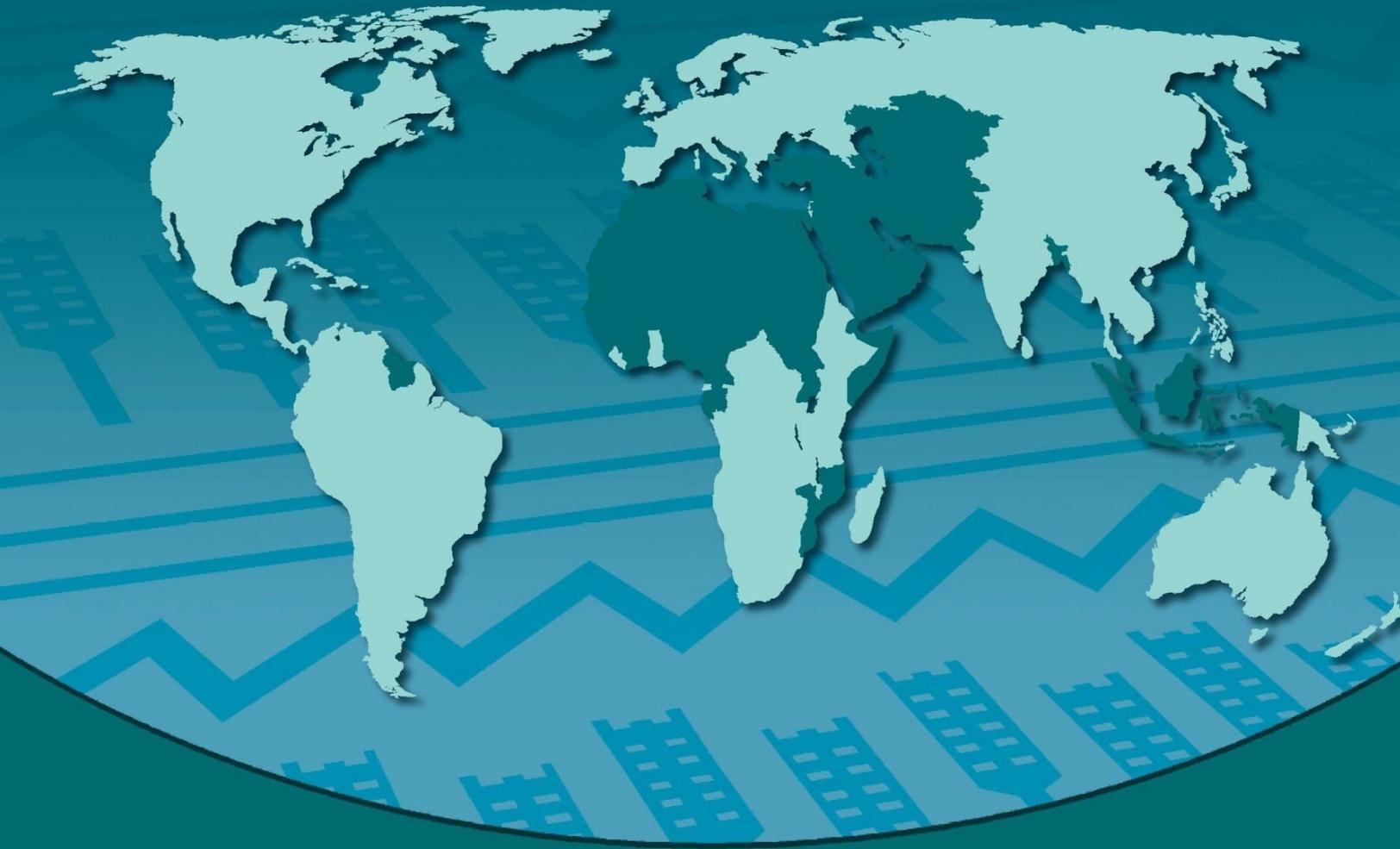


**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
PROGRAMME FOR OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES
(OIC-VET)**

PROGRESS REPORT



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The present progress report on Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) provides a summary of the activities which have been undertaken within the framework of the implementation of the Programme. In particular, the report focuses on the training programmes and activities which have been implemented since the Twenty Eighth Meeting of the Follow up Committee of COMCEC which was held in Ankara, Republic of Turkey on 9-10 May 2012.

I. BACKGROUND

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, the Executing Organ of the Programme.

The 4th Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme was held on 26-28 November 2012 in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon. The meeting was hosted by Ministry of Employment and Professional and Technical Training (MINEFOP) of Cameroon and was attended by the delegations of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of 18 OIC Member States. The representatives of the concerned OIC institutions, namely IDB, ICYEN, IUT and SESRIC, and OIC-VET partners, namely ISMEK, ISGUM, MUSIAD, TOBB and ISKUR were also presented in the meeting. The participants reviewed the progress since the 3rd Meeting of MAC and discussed ways and means of collaboration within the scope of the on-going and planned projects under the framework of OIC-VET Programme. They adopted a number of decisions and recommendations for the coming period until the next MAC Meeting. The Meeting also agreed on possible areas and projects promoted by the NFPs of the Programme for consideration and implementation.

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 (İMTP) 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 Agriculture Capacity Building Programme, Information and Communications Technology Capacity Building Programme, Capacity Building Programme on Poverty Alleviation, Skill Development for Youth Employment under the framework of OIC-VET Sub-Programme on Trade, Economy and

Finance (OICVET-TEF), Tobacco Free OIC Initiative and E-Government Working Group Project.

The details on the completed activities under these programmes are provided in Section III below.

II. NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS (NFPs) OF THE OIC-VET PROGRAMME

SESRIC have undertaken the necessary communications with the OIC Member Countries that have not designated their National Focal Points for the Programme through their respective national authorities, and requested them to designate their National Focal Points 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 34 NFPs in the following Member Countries::

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

III. COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

1. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES (OIC-VET)

a. ISMEK Master Trainer Programme (IMTP)

ISMEK Master Trainer Programme, which is developed jointly by SESRIC and the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (ISMEK) to provide intensive free training courses to master trainers from OIC Member Countries continues in various subjects under different categories.

i. Study Visit on 'Vocational Education Experiences of ISMEK'

On 25 June 2012, SESRIC organized a study visit on "Vocational Education Experiences of ISMEK" in collaboration with the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (ISMEK) in Istanbul, Turkey with the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training (MEVT) of the

Kingdom of Morocco. The delegation firstly visited various centres of İSMEK and received detailed information on the current activities and implemented projects.

ii. Master Trainers from Azerbaijan Awarded with İMTP Certificate

Within the framework of İSMEK Master Trainer Programme (İMTP), a group of eight master trainers from different vocational schools of the Republic of Azerbaijan received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK) on 12-17 November 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey. Azerbaijani Master Trainers received trainings at a number of İSMEK training Centres in Istanbul on the subjects of "Sewing Women's Clothes", "Assistant Designer of Women's Clothing" and "Cream Cake, Biscuits and Sweets". The six-day training programme has been hosted by İSMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

iii. Master Trainers from Senegal Awarded with İMTP Certificate

A group of eight master trainers from different vocational schools of the Republic of Senegal received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK) with the support of Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) on 26 November-4 December 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey. Senegalese Master Trainers received trainings on the subjects of "Ebru (Marbling)" and "Filigraphy". The six-day training programme has been hosted by İSMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

iv. Master Trainers from Egypt Awarded with İMTP Certificate

Within the framework of İSMEK Master Trainer Programme (İMTP), a group of eight master trainers from different vocational schools of the Arab Republic of Egypt received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK) on 17-25 February 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. Egyptian Master Trainers received trainings at a number of İSMEK training Centres in Istanbul on the subjects of "Machine Embroidery" and "Sewing Women's Outer Clothing". The six-day training programme has been hosted by İSMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

v. Master Trainers from Guinea Awarded with İMTP Certificate

A group of four master trainers from different vocational schools of the Republic of Guinea received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK) on 11-17 March 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. Guinean Master Trainers received trainings on the subjects of "Aluminium Relief" and "Wood Decorating". The six-day training programme has been hosted by İSMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

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

i. 26th Occupational Safety and Health Week in the Republic of Turkey

Occupational Safety and Health Week (OSH-WEEK) is organized every year on 4-10 May by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey (MoLSS) to discuss the current situation of OSH in Turkey. The 26th OSH-WEEK activities were held on 4 May 2012 in Sanliurfa, Republic of Turkey. Occupational Accidents in Agriculture and Importance of Occupational Safety, Health Risks and Protection against Occupational Diseases in Agriculture and Importance of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in Agriculture were the main topics discussed during the sessions. SESRIC attended the event and were awarded the plaque of appreciation by Turkish Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (ISGUM) to acknowledge SESRIC's efforts in organizing various meetings on the side-lines of the XIX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work.

ii. Second Meeting of OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET)

The second meeting of OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) has been organized by SESRIC, in collaboration with the General Directorate of Occupational Health and Safety (DGOHS) operating under the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey (MoLSS), on 4-6 March 2013, in Ankara, Turkey. The meeting was attended by experts of occupational health and safety from 17 OIC Member Countries. The meeting adopted a number of recommendations regarding the establishment of a working group to work on five years plan of action for the OIC-OSHNET for the period of 2014-2019 and the enhancement of the OIC-OSHNET Portal, designation of NFPs for the OIC-OSHNET and preparation of country profiles. As part of the programme, participants also visited the testing facilities of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), Department of Market Surveillance and witnessed the test of various PPE's at DGOHS in Ankara.

iii. E-Mail Group among the National Focal Points (NFPs) of OIC-OSHNET

The Centre has established an e-mail group among the National Focal Points (NFPs) of OIC-OSHNET in order to facilitate the communication and increase the effectiveness of the Network.

c. OIC-VET Sub-Programme on Trade, Economy and Finance (OICVET-TEF)

Trade, Economy and Finance (OICVET-TEF) programme is a sub programme under the OIC-VET Programme initiated in collaboration with the IDB and includes the following proposed training projects:

- i. Networking and Knowledge Sharing Programme for Trade Professionals;
 - ii. Certificate Programme on Trade,
 - iii. Scholarship Programme on Trade, Economy and Finance;
 - iv. Skill Development for Youth Employment (Study Visit); and
 - v. Training of Trainers in Agriculture Sector.
- i. Phase II of 'Skill Development for Youth Employment (SDYE) Project': Field Visit in Cameroon

As a second phase of "Skill Development for Youth Employment" project, a field visit was organized by the SESRIC in partnership with IDB, Ministry of National Education and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Republic of Turkey, Turkish

Employment Agency and Economic and Trade University of TOBB (TOBB-ETU), on 28 November - 3 December 2012 in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon. A joint mission composed of members from abovementioned institutions visited relevant Ministries, private organizations, NGOs, public institutions, vocational schools and enterprises in order to identify the potential areas of intervention and assessing the possibility of replicating the "Skill 10" project of Turkey in Cameroon. During the field visit, a "Road Map" was developed through a cooperative process involving all stakeholders. The road map consists of two phases where each step is described in detail. The first phase, the preliminary phase involves desk review and preparation of surveys, training on Labour Market Analysis, undertaking Labour Market Analysis and Needs Assessments. After the implementation of Phase I, all the stakeholders in this Project will come together to outline the roadmap for the second phase in transferring the "Skill 10" and building the capacity of the vocational education system in Cameroon.

d. OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP)

Within the framework of OIC-VET Programme, SESRIC has initiated OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP) to have more active and vital role in coordination of all possible future events, trainings, capacity building programmes, research and other activities in poverty alleviation field in the Member Countries.

i. Study Visit to King Abdullah Waqf and Islamic Development Bank

On 23-29 June 2012, SESRIC organized a study visit to King Abdullah Bin Abdul-Aziz Foundation and Islamic Development Bank jointly with the Ministry of Family and Social Policy of the Republic of Turkey to share the experiences of developmental housing and to explore the possibilities of further cooperation in the field of social assistance and poverty alleviation. The visit included a delegation composed of decision makers and experts of the Ministry of Family and Social Policy of Turkey.

e. SESRIC Tobacco Free OIC Initiative

Tobacco Free OIC is a new 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. Study Visit on 'Tobacco Control Policies'

SESRIC has organized, in cooperation with the Tobacco Market Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Turkey (TAPDK) and the Country Office of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Turkey, a study visit in Erzurum, Republic of Turkey on 20-21 June 2012. The aim of the visit was to share the practices and exchange expertise on tobacco control issues. Representatives of Azerbaijan, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan and Qatar have attended the visit.

f. The Fourth Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme

The 4th Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme was held on 26-28 November 2012 in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon. The meeting was hosted by Ministry of Employment and Professional and Technical Training (MINEFOP) of Cameroon and was attended by the delegations of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of 18 OIC Member States. The representatives of the concerned OIC institutions, namely IDB, ICYEN, IUT and SESRIC, and OIC-VET partners, namely ISMEK, ISGUM, MUSIAD, TOBB and ISKUR were also present in the meeting. The main purpose of the meeting was to review the progress since the 3rd Meeting of MAC and to discuss the ways and means of collaboration within the scope of on-going and planned projects under the framework of OIC-VET Programme. The participants expressed their satisfaction of the implemented activities and adopted a number of decisions and recommendations for the coming period until the next MAC Meeting. The Meeting also agreed on possible areas and projects promoted by the NFPs of the Programme for consideration and implementation.

2. CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES (CBPs)

During the period under consideration, the following training courses were organized by the Centre under the following various capacity building programmes as follows:

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

- Food and Life Safety Support Programme in Nouakchott, Mauritania

SESRIC and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) jointly organised "Food and Life Safety Support Programme" in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on 5-10 May 2012. The trainings were provided by academicians from various universities of Turkey. 33 veterinary surgeons, food engineers, medical and private sector staff from food sector attended this programme. The aim was to enhance the capacities in producing red meat, fish and other food in compliance with international level of standards.

- Training Course on 'Agronomy: Crop Management' in Mozambique

The Centre organised training on "Agronomy: Crop Management" at the Mozambique Institute for Cotton in Maputo, Mozambique, on 14-16 January 2013. The course was provided by Dr Said Abd El-Tawab Farag Hamoda, an expert from Agricultural Research Centre in Egypt, and was attended by agronomists, researchers and technicians from public and private sector.

- Training Course on 'Agronomy: Soil Tillage' in Uganda

The Centre organised training on "Agronomy: Soil Tillage" at the Cotton Development Organisation (CDO) in Kampala, Uganda, on 15-17 January 2013. The course was provided by Prof Sheikh El Din Abdel Gadir El-Awad, an expert from Agricultural Research Corporation (ARC) in Sudan, and was attended by 18 scientists dealing with cotton production of the CDO of Uganda.

- **Training Course on 'Agronomy: Crop Rotation' in Mozambique**

The Centre organised training on "Agronomy: Crop Rotation" at the Mozambique Institute for Cotton in Maputo, Mozambique, on 17-18 January 2013. The course was provided by Dr Said Abd El-Tawab Farag Hamoda, an expert from Agricultural Research Centre in Egypt, and was attended by agronomists, researchers and technicians from public and private sector.

- **Training Course on 'Crop Cultivation: Cultivation of Arable Crops' in Sudan**

The Centre organised training on "Crop Cultivation: Cultivation of Arable Crops" at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Republic of the Sudan, on 29-31 January 2013. The course was provided by Dr Abbas Ajeel Mohammed, an expert from Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq, and was attended by approximately 25 scientists, farmers, and officers.

- **Training Course on 'Land Management: Soil Analysis and Mapping' in Lebanon**

The Centre organised training on "Land Management: Soil Analysis and Mapping" at Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture, on 4-6 February 2013. The course was provided by Ms Fatimah Rashid Abdulteef, an expert from Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq, and was attended by Mohamad Abou Daher, Head of Agriculture Education and Training Department of Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture, scientists, agriculturists, and officers.

- b. OIC Cotton Training Programme (OIC-CTP)**

- **Training Course on 'Fiber Technology: Contamination' in Togo**

The Centre organised training on "Fiber Technology: Contamination" at the New Cotton Company of Togo (NSCT) in Atakpamé, Togo, on 20-22 December 2012. The course was provided by Mr Papa Fata NDIAYE, an expert from Society for Development of Textile (SODEFITEX) in Senegal, and was attended by scientists dealing with cotton production of the New Cotton Company of Togo (NSCI).

- **Training Course on 'Fiber Technology: Lint Quality' in Mali**

The Centre organised training on "Fiber Technology: Lint Quality" at the Malian Company for Textile Development (CMDT) in Koutiala, Mali, on 15-17 October 2012. The Course was provided by Mr. Idy Ka, an expert from Society for Development of Textile (SODEFITEX) in Senegal, and was attended by approximately 20 scientists dealing with cotton production in the Malian Company for Textile Development (CMDT).

- **Training Course on 'Plant Protection: Diseases and Insects' in Sudan**

The Centre organised training on "Plant Protection: Diseases and Insects" at the Agricultural Research Corporation (ARC) of Sudan, on 27-29 August 2012. The Course provided by Prof. Isa Onu, an expert from the Institute for Agriculture Research, Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria, and attended by 26 scientists and agricultural protectionists dealing with cotton production at the Agricultural Research Corporation (ARC) of Sudan.

- **Training Course on 'Cotton Diseases and Control' in Azerbaijan**

The Centre organised training on "Plant Protection: Cotton Diseases and Control" at the Cotton Research Institute in Azerbaijan, on 11-13 June 2012. The Course was provided by Dr. Oktay Erdoğan, an expert from the Nazilli Cotton Research Institute of Turkey, and was attended by 39 technical personnel from the Cotton Research Institute in Azerbaijan and by Nazim Nadirov, Head of Department, Azerbaijan State Agrarian University (ASAU).

- **Training Course on 'Agronomy: Fertilization' in Uganda**

The Centre organised training on "Agronomy: Fertilization" at the Cotton Development Organisation of Uganda, on 11-13 June 2012. The Course was provided by Prof. Dr. N. C. Kuchinda, an expert from the Institute for Agricultural Research, Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria, and was attended by 16 field extension workers and cotton researchers of the Cotton Development Organisation of Uganda who have expertise on cotton agronomy issues.

c. Environment Capacity Building (Environment-CaB) Programme

- **Training Course on 'Water Resources Management' in Azerbaijan**

The Centre organised training on "Water Resources Management" at the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on 6-7 February 2013. The course was provided by Ms. Saliha Değirmencioğlu, an expert from Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, and was attended by approximately 25 participants from different organisations such as Azersu and Melioration and Water Economy Joint-Stock Companies (JSCs).

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

- **Training Course on Reserve Management in Kyrgyzstan**

The Centre organized a training programme on "Reserve Management" at the National Bank of Kyrgyz Republic on 23-24 May 2012 within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme. The Course was provided by Mr. Suat Aydın, senior portfolio manager from the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, and was attended by relevant members of the National Bank of Kyrgyz Republic.

- **Training Course on Islamic Financial Instruments in Turkey**

The Centre organized a training programme on "Islamic Financial Instruments" at the Central Bank of Turkey on 26-28 June 2012 within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme. The Course was provided by Dr. Eko Adi Irianto, Manager in Department of Islamic Banking and Mr. Agung Bayu Purwoko, Manager in Department of Monetary Operation from the Bank Indonesia, and was attended by relevant members of the Central Bank of Turkey.

- **Training Course on Risk Management in Islamic Financial Instruments in Tajikistan**

The Centre organized a training programme on "Risk Management in Islamic Financial Instruments" at the National Bank of Republic of Tajikistan on 11-12 July 2012 within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme. The Course has been provided by Dr. Rifki Ismal, Researcher at Directorate of Islamic Banking from the Bank Indonesia, and was attended by relevant members of the National Bank of Republic of Tajikistan.

- **Training Course on "Macroeconomic Modelling" in Kazakhstan**

The Centre organised a training programme on "Macroeconomic Modelling" at the National Bank of Kazakhstan on 21-22 November 2012, within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme. The Course was provided by Mr. Hüseyin Akkoyun, expert of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, and attended by relevant members of the National Bank of Kazakhstan.

- **Training Course on 'Inflation Targeting' at the Central Bank of Republic of Azerbaijan**

The Centre organised a training programme on "Inflation Targeting" at the Central Bank of Republic of Azerbaijan on 19-21 December 2012, within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme. The Course was provided by Ms. Neslihan Kaya, expert of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey with participation of relevant members of Central Bank of Republic of Azerbaijan.

e. Stock Exchanges Capacity Building Programme (SEP)

- **Training Course on 'Islamic Financial Instruments' in Sultanate of Oman**

The Centre organised, in collaboration with Arab Federation of Exchanges (AFE), a training course on "Islamic Financial Instruments" within the framework of the OIC Capacity Building Programme for Stock Exchanges (OIC-SEP) on 5-6 March 2013 in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. The course was provided by Mr. Agung Bayu Purwoko, Manager in Department of Monetary Operations at Bank Indonesia, and was attended by experts from member institutions of the Arab Federation of Exchanges.

f. IbnSina Programme for Health Capacity Building (IbnSina-HCaB)

- **Training Course on 'Modern Hospital Management Trends' in Sana'a, Yemen**

The Centre organized training programme on "Modern Hospital Management Trends" at Ministry of Health of Yemen on 24-25 June 2012. The training programme was provided by Prof. Adnan Kisa, Head of Zirve University (Turkey), and Prof. Fevzi Akinci, Dean of Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences of Zirve University (Turkey). The course was attended by mid-career and senior-level decision-makers as well as managers who are actively involved in planning and/or directing government-initiated health sector reforms.

The course provided the participants an intensive and state-of-the-art knowledge on health sector reforms, hospital management trends.

- **Training Course on "Hospital and Health Care Facilities Management and Administration" in Yemen**

The Centre organized the second phase of the training programme on "Hospital and Health Care Facilities Management and Administration", in collaboration with Aegean International Health Federation, at Ministry of Health of Yemen on 28 September-02 October 2012. The training programme was provided by the members of Aegean International Health Federation namely Assist. Prof. Abdülkadir Civan, Gediz University (Turkey), Faculty of Medicine Assist. Prof. Ali Coşkun, Fatih University (Turkey), Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences and Dr. Ali İravul, Deputy Director, Izmir Health Directorate.

- **Training Course on "Pediatric Emergency Medicine" in Mogadishu, Somalia**

The Centre organized, in collaboration with Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED) and Turkish Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA), a training programme on "Pediatric Emergency Medicine" on 01 November 2012-31 January 2013 in Mogadishu, Republic of Somalia. The training course was conducted by Dr. Lokman Çam, pediatrician in Kayseri Maternity and Child Hospital, Republic of Turkey.

- **Training Course on 'Minimally Invasive Surgery' in Assiut, Egypt**

The Centre organised, in collaboration with Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED) and Egypt Assiut University, a training programme on "Minimally Invasive Surgery" at the Assiut University in Assiut, Arab Republic of Egypt, on 06-10 February 2013. The course was provided by Assoc. Prof. Seyda ORS KAYA, Op.Dr.Kenan Can Ceylan and Munevver Ulutas, and was attended by operating surgeons of the Assiut University.