaken:

- i. Training Courses for Palestinians in Istanbul on 23-27 March 2015.
- ii. Knowledge and Experience Sharing Workshop for Uganda on ISMEK Master Training Programme in Istanbul on 29-30 December 2014