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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 31 Member States with the addition of Malaysia and Bosnia & Herzegovina OIC Member States approved by the last Board of Directors of SMIIC at its meeting in 19 November 2014. 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. There are 2 more new technical committees which are in the process of establishment and 4 other areas that are being evaluated for possible establishment.

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 Standardization Experts' 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 Standardization Experts' Group in its 7th Meeting in 1996 decided to submit the draft statute of the SMOIC to the 12th 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 12th COMCEC Meeting.

Following the 12th COMCEC Meeting, member organizations sent their comments on the draft statute to the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) and the OIC General Secretariat. During the 13th 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 8th Standardization Experts' 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 14th COMCEC Meeting was decided.

The mentioned draft statute was included in the agenda (Article 7) of the 14th 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 15th 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 3rd 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 5th 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 6th 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),

during the 7th 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)

And during the 8th BOD Meeting held on the 19 November 2014:

- Malaysia
- Bosnia & Herzegovia(Observer Status)

were accepted as members, bringing the number of SMIIC Members to a total of 31 Member States (including two Members with 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.
- 5) To establish an **Accreditation Scheme**.

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 4th 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 3rd 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 4th 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 issues 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.

The 5th Meeting of TC1 was held on the 23-24 June 2014 in Dubai, UAE. Works on the revision of the series of Halal Standards continued. Presentations were made by members, compilation of questions received from TC1 Member States regarding Islamic Fiqh matters to be sent to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) were made, these questions were further discussed and evaluated in the meeting. The compiled questions were then sent to IIFA for reply. TC1 members also discussed the Codex Halal Standard Project and mutually agreed that they will encourage support of the SMIIC Standards as Codex Standards and requested the SMIIC General Secretariat to make the necessary official communication with Codex Alimentarius Commission in regard.

Halal Cosmetic Issues TC2 - Scope was defined and business plan made. The 2nd 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.

3rd 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.

4th Meeting of the committee was held on 25-26 June 2014 in Dubai, UAE. To aid the standards formation process presentations were made. One of the members expressed the responsibility of SMIIC TCs (through the activity of standardization) to avoid the commercialization/misuse of the term "Halal" and to ensure that the concept of Halal is retained in its original sense and the interest of the consumers is always protected. Compilation of questions received from TC2 Member States regarding Islamic Fiqh matters to be sent to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) were made, these questions were further discussed and evaluated in the meeting. The compiled questions were then sent to IIFA for reply.

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 5th 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.

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

SMIC Metrology Committee Members (Total of 33 countries and one liaison organisation) (As of 01/01/2015):

1. People's Democratic Republic of ALGERIA
2. Republic of AZERBAIJAN
3. Republic of BENIN
4. BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
5. BURKINA FASO
6. Republic of CAMEROON
7. Union of the COMOROS
8. Republic of COTE D'IVOIRE
9. Arab Republic of EGYPT
10. Republic of GABON
11. Republic of the GAMBIA
12. GULFMET(Liasion Organisation)
13. Islamic Republic of IRAN
14. Republic of IRAQ
15. Republic of KAZAKHSTAN
16. Republic of KOSOVA
17. KYRGYZ Republic
18. LIBYA
19. Republic of MALI
20. Islamic Republic of MAURITANIA
21. Kingdom of MOROCCO
22. Republic of NIGER
23. Federal Republic of NIGERIA
24. TURKISH Republic of NORTHERN CYPRUS
25. State of QATAR
26. Republic OF GUINEA
27. Kingdom of SAUDI ARABIA
28. Republic of SENEGAL
29. Republic of SIERRA LEONE
30. Republic of The SUDAN
31. Republic of TAJIKISTAN
32. Republic of TUNISIA
33. Republic of TURKEY
34. State of The UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

The Second Meeting of the Metrology Committee was held on the 15-16 of December 2014 and hosted by TUBITAK UME, Gebze-İstanbul TURKEY. The meeting was attended by representatives from Azerbaijan, Benin, Bosnia & Herzegovnia, Burkina Faso, Comoros, Gambia, Guinea, Iran, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Nigeria, Turkish Republic of Noerther Cyprus, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE and Yemen.

Dr. Mustafa Çetintaş, Director of TÜBİTAK UME was elected as the Chairman upon the resignation of Dr. Fatih Üstüner who was promoted to another unit of TUBITAK. An action plan of the SMIC MC for 2015 was developed according to the activities and goals of the SMIC MC:

1. A Strategy and Action Group was established consisting of the membership of Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan, Iran and Nigeria, the group will conduct a survey of member countries metrology infrastructure and human resources, draft a strategy for the Metrology Committee at the same time each member will follow up/monitor on agreed MC actions in own region.
2. A Working Group for Halal Foods Certified Reference Material was established consisting of the membership of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey, Egypt, Iran and

Malaysia. The working group will work on the forming/identification of certified reference material.

3. Training Activities in the areas of:
 - a) Fundamental Metrology Training
 - b) Legal Metrology Training
 - c) Scientific Metrology Training
 - d) Metrology in Chemistry and Biology Training

Have been planned to be given to Members of the Metrology Committee in 2015, hosted by possibly by the following members: Iran, Turkey, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Tunisia.

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.

AC members are composed of National Accreditation Bodies of the OIC Member States.

AC Member States are as follows (As of 01/01/2015):

- 1) People's Democratic Republic of ALGERIA
- 2) People's Republic of BANGLADESH
- 3) BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
- 4) State of the UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
- 5) Arab Republic of EGYPT
- 6) Republic of INDONESIA
- 7) Islamic Republic of IRAN
- 8) KYRGYZ Republic
- 9) LIBYA
- 10) Islamic Republic of PAKISTAN
- 11) Kingdom of SAUDI ARABIA
- 12) Republic of TUNISIA
- 13) Republic of TURKEY

During the 1st 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 4th SMIIC BOD Meeting held its first meeting after the 3rd 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 **3rd 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 **4th meeting of the SMIIC AC and its Working Group meetings**, were held on 26-28 May 2014 and its 5th meeting was held on 09-11 September 2014, in Republic of Turkey.

The **5th 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 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 **6th Meeting of the SMIIC AC** was held on 12-13 November 2014 in Dubai, UAE. The following are some of the documents that were discussed and finalised at this Meeting:

1. SMIIC AC R1: 2014 SMIIC AC Multilateral Recognition Arrangements Requirements and Procedures for Evaluation of a Halal Accreditation Body
2. SMIIC AC R2: 2014 SMIIC Guidelines on Qualifications, Competence and Monitoring of Personnel involved in Accreditation Activities
3. SMIIC AC R3: 2014 Cross-Frontier Accreditation Principles for Cooperation

An MLA Sub-Committee was formed constituting 6 AC Members.

The SMIIC AC has completed its Terms of Reference (TOR), internal documents and has established the necessary sub-Committee/s.

AC Training Program:

A two day peer evaluation and relevant documentation training session was carried out after the 6th SMIIC AC Meeting on the 14-15 November 2014 in Dubai, U.A.E.

ACTIVITIES for 2014

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

H.E. Fikri IŞIK, 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, Mr. M. Rifat Hisarcıklıoğlu 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.

24th Sessional Committee Meeting of COMCEC

The SMIIC General Secretariat participated in the 24th 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.

30th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC

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

37th Session of ICECS

General Secretariat of SMIIC participated in the 37th 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 4th 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 and further studies to be done for activating the accreditation system were evaluated and planned.

8th Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting

The Eighth 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.

The BOD elected the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen for the term of office of 2014-2016 are as follows:

- Chairman of BOD: Republic of Turkey
- Vice Chairman (Asian Group): Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- Vice Chairman (Arab Group): Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Vice Chairman (African Group): Republic of Cameroon

Further agenda items were evaluated and submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

6th General Assembly (GA) Meeting

The Sixth 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.

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.

The GA decided on the Revision of the SMIIC Strategy and Action Plan (SAP) document, the Determination of Policy with regards to the structure and execution of SMIIC AC, the possible cooperation between SMIIC and ICCIA, and approved the mandatory contributions of SMIIC Members to 2015 SMIIC Budget etc. A signing ceremony between SMIIC – Cameroon and SMIIC – Suriname of the Agreement for Distribution and Sales of OIC/SMIIC Standards also took place during the GA.

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.

The planning for a collaborative event “The Arab Conference: The Role of Conformity Assessment in Enhancing the Trade Capacity between Arab and Islamic Countries” was made.

41th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers

Secretary General of SMIIC and his delegation participated in the 41th 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, 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 1st 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 1st 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 2nd Coordination Meeting

SMIIC Chairman of BOD and his accompanying General Secretariat delegation attended the 2nd 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 “ The Arab Conference: “The Role of Conformity Assessment in Enhancing the Trade Capacity between Arab and Islamic Countries” was decided to be held in Morocco together with SMIIC and AIDMO.

5th SMIIC Accreditation Committee Meeting

The 5th Meeting of the Accreditation Committee (AC) was held in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 09-11 September 2014, hosted by SMIIC General Secretariat.

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.

Forum on Export Promotion for the Agrifood Industry

SMIIC General Secretariat Staff attended the Forum on "Export Promotion for the Agrifood Industry" which was held in Hannover, Germany on 25 September 2014 by the Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) of Hannover.

The 1st Investment Forum on OIC Plan of Action for Cooperation with Central Asia

SMIIC General Secretariat (GS) delegation attended and gave a presentation at the 1st Investment Forum on OIC Plan of Action for Cooperation with Central Asia in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan on 27-28 October 2014. During the event, SMIIC GS staff had a brief conversation with H.E. Mr. Iyad bin Amin Madani, Secretary General of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in which the promotion of SMIIC and its activities by both - primarily- its Member States and OIC Member States was discussed.

Courtesy Visit to Tajikstandard

The SMIIC General Secretariat delegation visited the Agency on Standardization, Metrology, Certification and Trade Inspection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and met Dr. Shukurzoda Bakhtiyor Soleh, Director of Tajikstandards to invite for the membership of SMIIC and to discuss future cooperation on the activities of SMIIC.

6th Meeting of SMIIC Accreditation Committee Meeting

The Sixth Meeting of the Accreditation Committee was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 12-13 November 2014.

9th SMIIC Board of Directors Meeting

The Ninth Meeting of the SMIIC Board of Directors (BOD) was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 19 November 2014. SMIIC General Secretariat hosted the meeting.

Mr. Hulusi ŞENTÜRK, Chairman of BOD of SMIIC welcomed the participants to the Meeting and made the opening address.

It was followed by the speeches of Dr. Saad ALKASABI, SMIIC Vice-Chairman, Mr. Bayero MOHAMADOU, SMIIC Vice-Chairman, Dr. Yousuf JUNAID, Consul General of Islamic Republic of Pakistan on behalf of SMIIC Vice-Chairman.

The Board was attended by the representatives of the following Member States who have membership in the SMIIC BOD:

- 1-Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- 2-People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
- 3-Republic of Cameroon
- 4-Arab Republic of Egypt
- 5-Republic of Guinea
- 6-Islamic Republic of Iran
- 7-Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- 8-Libya
- 9-Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- 10-Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- 11-Republic of Tunisia
- 12-Republic of Turkey
- 13-United Arab Emirates

Malaysia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Republic of Suriname, State of Palestine, Republic of Senegal, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Republic of Niger and Republic of Mali attended the Meeting as observers. Also representatives from OIC General Secretariat and COMCEC Coordination Office attended the Meeting.

Membership applications of Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM), Malaysia and Institute for Standardization of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BAS), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Observer Status) to SMIIC were accepted by BOD members and the esteemed Malaysia and Bosnia and Herzegovina have joined the SMIIC family.

The Board appointed Mr. Lotfi BEN SAID, from INNORPI, Republic of Tunisia as Assistant Secretary General for a term of 3 years.

Further agenda items were evaluated and submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

7th SMIIC General Assembly Meeting

The Seventh Meeting of the SMIIC General Assembly (GA) was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 20 November 2014. SMIIC General Secretariat hosted the meeting.

The opening address was made by Chairman of BOD, Mr. Hulusi Şentürk. It was followed by the message of H.E. Mr. Iyad Ameen Madani, the Secretary General of OIC, which was delivered by Mr. Jakhongir Khasanov, from Department of Economic Affairs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). It was followed by the speeches of Mr. Mehmet Akif ALANBAY, the representative of COMCEC and Mr. Ahmet KARABAY, Deputy General Director of DG Product Safety and Inspection, Ministry of Economy, Republic of Turkey.

The GA was attended by the representatives of the following Member States who have membership in the SMIIC GA:

1. Islamic Republic of AFGHANISTAN
2. People's Democratic Republic of ALGERIA
3. Republic of BENIN
4. BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
5. Burkina FASO
6. Republic of CAMEROON
7. Arab Republic of EGYPT
8. Republic of GABON
9. Republic of GAMBIA
10. Republic of GUINEA
11. Islamic Republic of IRAN
12. Hashemite Kingdom of JORDAN
13. LEBANON
14. LIBYA
15. MALAYSIA
16. Republic of MALI
17. Kingdom of MOROCCO
18. Islamic Republic of MAURITANIA
19. Republic of NIGER
20. Islamic Republic of PAKISTAN
21. State of PALESTINE
22. Kingdom of SAUDI ARABIA (Represented by SASO and SFDA)
23. Republic of SURINAME
24. Republic of SENEGAL
25. Republic of SUDAN
26. Republic of TUNISIA
27. Republic of TURKEY (Represented by TSE and TÜBİTAK-UME)
28. United Arab EMIRATES
29. Turkish Republic of NORTHERN CYPRUS

Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Cote D'Ivoire, SMIIC Accreditation Committee (AC), Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO) and Ministry of Economy, 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.

The GA decided to accept the resignation of the Secretary General, decided on a formation of the name of SMIIC in Arabic, approved the revision of the SMIIC Strategy and Action Plan(SAP) document for the years 2015-2017 by the SAP Committee, accepted the proposal that the mandatory contributions of SMIIC Member States which were determined under 10.000 (Ten thousand) US Dollars annually shall be paid by Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) for the year 2014 and 2015 if the paid amount of the budget will not cover the expenditures of SMIIC in the concerned year etc. The GA also decided that the Financial Committee will reconvene to discuss the possibilities of change to the calculation of the SMIIC Mandatory Contributions upon suggestion of a SMIIC Member and the points underscored by H.E. Mr. Iyad Ameen Madani, the Secretary General of OIC in his message, shall be examined by SMIIC General Secretariat and a relevant proposal will be submitted to next GA.

Mr. İhsan ÖVÜT, from Republic of Turkey, was elected as the Secretary General for a term of three years by consensus.

30th Session of the COMCEC

The Thirtieth Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC) was held on 25-28 November 2014 in İstanbul, Turkey.

The SMIIC General Secretariat participated as an OIC Institution in which the SMIIC report for the 30th COMCEC was also presented.

Malaysia Delegation Visit

Malaysia delegation consisting of the following institutions -Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM), Halal Hub Division, Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM), Ministry of International Trade and Industry, National Metrology Laboratory, SIRIM, Halal Industry Development Corporation (HDC), Univesiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE)- visited the SMIIC Headquarters on the 18 November 2014, a presentation was given where the SMIIC activities and developments were explained. The delegation explained the establishment, function and activities of their instutites and expressed the interest in the adoption of the OIC/SMIIC Standards.

3rd OIC Halal Middle East Congress & Exhibition

SMIIC General Secretariat participated in the 3rd Halal Congress Middle East Congress 2014 organized by the Halal Development Council (HDC) and Expo Centre Sharjah which took place on 08-10 December 2014, in Sharjah, UAE.

SMIIC was represented as a speaker and panelist in the panel discussion on “International Institution’s Perspective for the promotion of Halal Trade”.

As per last year, SMIIC also participated in the 3rd OIC Halal Middle East Expo with stand organized by Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and ICDT which was a concurrent event with the 3rd OIC Halal Congress Middle East.

2nd Global Islamic Economy Summit

SMIIC Chairman of the BOD and his accompanying General Secretariat delegation attended the GIES Leadership Series held by Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry, on the 7th of December, 2014 at the DIFC Conference Centre, Dubai, UAE.

2nd Meeting of Metrology Committee

The 2nd Meeting of SMIIC Metrology Committee (MC) was held in Kocaeli, Turkey on 15-16 December 2014, hosted by TÜBİTAK UME.

The SMIIC MC Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following OIC Member States and 2 observers:

- Republic of AZERBAIJAN
- Republic of BENIN
- BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
- Burkina FASO
- Republic of GAMBIA
- Republic of GUINEA
- Islamic Republic of IRAN
- KYRGYZ Republic
- LIBYA
- Federal Republic of NIGERIA
- Kingdom of SAUDI ARABIA
- Republic of SENEGAL
- Republic of SUDAN
- Republic of TUNISIA
- Republic of TURKEY
- Turkish Republic of NORTHERN CYPRUS
- Republic of YEMEN

Ethiopia and Kosova were represented as observers in the meeting.

Dr. Mustafa Çetintaş, Acting Director of TUBITAK-UME has been unanimously elected as the Chairman of Metrology Committee.

Strategy for Promoting of Science and Technology- COMSTECH

SMIIC Chairman of the BOD and his accompanying General Secretariat delegation including the Chairman of Metrology Committee - Dr. Mustafa Çetintaş, Acting Director of TUBITAK-UME attended the Strategy for Promoting of Science and Technology: Meeting of OIC Organizations held on 24-26 December 2014 in Islamabad, Pakistan organised by COMSTECH.

Proposals of the OIC institutions including SMIIC for the OIC Summit on S&T which will be held on 9 April 2015 have been included as input at the meeting.

Thailand Halal Assembly 2014

SMIIC General Secretariat (GS) and SMIIC Accreditation Committee delegation attended the Thailand Halal Assembly organized by Halal Development Council together with Halal Standards Institute of Thailand of the Center Islamic Council of Thailand on 28-30 December 2014 in Bangkok with the participation of 20 countries and international organizations.

SMIIC GS staff gave a presentation in the workshop session “Halal CB Convention” organized on 28 December 2014 for the purpose of giving an introduction to the Certification Bodies regarding OIC/SMIIC Halal standards for Manufacturers, CBs and invite them all for Accreditation with SMIIC AC.

SMIIC GS staff also attended the 7th HASIB International Conference (Halal Science, Industry & Business) held on 29-30 December 2014. The Chief Guest of Thailand Halal Assembly 2014 was H.E Prayut Chanocha, the Prime Minister of Thailand. After the inauguration ceremony, SMIIC GS staff gave a presentation in the session "SME development through unified Halal standards" in order to underscore the importance of OIC/SMIIC Halal standards for a unified halal system which will especially benefit SMEs in trade.

SMIIC also participated in The Thailand Halal Expo with stand for raising awareness on SMIIC, its objectives and activities.

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 who has already commenced with 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, has 34 members 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 8th BOD and 6th 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 SMIIC AC has completed its Terms of Reference (TOR), internal documents and has established the necessary sub-Committee/s.

The Metrology Committee has been established, the number of members has increased rapidly to 34 and with one liaison organisation 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 publication 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, according to TSE sources has already issued more than 300 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) SMIIIC General Secretariat expects from all members of SMIIIC to adopt the existing OIC/SMIIIC 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. SMIIIC Member Countries are encouraged to complete the adoption process of OIC/SMIIIC Standards to establish the recognition of the halal certificates based on OIC/SMIIIC Standards all over the world.
- 2) Technical Committees (TCs) have the significant role to form new OIC/SMIIIC 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 SMIIIC work will take place in these committees, SMIIIC Members and as well as OIC Members are strongly encouraged to participate and contribute to SMIIIC 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 SMIIIC also invites and urges the importance of the national metrology bodies of OIC Member States to become a member of the SMIIIC Metrology Committee.
- 4) General Secretariat of SMIIIC also invites and urges the importance of the national accreditation bodies of OIC Member States to become a member of the SMIIIC Accreditation Committee.

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